

Poem *City*

MONTPELIER | 2024

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Kellogg-Hubbard Library!

Library Love

It's a long road to rebuild from the July floods, but the Kellogg-Hubbard Library is committed to offering services and hosting programs, like PoemCity, while behind-the-scenes work continues to bring critical building systems above the flood line and rebuild our basement.



Visit kellogghubbard.org/donatePC or scan the QR code above to support the library in our efforts.

Welcome!



Happy 15th Anniversary to PoemCity! The Kellogg-Hubbard Library celebrates National Poetry Month by creating a walkable anthology of poetry by Vermonters and planning a month's worth of programming for April. This is your passport to the 250 original poems featured in the windows of 50 businesses in downtown Montpelier, as well as almost-daily poetry events. **This is your guide to the poems and events.** You can keep track of the poems you read and programs you attend by checking the boxes (). For details about each event, visit kellogghubbard.org/poemcity.

This year, PoemCity feels like a gift to the community from itself. Their poems represent **75 cities and towns**, from Burlington to Brattleboro, East Burke to Westminster West.

Ten local classrooms have also contributed. A special thanks to Patrick Malone Properties, the Vermont Center for Independent Living, the Vermont League of Cities & Towns, Walgreen's, the Cheshire Cat and Woodbury Mountain Toys, who are offering large window spaces for displaying our **nearly 200 student poems!**

In 15 years, PoemCity has displayed over 4,000 poems and hosted over 400 events. PoemCity is based on the idea that everyone is a poet and that the community is enriched by our shared experience of the arts. Thank you to the staff of the **Kellogg-Hubbard Library**, past, present, and future, who have enabled this beloved annual celebration to happen and to **our sponsors:** Vermont Humanities, who has been supporting PoemCity for all of its 15 years; the Hunger Mountain Coop; and Rootstock Publishing, who generously publishes an anthology of all the PoemCity poems.

Lastly, **thank you to this year's team:** Dana Dwinell-Yardley, graphic designer; Marisa D. Keller, editor; Samantha Kolber of Rootstock Publishing; Phayvanh Luekhamhan, executive director of the Center for Arts and Learning; Linda Hogan of the Arts Resource Association; Rick Agran of radio show Bon Mot; and volunteer Lise Markus. They are a dream team.

—Michelle Singer, Adult Programs Coordinator, Kellogg-Hubbard Library

Poems & Locations

☐ ALTHEA'S ATTIC BOUTIQUE

50 State Street

Colleen Beamish, "Dawn"
Ed Burke, "We Are This"
Susan Chickering, "The Comfort of a Gray Day"
Jezebel Crow, "Slip Away"
Ralph Culver, "The Juniata's waters"
Florence McCloud, "In Your Next Letter"
Kimberly Madura, "Mortal Down"

☐ AROMED

50 Main Street

Meg Boisseau Allison, "The Way"
Peter L. Clark, "Dream in the Wilderness:
John Clarke Barker, 1851"
Sarah E. DeBouter, "Kindred Solitude"
Harriet Galfetti, "Blessed Life"
Kathleen Herrington, "Shelter"
Monda R. Kelley, "At Townshend Beach"

☐ ARTISANS' HAND

89 Main Street

Pamela Tallmadge, "Beginning with One Stone"
M. Wilson, "Tree of Life"

☐ AT&T

89 Main Street

Greg Delanty, "To Our Indolent Cancer"
Claire Gallagher, "Chronic"
Jen Heller, "Visitors from the Permafrost"
Rebecca McMeekin, "In the Nest of Night"

☐ BAILEY ROAD

75 Main Street

Alicia Tebeau-Sherry, "12 a.m. on a Sunday"
Anne Bower, "Admiring Downy Woodpecker's Black and White Feathers"
Shianne Charette, "December fifth"
Aysha Mae Russell, "Returning Home"
Meadow Baptiste, "fall"

☐ BEAR POND BOOKS

77 Main Street

Nitya, "Even the dreams of James Joyce"
Lexi Clarfeld, "Stuck in a Good Book"
Mary L. Collins, "velvet curtains"
James Crews, "Sunflower"
Mary Elder Jacobsen, "Beekeeping"
Sydney Lea, "Shadows"
Alison Prine, "Long Love"
Beck Natale, "long distance"

☐ BOHEMIAN BAKERY

83 Main Street

Kathryn Eberly, "Jelly Donut"
Scott Boyd, "Made Make More"
Maggie Lenz, "Boreal (Entropy)"
TT Tomlinson, "Now"
Emily A. Wills, "Creation"
Heather Wishik, "When The Second Person Dies"

☐ THE BOOK GARDEN

50 State Street

Richard W. Moore, "Reverberation"
Charles Rossiter, "Reflecting on Robert Bly's Silence in the Snowy Fields"

☐ BOTANICA FLORALS

10 State Street

Doreen Spencer Ballard, "Spring Memory"
Susan Reid, "The spray of lilies"

☐ BUCH SPIELER

27 Langdon Street

Toussaint St. Negritude, "Blues for the Masses"
Reuben Jackson, "Long Distance Love"
Reuben Jackson, "Three Haiku"
Reuben Jackson, "Cat"

☐ CAPITAL KITCHEN

18 State Street

Donna Bramley, "Kitchen Karaoke"
W. Dall, "What If Grocery Store"

□ CAPITOL GROUNDS

27 State Street

Clark Sheldon, "What We Come To Understand"

Michelle A.L. Singer, "Watch/Warning/Flood"

Walt Garner, "The Afternoon Porch in the Morning"

Joan Javier-Duval, "Searching for the Light"

Kevin O'Keefe, "Ten-Day Silent Retreat"

Joan Murray, "A Snow Squall Arrives"

□ CAPITOL STATIONERS

65 Main Street

Robert Troester, "Twice"

Nichael Cramer, "hearing the pheobe: Five Haiku for the Year"

Monica DiGiovanni, "Apricity"

Michael Levine, "1-10 (and Back Again)"

Michiko Oishi, "Bilingual Tankas"

Geza Tatrallyay, "Haiku: snow and ice"

□ CENTER FOR ARTS & LEARNING (CAL)

46 Barre Street

JC Wayne | Creative for Good, "Two Roberts"

Grace Decker, "A Promise For Spring"

Ashley Anne Strobbridge | Astrobridge Artistry, "Ode to a Lioness"

□ CENTER FOR ARTS & LEARNING (CAL), VOICE & VISION / ARTWALK

46 Barre Street

Art Resource Association artwork & PoemCity poems

Rachel Senechal, "The Door"

Nicola Morris, "The Stag"

Linda Hogan, "Sew and Tell"

Susan Reid, "At The Last"

Becky Bowen, "The Rose of my dreams"

Susan Gerretson, "Breeze sighing softly"

Linda Hogan, "Back to the Sea"

David Klein, "24 Questions about Love"

Peter Clark, "Singer at the Well of Souls"

Patricia Louise Joi Canada, "Sister Stars"

Sarah Franklin, "Bittersweet Still Life"

□ CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (CVABE)

100 State St #3

wayne f burke, "We All Fall Down"

ana burtnett, "Driving Lessons V"

Dave Cavanagh, "Be Your Own Boss"

L V M Shelton, "29 October 2023"

□ CHESHIRE CAT

17 State Street

Main Street Middle School 6th Graders
"The Animal in Me" Exhibit

□ CHRIST CHURCH COURTYARD

64 State Street

Sara Graham, "The Maple"

Christine Corrigan Mendez, "Silver Maple Story"

Mariessa Dobrick, "What Remains"

Sharon Webster, "Black Birds"

Linda Corelia, "Nigh the Waters"

Marcy Frink, "Judgements"

□ COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF VERMONT (CCV)

660 Elm Street

Samn Stockwell, "Prescient"

James W. Wyman, "Transient"

Benjamin L. Mitchell, "Broken"

Shyloh Wonder-Maez, "Cirrostratus"

Ava Lafferty, "Walk"

Alethea Bouton, "Internal Storm"

Jennifer Gundy, "Muscle Memory"

Katherine H. Maynard, "Take Blue"

Susan M. Sanders, "Invisible Matters"

Gail Marlene Schwartz, "That Old Story"

□ DELISH

5 State Street

Amelie Boucher, "One Girl and Two Roses"

Margo Robertson, "Nature"

Heather Stearns, "Together"

□ THE DRAWING BOARD

22 Main Street

Sandra Maccarrone, "Reflected Light"

Adam Boothe, "Who Paints the Flowers"

Michael Roach, "Aquamarine"

□ THE DRAWING BOARD PRINT SHOP

32 Main Street

Poetry by Martha E. Snell & photography by John Snell, her brother

Martha E. Snell, "Beech"

Martha E. Snell, "Nothing in Nature is Simple"

Martha E. Snell, "The Wonder"

□ **THE GET UP**

9 Langdon Street

Lydia Bearsch, "Becoming"
Gaia Fried, "Wake of the Flood"
Jamie Gage, "Pledge"
Daniel Johnson, "First Collision"

□ **HUNGER MOUNTAIN COOP**

623 Stone Cutters Way

david fried, "so much more in common"
Nancy Scarcello, "Women's Circles"
Lynn Parrish Sutton, "Orchard"

□ **HUNGER MOUNTAIN COOP:
BUDDING POETS GARDEN**

623 Stone Cutters Way

Union Elementary 4th Graders: Melissa
Pierce's class

□ **J. LANGDON**

7 Langdon Street

Kyla Allon, "New Pasture"
Charles Barasch, "Fiddleheads"
Julia Barstow, "Keep Pace"
Terri Crowther, "Winter Apple Trees"
Deborah Dickerson, "Pruning the Apple
Trees"
M. Latoundji, "Invitation"

□ **JULIO'S**

54 State Street

Gail Grycel, "Making Paella in America"
Andrew Ross, "Evening from a Window"
Tim Mayo, "The Legacy of Elms"

□ **K SHERPA**

28 Main Street

Rolf Parker-Houghton, "Homesteading In
Vermont"
Kelly Sargent, "Before My Homeland Had a
Name"
Martha Zweig, "Among Canards"

□ **KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY**

135 Main Street

Yvonne Straus, "Water, Life's Partner!"
Betsy Unger, "Reaching Ken"
Deidra K. Razzaque, "Afternoon at Sea"
Mary Cheyne, "It's Poetry Month"
Conor Isaiah Cleveland, "Daytime"

□ **KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY:
POETRY SOCIETY OF VERMONT
EXHIBIT**

Kitzmiller Fiction Room, 135 Main Street

(Robyn) Joy, "I Want to Know Someone
Who Calls Me Kitten"
Martha Anderson Sanborn, "Beach Dancing"
Cindy Ellen Hill, "Wandering sorrow"
Alice Christian, "February 9, 2023"
D. Slayton Avery, "Transformations of
Matter"
Joanne Mellin, "At My Sister's"
Erika Nichols-Frazier, "The Summer of
Smoke"
Julia H. Fonte, "Batten Kill Through Mill
Pond"
Maggie Eaton, "It Is the Light"
Amy Allen, "Hope is a Voice"
Susan K Bauchner, "Girlfriend Secrets"
PH Coleman, "The Champlain Sea"
Ann Cooper, "The Act of Love"
Douglas K Currier, "I heard you were back"
Corinne Davis, "Ancient Oak"
Krikmöklet Egelanaard, "A Trick of the Light
Miraculous"
daithi, "Diminished"
Sam Hewitt, "Skunk Diplomacy"
Anna N. Jennings, "Crown Our Tomorrows"
Tricia Knoll, "Threading the Needle"
Kristine Korman, "Let The Way Be Your
Seat of Honor"
George Longenecker, "Love Poem to a
Library"
Elizabeth McCarthy, "Tree of Solitude"
Karen Morris, "For Poetry"
Scudder H Parker, "Beluga"

□ **KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY:
POEMCITY 15TH ANNIVERSARY
DISPLAY**

Hayes Room, 135 Main Street

□ **KINNEY DRUGS**

69 Main Street

River M., "Family"
Jacob, "Comprehend"
Bruce Jefferson Rose, "Then Dust"
Jenny Rossi, "A good death"

□ **LOTUS DAY SPA**

17 State Street

Samantha Kolber, "Trimeter After Flood"
(sb) söwbel, "When You Visit"

□ **THE MANGHIS' BREAD**

28 School Street

Rebecca Siegel, "Something to rise"

□ **MOBITECH**

13 Main Street

Travis Alden Nutting, "ocean grove"
Glo Alexander, "The Large and the Small"

□ **MONTPELIER CITY HALL**

39 Main Street

Samuel L Chambers, "By the light of winter"
Jared Duval, "Inheritance"
Roberta Harold, "The Last Man to Die for a Mistake"
Verandah Porche, "Spelling the News"

□ **MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER**

58 Barre Street

Penny Nolte, "A Perfect Day"
Garet Allen-Malley, "Avian Mantle"
Judith Chalmer, "On Finding Old Age Unfathomable"
Sam Sanders, "Aging"
Steve Minkin, "Shoe Laces"

□ **NAIVE MELODY INSTRUMENT EXCHANGE**

95 State Street

Bonnie Alexander, "The Music"
Chelsea Blackwell, "Spinning Sun From Winter Days"
Jolynda Burton, "Karen Carpenter"
Stephen Cramer, "Ledger"
Navah Fried, "Stilt Walking"
Tamsen Turner, "Noise canceling"

□ **NAMASTE INDIAN NEPALI KITCHEN**

100 Main Street

Phil Keller, "Immaculate Reception"
Jean Beatson, "November"
B. Morrison, "November"
Barbara E. Murphy, "Deer on the move: Road Sign on I 91, November"

□ **NORTH BRANCH CAFÉ**

41 State Street

Lisa, "Casting Seeds"
Jesse LoVasco, "About Grief"
Michael Madill, "Almanac"
Melissa Perley, "January"

□ **NOTION FABRIC & CRAFT**

68 Main Street

Lily Hinrichsen, "If"
Leilah Thompson, "Secret"

□ **ONION RIVER OUTDOORS**

89 Main Street

Helen Shoesmith, "Ways We Like Onion River Outdoors!"
Jade Johns, "Sledding"
Linden Basor, "The Chicken"
Talia Kilian, "Chickens"
Jo Bower, "Three-speed Memories"
Thomas Brown, "Me and My Brother"
debby franzoni, "In Trust"
Alicia Hingston, "Winter's Song"
Angela Patten, "On The La Platte"
Grant Smith, "Reflections While Fishing"
Janet Watton, "Reverse Heroics"
Diana Whitney, "Cathedral"

□ **PATRICK MALONE PROPERTIES (FORMER TD BANK)**

90 Main Street

Parvathi Rajaram, "Love at first sight"
nd denticio, "The Anthropocene, Montpelier Vermont"
William Graham, "Envious Moon"
craig line, "PoemCity"
N.G. Haiduck, "First Mud Season in Vermont"
Aurora Sharp, "July Fever"
Daniel Lusk, "Nothing You Need"
Main Street Middle School 5th & 6th Graders: Debbie Goodwin's class and After School Writing Group with Drew McNaughton

□ **QUIRKY PET**

5 State Street

Malachi Johns, "Freya"
Kelly McMahon, "Winter, Vermont"
Barb Asen, "Seeing Vinnie Off"

THE SAVOY THEATER

26 Main Street

Michelle Fay Holder, "When It Rains in January, Go to the Movies"
Kathleen Casserly, "Everyone Has Written a Poem About A Winter's Night"

SHIPPEE EYE CENTER

114 Main Street

Pamela Ahlen, "The Book"
Julia C. Alter, "Owl Hill"
Sue D. Burton, "Wednesday, 2:00, Physical Therapy: Between Exercises, Bobble Your Head"
Tracy Hought, "Undoing"
Sarah Hooker, "Ghost Dance"
Hatsy McGraw, "Mother-In-Law in the Barde"
Richard Fischer Olson, "Grandpa"

THE SKINNY PANCAKE

89 Main Street

Catherine Boudreau, "Sustenance"
buzz fever, "December storm"
Brian Goodwin, "passing by"
Rick Agran, "Forsythian"
Kiev Rattee, "Worksong"
Candelin Wahl, "The Guest Book"

SPLASH NATURALS

65 Main Street

Christy Mihaly, "Luna Moth"
S. Atwood, "Tree Frogs"
Arlene Iris Distler, "July 4th, 2023"
Andrea Gould, "A flash flood always begins with a drop of rain on a stone"
Emma Paris, "Jane Doe"
Maxine Leary, "The Old"

THREE PENNY TAPROOM

108 Main Street

Jack Markoski, "Leaving Iowa City / The Right Questions"
Michael Fleming, "The Connecticut"
Ina Anderson, "The Poacher"
Nietzsche Danann Egelanaard, "The Catch"

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (VCIL)

11 E. State Street

Main Street Middle School 5th Graders:
Kiki Adams, Wendy McGuiggan, and
Melissa Parker's classes

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS

89 Main Street

Main Street Middle School 5th Graders:
Windy Kelley's class

VERMONT DOG EATS

5 East State Street

Jim Hogue, "Halfway in Between"
Cara Meyer Lovell Arduengo, "Tracks"

WALGREEN'S

29 Main Street

Calais Elementary 3rd & 4th Graders:
Samantha Jackson's class

WOODBELLY PIZZA

79 Barre Street

Mark Brown, "Who-cooks-for-you?"
Elias Kai Francis, "Bones"
Mayla Landis-Marinello, "We Must Tend Our Beautiful Earth"
Ella Thomas, "Dreaming Sky"

WOODBURY MOUNTAIN TOYS

24 & 27 State Street

Main Street Middle School 6th Graders
"The Animal in Me" Exhibit

WORLD COW

8 State Street

Juniper Johns, "Awake"
Sarah Birgé, "Neighborhood Forum Ghazal"
Megan Buchanan, "Indigeneity"
Ann Fisher, "A Drink of Field"
Vera Resnik, "Love Is"

YANKEE SPIRITS

126 Main Street

Greg Robertson, "December Blues"
Ann Onymous, "Something to that Effect"

ZUTANO OUTLET

79 Main Street

elizabeth murmuring, "life for life"
Ezra, "Be By Myself"
Sean Prentiss, "Heartbeat"
Holly Painter, "To my slow toddler"
Devon Parish, "Free Pile"
Katie Spring, "Working Mother"

Events

All programs are **free of charge** and **open to the public**.

Visit kellogghubbard.org/poemcity for more information, including programs that are livestreamed or recorded by ORCA Media.

Note: The elevator at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library is under construction and the Hayes Room is not handicap accessible during this time. Contact Michelle Singer at msinger@kellogghubbard.org for assistance.

MON, APR 1

PoemCity 2024 Opening Reception

6–8 p.m. | Kellogg-Hubbard Library
(KHL), 135 Main Street, Montpelier



Join us for dessert, a poetry book swap, and the opportunity to read your poem at our kick-off celebration and open mic. Contact Michelle: msinger@kellogghubbard.org

TUE, APR 2

Poetry of Art and Community

7 p.m. | T.W. Wood Art Gallery,
46 Barre Street, Montpelier
Featuring poets Scudder Parker,
George Longenecker, and musician
Jim Thompson. Contact George,
georgelongenecker17@gmail.com

WED, APRIL 3

Voices of Women Poets 6:30 p.m. | KHL, Hayes Room



Three Vermont poets, **Cindy Hill**,
Samantha Kolber, and **Tricia Knoll**, will
read their original poems pertaining to
women's history and women's experiences.
Contact Tricia, triciaknoll@gmail.com

THU, APRIL 4

Embraceable Multitudes

6:30–8:30 p.m. | Beth Jacob Synagogue,
10 Harrison Avenue, Montpelier
Poets Rick Agran and LN Bethea will
read from their work. Contact Rick,
radiobonmot@gmail.com

FRI, APRIL 5

ArtWalk: Ashley Strobridge of Astrobridge Artistry

3:30–7 p.m. | Montpelier Senior Activity Center, 58 Barre Street, Montpelier

Ashley Strobridge will share her poetry and art, both new works and old favorites, with poetry & art available to purchase. Contact Ashley, astro.greenlady@gmail.com

ArtWalk: Voice & Vision

4–8 p.m. | Center for Arts & Learning, 46 Barre Street, Montpelier

Featuring art by Art Resource Association artists paired with original poetry, and curated by Linda Hogan, this show will be displayed for the month of April. Contact Phayvanh, director@cal-vt.org

Piano & Poetry Take Flight

7–8:30 p.m. | Unitarian Church, Sanctuary, 130 Main Street, Montpelier



This event will feature pianist Aaron Marcus, poet

Sam Sanders, and special poetic guest Ama Peyman, performing original musical compositions set to spoken word poetry. Contact Aaron, 617-721-6743



SAT, APR 6

The Climate Emergency and the Poetic Response

12:30–2 p.m. | KHL, Hayes Room

This two-part workshop will be facilitated by Susan Atwood and Jesse LoVasco. The first session will introduce concepts in climate psychology and include free-writing and sharing. The second session, on Saturday, April 20, is a formal workshop where drafts of poems can be shared and workshopped. Contact Susan, atwood.stone@gmail.com

Youth Poetry Open Mic

2–4 p.m. | Rabble-Rouser Chocolate & Craft, 64 Main Street, Montpelier

Rabble-Rouser and the U-32 Poetry Collective are proud to create an opportunity to amplify the voices of youth poets and spoken word performers. Contact Meg, mallison@u32.org

SUN, APR 7

Seen and Unseen: Poets in Conversation

3 p.m. | Unitarian Church, Vestry Hall, 130 Main Street, Montpelier

Poets Karin Gottshall, Elizabeth Powell, Alison Prine, Bianca Stone, and Diana Whitney read their work on the eve of the total eclipse of the sun. Contact Diana, dianawhitneypoet@gmail.com.

MON, APR 8

LGBTQ Poetry Reading

6–8 p.m. | KHL, Hayes Room

A panel of LGBTQ poets, including Linda Quinlan, Samn Stockwell, Kim Ward, and Toussaint St. Negritude, will read in



person. Contact Linda, bellingshambell2003@yahoo.com

WED, APR 10

Waka: Zen Buddhist Poetry Awakening

6:30–8 p.m. | KHL, Hayes Room

An introduction to the form, history, and practice of writing waka (5-7-5-7-7), the precursor of haiku (5-7-5), presented by Zen Buddhist teachers **Seiso Paul Cooper** and **Kagayaki Karen Morris**. Contact Karen, klmplex108@gmail.com

THU, APR 11

Poetry Society of Vermont at The Front

6:30–8 p.m. | The Front Gallery, 6 Barre Street, Montpelier

An intimate evening of poetry with members of the Poetry Society of Vermont at The Front Gallery in Montpelier. Presented by rabbit&wolf. Contact Robyn, robynjoy@gmail.com

FRI, APR 12

Bag Lunch with Bards and Songs

Noon–1 p.m. | KHL, Hayes Room

Poets of all ages and persuasions are invited to bring a bag lunch & a poem by another poet, a song by another singer, or rhymes from childhood. Contact David, davidhartnett@mac.com

SAT, APR 13

Rootstock Poets

12:30–2 p.m. | KHL, Hayes Room



Vermont poets **Amy Allen**, **Mary Elder Jacobsen**, and **Kim Ward** will read from their debut books, all published by Rootstock Publishing this April. Books for sale and available for autographs. Contact Samantha, samantha@rootstockpublishing.com

SUN, APR 14

Sunday Zoomies

2–4 p.m. | Zoom

If you've never read your poetry out loud before, a virtual open mic is a good place to find your bravery (we'll all be there to help)! Presented by rabbit&wolf. RSVP for guaranteed mic time or to get the Zoom link, robynjoy76@gmail.com

MON, APR 15

Homeschool All Ages Poetry Reading

1:30 PM | KHL, Hayes Room

Homeschoolers of all ages (grown-ups, too!) gather to read or recite poetry. Read in groups or solo, original or published material. Optional finger food snack potluck. Contact Autumn, abissonnette@kellogghubbard.org

□ WisdomVerse Poetry Workshop

6:30–8 p.m. | Zoom

This 90-minute zoom workshop is hosted by The Paper Poet, **Bianca Amira Zanella**, for anyone seeking an opportunity to play with poetry as a tool for wellness and wisdom. No poetry experience necessary. Register at thepaperpoet.com/event-info



WED, APR 17

□ Release Your Inner Poet

1–2:30 p.m. | Community College of Vermont, 660 Elm Street, Montpelier

This 1.5-hour workshop will offer participants opportunities to practice interpreting poems and then penning some of their own. No prior poetry experience needed! Bring notepaper and something to write with. Facilitated by **Katherine (Kate) Maynard**. Contact Katherine, katherine.maynard@ccv.edu

□ An Evening with Poet Porsha Olayiwola

7–8 p.m. | Unitarian Church of Montpelier, 130 Main Street, Montpelier

Join Black writer, performer, and futurist **Porsha Olayiwola** for this special presentation sponsored by Vermont Humanities. This reading will be in-person as well as livestreamed. Visit vermonthumanities.org to register.



FRI, APR 19

□ Natural Selections II

7–9 p.m. | North Branch Nature Center, 713 Elm Street

An evening of poetry, prose, music, and photography featuring poets **Scudder Parker** and

Marjorie Ryerson, short readings from essayist and field naturalist **Bryan Pfeiffer**, and music by **D. Davis** (guitar) and **Ruth Einstein** (violin). This event is a fundraiser for North Branch Nature Center, with a suggested donation is \$15–\$30. Visit northbranchnaturecenter.org to register.



SAT, APR 20

□ Sacred Traditions: Poems and Writing on Food and Family

11–12:30 p.m. | North Branch Café, 41 State Street, Montpelier

Jesse LoVasco and **Lisa Masé** invite you to write about rituals, family, and food traditions. Contact Lisa, lisamase@gmail.com



□ The Climate Emergency and the Poetic Response

12:30–2 p.m. | KHL, Hayes Room

This two-part workshop will be facilitated by **Susan Atwood** and **Jesse LoVasco**. See Saturday, April 6 for details.

SUN, APR 21

Astrobridge Artistry: Virtual Earth Day Celebration

10:30–11:30 a.m. | Zoom

Ashley Anne Strobridge of Astrobridge Artistry shares her collection of poetry and nature photography in her soon to be published book, *Do YOU Believe in Fairies? Compositions of Truth & Nature in Art & Poetry*. Contact Ashley, astro.greenlady@gmail.com

MON, APR 22

TIDAL_WAVE 3

6:30–8 p.m. | KHL, Hayes Room



A reading of the Sticks & Stones Art/Writing Group, part of the Learning Collaborative of Washington County Mental Health. Free copies of the Sticks and Stones zine will be offered. Contact Walt, incloudhidden@gmail.com

WED, APR 24

Poetry of Loss, Grief, and Companionship

7 p.m. | KHL, Hayes Room

Poets Nadell Fishman, Tom Schmidt, and Scudder Parker read from recent collections. Contact Scudder, scudderparker16@gmail.com

FRI, APR 26

Poetry for Neanderthals

2–3 p.m. | KHL Children's Library

A fun board game where players can only speak in single syllables. Contact Autumn, abissonnette@kelloggshubbard.org

All Ages Anything Goes Poetry Slam

7 p.m. | Lost Nation Theater,
39 Main Street, Montpelier

Geof Hewitt hosts this Anything Goes Slam, where poets, acoustic musicians, jugglers, and anyone else is invited to take three minutes (or less) onstage to wow the judges for enormous glory and a very modest prize. Sign up at the door. Contact Geof, geofhewitt@gmail.com

SUN, APR 28

Sonnet Circle

2 p.m. | Adamant Community Club,
1161 Martin Road, Adamant

Mary Elder Jacobsen will read her poetry, including sonnets and sonnet-inspired poems. Bring a favorite sonnet to join in a collective reading. Contact Mary, 802-456-0099

MON, APR 29

PoemCity 2024 Anthology Book Launch

6:30 p.m. | KHL, Hayes Room

For the second year, featured PoemCity 2024 poems will be published by Rootstock Publishing. *PoemCity Anthology 2024* will be available in late April, and everyone is invited to celebrate its publication and participate in an open mic. Preorder your copy at rootstockpublishing.com/rootstock-books/poemcity-2024

Youth Programs

ALL MONTH

at KHL Children's Library

Magnetic Poetry

Explore word play with extra-large magnets, all of April.

Community Poetry Weaving Project

Add a line to our ever-growing community poem, all of April.

Weekly Poetry Take-Home Activities

April 1–5: Concrete Poems

April 8–12: Rhyming Couplets

April 15–19: Book Spine Poetry

April 22–26: Word Collage Poetry

SAT, APR 6

Youth Poetry Open Mic

2–4 p.m. | Rabble-Rouser Chocolate & Craft, 64 Main Street, Montpelier

Rabble-Rouser and the U-32 Poetry Collective are proud to create an opportunity to amplify the voices of youth poets and spoken word performers. Contact Meg, mallison@u32.org

MON, APR 15

Homeschool All Ages Poetry Reading

1:30 p.m. | KHL, Hayes Room

Homeschoolers of all ages (grown-ups, too!) gather to read or recite poetry. Read in groups or solo, original or published material. Optional finger food snack potluck. Contact Autumn, abissonnette@kellogghubbard.org

FRI, APR 26

Poetry for Neanderthals

2–3 p.m. | KHL Children's Library

A fun board game where players can only speak in single syllables. Contact Autumn, abissonnette@kellogghubbard.org

All Ages Anything Goes Poetry Slam

7 p.m. | Lost Nation Theater, 39 Main Street, Montpelier



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hosts this All Ages Anything Goes Slam, where poets, acoustic musicians, jugglers, and anyone else is invited to take three minutes onstage to wow the judges. Sign

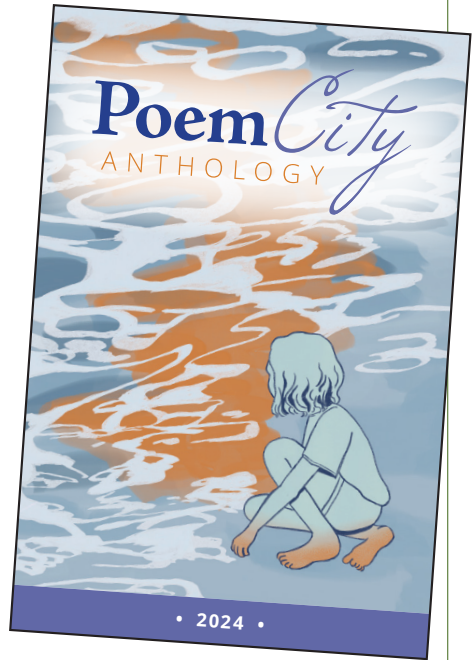
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