



Youth earns second place in national poetry contest

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Shylo R., a youth at Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility, recently won second place in the 2016 Words Unlocked Poetry Contest, a national poetry initiative for students held in juvenile justice facilities.

Shylo's poem, "Ode to the Prisoner," will appear in the 2016 Words Unlocked Anthology. Shylo and his Newbridge High School teacher, Kim DeForest, were honored. Shylo's award-winning poem also is posted online: www.cceas.org/2016-words-unlocked-winner-ode-to-the-prisoner/

Four other OYA youth also will have their work included in the anthology. Only 101 out of more than 1,000 poems received this publication honor. The other youth are:

Andres, North Coast YCF, South Jetty High School:

"Thee Unforgiven"

Chyann, Oak Creek YCF, Three Lakes High School:

"Reaction"

Kylie, Oak Creek YCF, Three Lakes High School: "These Streets Ain't Nice"

Stephen, Camp Florence, Ocean Dunes High School:

"Street Life"