

April is national poetry month



While we celebrate National Poetry Month every year, this year we've combined our love of poetry with the celebration of **AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY** to focus on American Poetry.

Adults (18+) can celebrate with DPL by:

1. Check out a book of poetry upstairs and on the featured title shelf
 - (811 - American Poetry/ 812 - English Poetry)
2. Do the U. S. Poet Laureate Word Search (found on the Plug-in Bar)
3. Write the name of your favorite American Poet on a leaf and put it in the basket to be added to our Poetic LiberTree (found on the Plug-in Bar)
4. Play American Poet BINGO (found on the Plug-in Bar)
 - Pick up a BINGO card and follow the directions on the page to make a BINGO
 - Write your full name, age, and phone number (*REQUIRED*) on the page and turn it in to DPL's Marketing and Outreach Office for your name to be included in the prize drawing for a DPL Swag Bag
5. Taking part in or just attend DPL's Poetry Jam on Friday, April 10th, from 2pm - 4pm ([complete details](#))
6. Attending "We the People" presented by Harry Moore on Thursday, April 16th at 6pm ([complete details](#))
7. Poem In Your Pocket Day is April 30th and DPL will provide printed poems you can pick up for yourself or to give to someone else

Children can celebrate with DPL by:

1. Taking part in or just attend DPL's Poetry Jam on Friday, April 10th, from 2pm - 4pm ([complete details](#))
2. Checking out a book of poetry from the non-fiction shelves in our Youth Services Room (811s and up)
3. Taking a patriotic poem (or two) to color and give to someone for Poem In Your Pocket Day on April 30th (look for it on the poetry table)

Other ideas to celebrate, from [Poets.org](https://www.poets.org):

- Select a poem and share it on social media using the hashtag #PocketPoem.
- Record a video of yourself reading a poem, then share it on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, or another social media platform you use.
- Email a poem to your friends, family, neighbors, or local government leaders.
- Schedule a video chat and read a poem to your loved ones.
- Add a poem to your email footer.
- Read a poem out loud from your porch, window, backyard or outdoor space.