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FEATURED

For 15th year, poetry makes its way onto Madison Metro busses

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MADISON, Wis. -- Hop on a Madison Metro bus this week and you might be greeted with a few lines of poetry to help you pass the time.

The popular Bus Lines program made its return this month for its 15th year. The poetry contest garnered submissions from all ages, and Madison Poet Laureate Angie Trudell-Vasquez chose the six winners.

Mark Fitzgerald, who works in Madison's Planning Division, designed illustrations for each winning poem and the works can now be found in buses across the city.

Trees in the Wind
Kael
3rd Grade

Swaying in the wind
My leaves falling all winter
Squirrels love me, too.

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Remember The arc of a fairytale
 is long.

 In the middle, it
 looks like a tragedy.

—Nola Pastor

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Solid Gold

Bank on it. Daily deposits
earn compounded interest.
Let every apple feed you twice.
Compost.

— Mary Louise Peters

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Bus Lines originally only featured poems from Madison high school students, but the contest has since expanded and now all Madison poets are invited to submit their best work.

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This year's winners were:

- “Land and People” by Rudy Bankston

- “To my children in our garden” by Daniela Chandler
- “Madison Metro” by Harmony, 3rd grader at Lincoln Elementary
- “Trees in the Wind” by Kael, 3rd grader at Lincoln Elementary
- “Remember” by Nola Pastor
- “Solid Gold” by Mary Louise Peters

The contest will return for its 16th year in 2024

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