

- R. Informative Speaking:** Students present original speeches of no longer than five minutes on a topic prepared in advance. Students are to incorporate visual aids (posters, easels, non-living objects, etc.) into their speeches. Computers and other electronic aids are not permitted. Notes are limited to one 3" x 5" index card. Students can only participate in ONE speaking contest.
- S. Declamation:** Students memorize and deliver a speech given originally by a public figure at a public occasion. Minimum time: two minutes and maximum time: five minutes. Students can only participate in ONE speaking contest.
- T. Poetry Recitation:** Students memorize and orally deliver published poems by recognized poets. Poems may be either narrative or lyric. Several poems may be combined if an introduction presents the theme. Students may NOT recite their own, original poetry. Minimum time: two minutes and maximum time: five minutes. Students can only participate in ONE speaking contest.
- U. Children's Book:** Prepared in advance, students write an original book designed for children in primary or elementary grades. Art and copy must be the student's original work. The book must be a minimum of six pages and a maximum of twenty pages. The student explains his/her book to a judge. Explanations should not exceed two minutes. This contest will take place in Round I, and students MUST be present to participate. Students in the Poster contest CANNOT participate in this contest.
- V. Photographic Essay:** *Prepared in advance, students mount three to five related pictures (color or blank and white) on a poster not to exceed 3' x 4'.* In addition, the student must write up to 100 words describing the photos, expressing creativity, or otherwise enhancing the photos for the judge's view. The student will explain his/her photos and writing to a judge. Explanations should not exceed two minutes. This contest will take place in Round II, and students MUST be present to participate. Students in the Book Cover contest CANNOT participate in this contest.
- W. Written Presentation:** Prepared in advance, students create and mount three of the same one-page sample on a poster not to exceed 3' x 4'. The content of the sample need not be original, but must be complete within the one-page limit. One sample in manuscript print (with lines) (D'Nealian or Zaner Bloser), one in cursive writing (with lines) (D'Nealian or Zaner Bloser), and one in Blackletter style calligraphy (without lines). All must be original and personally created without electronic support or enhancement. In addition, the student must write up to 100 words expressing which form best suits the sample writing. Students create 3 sample pieces (provided for participants) during the contest time. Participants must bring at least 2 chisel-nib medium or fine width felt tip pens. This contest will take place in Round II, and students MUST be present to participate. Students in the Book Cover or Photographic essay contest CANNOT participate in this contest. Sample alphabets are available in the Expo Guide Booklet and on the website www.nmira.org.
- X. Shakespearean Monologue:** This contest requires students to memorize speech(es) from a single character in a play by Shakespeare. State name of play, act number, scene number, and line numbers, and present a copy of speech to one judge. Judging is on memorization and pace; developing role into a distinct, believable character; understanding the emotional and intellectual context of the piece; scene honesty and believability; blocking; projection; enunciation; preparation; and effectiveness of the scene. Presentations must be between one and a half minutes and five minutes long and be 40 lines or more from the play. Scenes from more than one speech must be indicated both during the speech and on the paper. Students can only participate in ONE speaking contest.

Schedule

- 7:45 - 8:25 **Registration**
- 8:30 - 9:15 **Judges/Monitor Meeting** – students in the gym; adults in Lecture Hall
- 8:45 - 9:15 **Welcome Assembly** - General Session for students
- 9:15 - 9:30 **Break to Contests**
- 9:30 - 10:30 **Contest Sessions Round 1**
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Break**
- 10:45 - 11:45 **Contest Sessions Round II**
- 11:00 - 1:00 **Judge, Monitor, Volunteer Lunch** - staggered as needed, exhibits
- 11:45 - 12:30 **Students' Lunch** ---Bring-a-Book Exchange *, exhibits
- 12:30 - 1:45 **Speaking Finals**
- 12:45 - 1:45 **Special Activities** – School Challenges: Spelling Bee, or the Poetry Slam; Non-school challenges: visit with Brenda Hollingsworth-Marley or attend the Speaking Finals
- 2:00 - 3:00 **Awards Ceremony**

* Students are encouraged to bring a new-looking book to exchange for another. There will be some "start up" choices on hand.