



The San Francisco Public Library presents

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

APRIL 2017

Poem in Your Pocket - Take a Poem with You!

April is National Poetry Month. Come celebrate by visiting the Bayview Branch Library where you can take a poem home with you. The program lasts all month.

*Bayview Branch
5075 3rd Street*

PoeTree - grow a tree with a river of words!

Do you love poetry? How about a poeTREE? Check out the one growing in the children's room this month! You can add to it and help it grow, or pick a poemfruit to take home with you. Exhibit runs from April 1-30.

*Bernal Heights Branch
500 Cortland Avenue*

Poem in Your Pocket

Pick a poem! Celebrate National Poetry Month with us at the Excelsior Branch Library. Stop by the reference desk and pick up a pocketed poem to take home. The program lasts all month.

*Excelsior Branch
4400 Mission Street*

MAPP Poetry at the Library - Sidewalk Poetry/Performance

In collaboration with the Mission Arts & Performance Project (MAPP), Mission Branch will host an open mic poetry and music event. This is open to teens & adults. Please call our 2nd floor Information Desk to sign up ahead of time: 355-2800, Alison Librarian.

*Saturday, April 1, 2017
Mission Branch, 3:00-5:00 PM
300 Bartlett Street*

Santa Fe Voices: Poems of New Mexico

In observance of National Poetry Month, Charles Sullivan, author and editor of *America in Poetry* and other volumes, reads and discusses selections of poems from his book, *Santa Fe Voices: Poems of New Mexico*. An "Easterner," Sullivan wrote the poems during visits to "The Land of Enchantment," where he spoke with its people and listened to and imagined their stories.

*Saturday, April 1, 2017
Merced Branch, 2:00-3:30 PM
155 Winston Drive*



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Friends of Library Poetry Readings Night

Held every Tuesday evening in the historic literary epicenter of San Francisco, Tuesdays at North Beach is a free poetry series celebrating internationally acclaimed poets and showcasing local talent. Guests have included Jonathan Richman, David Meltzer, Diane di Prima, California Poet Laureate Al Young and freshly discovered poets from Friends' sister program, Poets 11. The series is curated by Friends' Poet-in-Residence, Jack Hirschman. Presented by Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. For more information, contact Byron Spooner at 415-626-7500.

*North Beach Branch, 6:30-8:00 PM
850 Columbus Avenue*

Youth Speaks Turn UP (The Volume!)

- After School Writing and Performance Workshop Series

Join M.C. K~Swift each week to learn how to speak truth to power and the Youth Speaks method. All programs at The Mix at SFPL are for teens ages 13-18. The program is held every Wednesday.

*Main Library, Mix: Carpet Garden-2nd Fl
4:30-6:30 PM
100 Larkin Street*

National Poetry Month Local Poets Showcase

In honor of National Poetry Month, local poet and activist Tony Robles will be hosting a showcase featuring Bay Area poets Jacqueline Scott Ramos, Delina Patrice Brooks, Kim Shuck, and Cesar Love. Jacqueline Scott Ramos is a revolutionary poetess, actress and educator. Delina Patrice Brooks, a.k.a DelinaDream, is a dancer, actor, producer and director who enjoys creation and storytelling. Kim Shuck is the author of three books of poetry. Cesar Love is a Latino poet influenced by the Asian masters and has published two books of poetry. Tony Robles is a housing rights organizer, board president of Manilatown Heritage Foundation, and co-editor of Poor Magazine. His first collection of poetry and prose was published in 2015.

*Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Main Library, Koret Auditorium,
6:00-7:30 PM
100 Larkin Street*



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Eugene Onegin - World Literature Book Club

Please join Chinatown's World Literature Book Club for a spirited discussion of *Eugene Onegin*, a novel in verse by the great Russian Romantic poet Alexander Pushkin. With ironic humor and some melancholy Pushkin relates the story of an ill-fated romance between the young dandy Onegin and his neighbor Tatyana.

Thursday, April 6, 2017
Chinatown Branch, 6:30-8:30 PM
1135 Powell Street

Memorizing Poems - To Celebrate National Poetry Month

To celebrate National Poetry Month, please come to recite a poem of your choice for prizes. All ages are welcome.

Thursday, April 6, 2017
Ingleside Branch, 4:00-5:30 PM
1298 Ocean Avenue

Feature Film: *Dead Poets Society*

Please join us at the Glen Park Branch Library's viewing of *Dead Poets Society*. "English teacher John Keating inspires his students to look at poetry with a different perspective with an authentic knowledge and feelings." Light refreshments provided. All are welcomed. Rated PG | 128 minutes | 1989 | Directed by Peter Weir

Saturday, April 8, 2017
Glen Park Branch, 2:00-4:30 PM
2825 Diamond Street

Film Screening: *An Angel at My Table*

New Zealand poet and novelist Janet Frame's autobiographical novels (*To the Is-Land*, *An Angel at My Table*, and *The Envoy from Mirror City*) are brought to life with visual flair and sensitivity by director Jane Campion in her acclaimed early film, *An Angel at My Table*. 158 minutes. 1990. Discussion to follow with the librarian.

Saturday, April 8, 2017
Chinatown Branch, 2:00-5:00 PM
1135 Powell Street

On the Page, Off the Page - Open Mic Poetry

Open Mic Poetry and Music. Food for the Body, the Mind and the Spirit. Come and join us, downstairs at the Park Branch Library! Eat, drink, listen, and perform. Invite your friends!

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Park Branch, 7:00-8:30 PM
1833 Page Street

Acrostic Poem Fun! - Celebrate National Poetry Month

An acrostic poem is a type of poetry where the first, last or all letters in a line spell out a particular word or phrase. Join us in celebrating National Poetry Month by creating your own acrostic poem! Ages 5 and up.

Friday, April 14, 2017
Portola Branch, 3:00-4:30 PM
380 Bacon Street



Bright Star - Movie Screening

Bright Star is a 2009 biographical fiction romantic drama film based on the last three years of the life of poet John Keats and his romantic relationship with Fanny Brawne. (PG, 2 hours, 2009)

Saturday, April 15, 2017

Chinatown Branch, 2:00-4:00 PM
1135 Powell Street

Celebrate National Poetry Month

Presidio Poetry Series Presents Jerry

Ferraz & Jane Rades

Celebrate National Poetry Month with a reading by poets and artists Jerry Ferraz and Jane Rades.

Saturday, April 15, 2017

Presidio Branch, 3:00-4:30 PM
3150 Sacramento Street

Poetic Jolt - poetry readings with a kick

Poetry reading featuring: Charif Shanahan, Sonya Smith, James Cagney and Stewart Shaw. With free coffee from Nomadic Ground coffee. Sit back, sip great coffee and listen to amazing poets.

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Rooms A&B
2:00-3:30 PM
100 Larkin Street

San Bruno Mountain: Endangered Habitat- with David Schooley

Celebrate Earth Day with David Schooley, the Bay Area's lifelong campaigner for protecting San Bruno Mountain (just south of S.F.) and saving its Mission Blue butterflies and other rare animal & plant life via the Endangered Species Act. Schooley's photos, poems & art will highlight the event. Publications and refreshments will be available.

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Sunset Branch, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
1305 18th Avenue

Blackout Poetry Night

Get in touch with your inner poet and celebrate National Poetry Month with us at Excelsior! We'll recycle old newspapers and magazines to create short impromptu poems by removing words from the page. Advanced sign-up is required. Please call 415-355-2868 or visit the Excelsior Branch Library to register.

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Excelsior Branch, 6:30-8:00 PM
4400 Mission Street



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Name that Poem of Protest!

Celebrate National Poetry Month with a life-affirming and literary challenge. After listening to snippets of poetry covering themes of resistance, empowerment, and hope, guess the name of the poem and the poet.

Friday, April 21, 2017

*Main Library, Library for the Blind,
3:00-5:00 PM
100 Larkin Street*

Poem in Your Pocket Day!

April 27 is Poem-in-Your-Pocket Day! Drop by the Reference Desk to pick up a poem to carry in your pocket all day. Feel free to bring printouts of your favorite poems for all ages to share with others as well.

Thursday, April 27, 2017

*Western Addition Branch, 10:00-8:00 PM
1550 Scott Street*

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