

Call for Entries

The 2017 Big Read Teen Art Contest

Coordinated by Poughkeepsie Public Library District

How We Became Human by Joy Harjo

Deadline: Thursday, May 25, 2017

Ages: High School students

Theme: Create painting, collage, or graphic illustration inspired by one or more poems from the book – see back for more information about the Mvskoke (Creek) Nation and its culture.

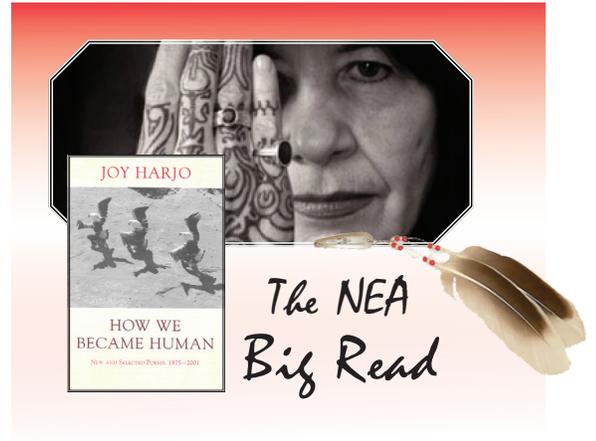
Prizes: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash prizes will be given. Prize-winning entries may be used in the Big Read promotional literature in the fall.

Winners Announced: Wednesday, June 7, at Opening Reception, 5:30 pm in Adriance Teen Room

Submissions: Painting, collage, pen & ink, markers (no digital work, colored pencil or charcoal). May incorporate 3-D elements.

Exhibition: All submitted works will be displayed in the Strba Teen Room at Adriance Memorial Library in June. For exhibit, students are encouraged to write a few sentences of explanation/thoughts about their work and attach a written paragraph to the back of the work. (not required for contest consideration)

Submission: Please submit matted artwork with entry form to Angela Panzer, Teen Librarian at Adriance Memorial Library, 93 Market Street, Poughkeepsie. Only one piece of artwork per person please. Call (845) 485-3445 x 3309 or email apanzer@poklib.org to arrange drop off.



Entry Form Completed form must accompany artwork.

Name: _____

Title of Artwork: (required) _____

Age/School/Grade: _____

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____



Joy Harjo

Writer and musician Joy Harjo was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is a member of the Mvskoke (Creek) Nation. Her many awards include a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas; the William Carlos Williams Award from the Poetry Society of America; the Wallace Stevens Award from the Academy of American Poets; the American Indian Distinguished Achievement in the Arts Award; and two

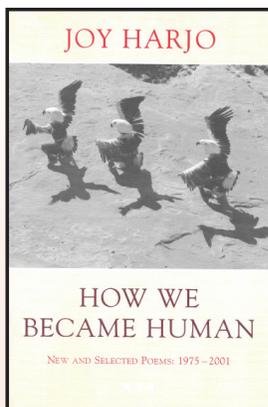
National Endowment for the Arts creative writing fellowships. Harjo is also a performer, professor, playwright, and musician with the band Poetic Justice.

Learn more about the Mvskoke/Muskogee (Creek) Nation at these links:

<http://creekculturalcenter.com/>

<http://www.mcn-nsn.gov/culturehistory/>

<http://www.exploresouthernhistory.com/creektrail.html>



How We Became Human

Poetry about nature, spirituality, violence, reservation life, and Native American culture and mythology make up this collection. The works are selected from the first 26 years of the career of Joy Harjo. Her poetry draws the reader into the rhythms, sounds, and stories of Harjo's Creek heritage. The introduction to the book offers extraordinary insight into Harjo's life and artistry.

The poet's road is a journey for truth, for justice. One is not liberated if another is enslaved. Compassion is the first quality of a warrior, and compassion is why we are here, why we fell from the sky.

Joy Harjo