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A New 'Idol' takes the Stage at Yarra Plenty Regional Library

Stand aside Australian Idol contestants, new performers are about to take the stage. It's finally the poet's moment in the spotlight and it's all happening at Diamond Valley Library on Sunday May 24.

Yarra Plenty Regional Library's Diamond Valley branch is hosting a heat of Poetry Idol, a poetry competition presented by Melbourne Writers' Festival in conjunction with Salon Productions.

Local emerging poets will be performing their original creations at the library, and everyone is invited to the event to hear the performances and vote for their favourite poems.

Accomplished poet and Poetry Idol organiser Michael Crane and Melbourne songwriter Trish Anderson will also perform a musical piece at the event.

Poets are in the running for \$2000 first prize, two runner-up prizes of \$500 and publication in the annual Paradise Anthology, and finalists will perform at the Melbourne Writers' Festival in August.

The event is also part of the library's Library and Information Week celebrations. Library and Information Week (25 May – 31 May) is celebrated every year to highlight the vital role and value of libraries. This year's theme – Libraries: Your Passport to Discovery – highlights the discovery element and celebrates libraries as the place to access, communicate, connect, educate, entertain and inform.

Poetry Idol will take place from 2.00pm until 4.00pm on Sunday May 24 at Diamond Valley Library, Civic Drive Greensborough. For more information, telephone the library on 9434 3809.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

Please contact me on 9401 0755 to organise an appropriate time for pre-event photography.

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