**Survival is Insufficient**

Emily St. John Mandel’s *Station Eleven* describes a world of hope, of people coping with nostalgia and loss, both in the present and the future, of the power of art and relationships to fulfill us, sustain us, and nurture us back to our best selves.

Create and share your *Station Eleven* inspired poetry for a chance to win. All submissions must be original poetry and may be written in any poetic style.

**Deadline for entry: Thursday, February 20, 2020**

Submissions will be evaluated within three participant categories:
1) Middle School  2) High School  3) Adult

The winner in each category will receive a $100 cash prize.

Contest winners will be invited to a public recognition ceremony to be held during the NEA Big Read in The Falls keynote presentation on Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 PM at Menomonee North Middle School.

**Judging**

Submissions will be judged anonymously by a panel of judges. Your name will not appear with the entry during judging.

**Contest Guidelines**
1. Submissions must by unpublished, original works.
2. All submitted works will be considered for online publication and public display.
3. We are interested in your words, ideas, and creativity. If you choose to quote an outside source, you must give credit to that source by citing the source. Plagiarism will be considered cause for elimination. Entries that are deemed to infringe upon copyright protected material will be disqualified.
4. To be eligible, each entry must be accompanied by the official NEA Big Read in The Falls Poetry Contest Entry Form. This form must be filled out completely and signed by both the creator and, if under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian. Completing and signing the entry form is certification that this is your own work and authorizes publication of your work.
5. Participants may submit one entry in a physical or electronic format.
6. Acceptable electronic formats include PDF or Word documents.
7. All entries must be received by midnight on Thursday, February 20, 2020. Entries may be dropped off or mailed to Menomonee Falls Public Library (W156 N8436 Pilgrim Rd. Menomonee Falls, WI 53051) or emailed to kscott@menomonee-falls.org.

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