



**LAD Fair Program**  
April 27, 2024  
8:00 A.M.- 11:00 A.M.

**Writing and Art Exhibit**  
Grades K-12  
Commons Area  
8:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

**Dance-A-Poem**  
Selected 1st Place Poetry Entries  
Tiger Theater  
9:30 A.M.

**Choreography and Performers, Springfield Little Theater Education**  
**Department Dancers:** Max Duffy, Elias Walley, Sophie Rizzo, Megan McNeilis,  
and Emma Dull

**Director, Springfield Little Theater Teacher:** Laura Frost

**Reader:** David Norman is an educator, author, and illustrator who uses his talents to craft inspiring poetry and stories of all people. He draws on his background in education and counseling to write about themes of courage, imagination, and resilience. His most recent book is titled Sarah the Magnificent: The Girl and the Dream. He currently teaches English I Honors at Republic High School.

**Entries can only be picked up by LAD members. DO NOT  
pick up entries until 11:00 A.M.**

# 2024 LAD Language Arts Fair

## DANCE - A - POEM

Saturday, April 27

9:30 a.m.

POEM	POET	SCHOOL	TEACHER
"I Am Audrey"	Audrey Phiri, kindergarten	Sweeny Elementary	Janna McCroskey
"The Mall"	Josh Duda, 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Summit Prep	L. Ursino
"Teddy Bear"	Quinn Hudson, 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Hickory Hills	P. Hudson
"Skittles Are the Best"	Eloise Miller, 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Phelps	Nina Verbanaz
"Winter"	Lucy McKay, 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Greenwood	Melinda Hammerschmidt
"Molly Elizabeth Grandestaff"	Molly Grandestaff, 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Springfield Lutheran	Allison Brand
"Winter"	Mila Hamed, 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Summit Prep	Angie Collins
"Charlie"	Evelyn Monroe, 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Summit Prep	Angie Collins
"I Am a Black Cat"	Josie Burton, 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Schofield	Jennifer Burton
"Spoiled Brat"	Sofia Dinh, 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Stephany Vesely
"Blossom Tree"	Natalie Mitchell, 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Stephany Vesely
"Beautiful Bunnies"	Jade Prewitt, 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Truman	Pam Robertson
"Football Queen"	Ava Price, 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Summit Prep	Jodi Stallcup
"Books"	Max Kosar, 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Phelps	Kimbala Ellis
"Take Me Out to the Concert"	Landlyn Long, 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Schofield	Jenn Burton
"Me!"	Price Martin, 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Stockton	Dana Martin
"Waves"	Eleanor Wayt, 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Price	Bri Schaefer
"Beauty is on the Inside"	Gracyn Hesse, 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Price	Bri Schaefer
"Sacrifice"	Haven Grell, 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	New Covenant	Heather Marshall
"Dragon"	Chloe Pflumm, 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Wilson's Creek	Joshua Kennedy
"Starbucks"	Rae Rosenbury, 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Summit Prep	Blair Verney
"The Voice"	Miles Pfannenstiel, 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Summit Prep	Emma Smith
"Poem Trouble"	John Holden, 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	New Covenant	Heather Marshall
"Paper"	Teagan Slavens, 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Reed Middle	Susan Brett
"Aurora Borealis"	Gracie Foley, 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Holly Wilson
"Walk Away"	Emma Munoz, 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Phelps	Lynn Schick
"The Painter and the Poet"	Ridhima Suthar, 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Phelps	Lynn Schick
"Milky Way"	Sarina Zheng, 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Greenwood	Joann Du
"Saturn and Jupiter"	Denver Phillips, 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	West Plains Middle	Anastasia Closser
"The Labor of Building"	Bodie Rutledge, 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	West Plains Middle	Anastasia Closser
"Sunsets Paint the Skies"	Sariah Terry, 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	West Plains Middle	Anastasia Closser
"Poetry"	Chloe Mays, 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Greenfield Jr. High	Renee Burton
"Where I'm From"	McKenna Aronis, 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Willard	Leah Stover
"Laureate Zimmerman"	Charlee Biellier, 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Willard	Melissa Gargus
"Summer's Symphonies"	Sawyer Crayton, 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Willard	John Post
"If You Looked in the Corners"	London McCreary, 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Willard	Leah Stover
"'Twas the Night of the Big Sale"	Katie Doyle, 10 <sup>th</sup> grade	Marion C. Early	Traci Dunn
"Podium"	Noah Haigler, 10 <sup>th</sup> grade	Republic	Jessica Parrott
"The Land of the Free"	Beau Wendt, 10 <sup>th</sup> grade	Republic	Jessica Parrott
"Forgotten Sons"	Addie Brown, 11 <sup>th</sup> grade	Willard	John Post
"An Old Man's Lament"	Lydia Rone, 11 <sup>th</sup> grade	Willard	Kashia Zumwalt
"Always the Writer, Never the Muse"	Nikayla Hare, 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Stockton	Dana Martin
"A Factory with No Door"	Trevor Johnson, 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Stockton	Jesse Fields
"The Word Which Should Be Spoken Only Once"	Cassidy McCleary, 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Stockton	Jesse Fields
"Patriarchal Policies"	Shayla West, 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Stockton	Jesse Fields

**POEMS CHOSEN FOR PERFORMANCE HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM AMONG ALL FIRST PLACE POETRY WINNERS**

**With thanks to Republic Public Schools, LAD Fair Chair Casey Daugherty, Teachers Everywhere, and all the Language Arts Fair Judges for making this Dance-a-Poem performance possible.**

**As always, in memory of Joan Collins, the originator and guiding spirit of Dance-a-Poem**