

Virtual National Poetry Month

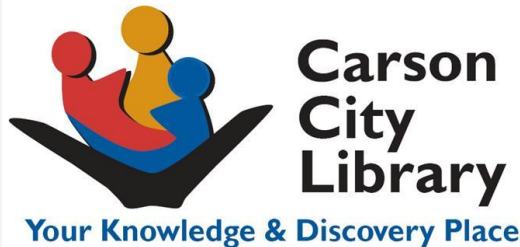
Saturday, April 4th at 3PM | Vanna Bells, Librarian | Creative Learning Department

WHILE WE WAIT...

Please **have paper and pen** at the ready if you want to write poems.

Introduce yourself in the chat. Do you like to read or write poetry? Both?

Feel free to **ask questions and talk in the chat** at any time.



What is Poetry?

“Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words.”

-Robert Frost

“Poetry is what in a poem makes you laugh, cry, prickle, be silent, makes your toe nails twinkle, makes you want to do this or that or nothing, makes you know that you are alone in the unknown world, that your bliss and suffering is forever shared and forever all your own.” -Dylan Thomas

“Poetry is a projection across silence of cadences arranged to break that silence with definite intentions of echoes, syllables, wave lengths.” -Carl Sandburg

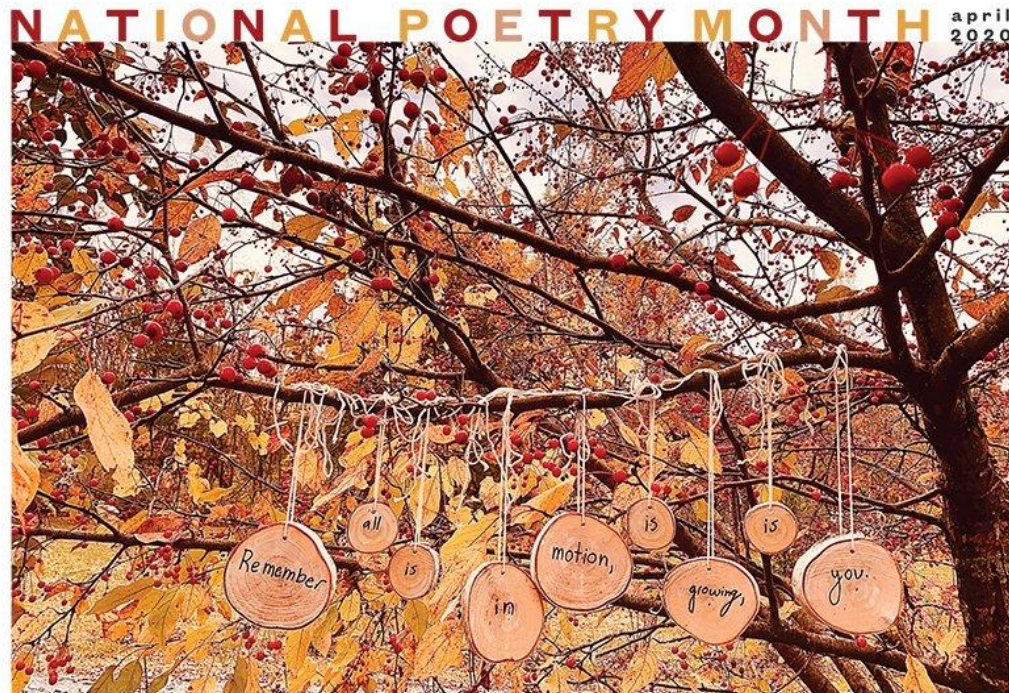
<https://www.flavorwire.com/413949/20-poets-on-the-meaning-of-poetry>

What is National Poetry Month?

National Poetry Month was launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996 to remind the public that poets have an integral role to play in our culture and that poetry matters.

“Remember all is in motion, is growing, is you.” -Joy Harjo

<https://poets.org/national-poetry-month>



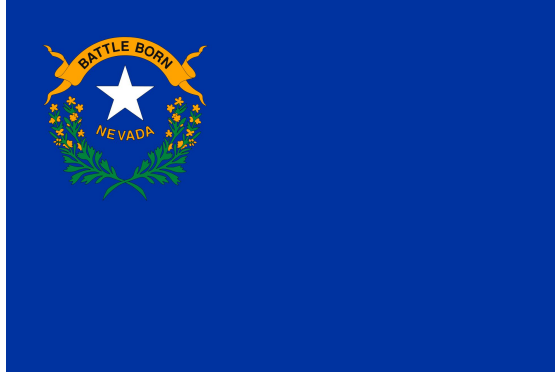
Artwork by Samantha Aikman. Line excerpted from the poem "Remember" by Joy Harjo, from *She Had Some Horses* (W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1981). For more free poetry resources, visit [Poets.org/national-poetry-month](https://poets.org/national-poetry-month).

Poet Laureates



Joy Harjo, 23rd US Poet Laureate

<https://www.loc.gov/poetry/laureate.html>



Vacant, Nevada Poet Laureate

<https://www.loc.gov/rr/main/poets/current.html>



Pan Potaja, Reno Poet Laureate

<https://www.reno.gov/community/arts-culture/reno-poet-laureate>

Carson City Library Resources

[Carson City Library Website](#)

[OverDrive Collection](#)

[NoveList](#)

[Suggest to purchase](#)



Poetry on Social Media

Facebook: [Button Poetry](#)

Instagram: [@haikantwithyou](#)

Twitter: [@Poetry_Daily](#)

YouTube: [TED-Ed There's a Poem for That](#)



Poetry Game

<https://www.poetrygames.org/poetry-machine/>

All About Me

Pensee

Hold On Poem

ABC Poem	Famous Biography Poem	Limerick	Phone Number Poem
Acrostic	Five W Poem	List Poem	Quatrain
All About Me	Haiku	Lune	Quinzaine
*Animal Poem	*Hold On Poem	Mask Poem	Sedoka
Best Friend Simile Poem	Holiday Poem	My Shadow Poem	Senryu
Biography Poem	I Am Poem	Name Poem	Septet
Bio(logical) Poem	I Don't Understand Poem	*Nature Personified	Tanka
Cinquain	* I Remember	*Noun Adjective Phrase Poem	* Title Poem
Color Poem	I Used To...	*Octopoem	*Triolet
Concrete Poem	If I'm In Charge of the World	One Inch Tall Poem	Verb Verse
Diamonte	Lament	*Pantoum	What If Poem
* Emotional Animal Poem	Lantern Poem	*Pensee	Yes, That's Me...

Poetry Challenge



I choose you

Location: Toll road in Storey County, NV

Photograph by Jana Wiersma



Luscious

Medium: Alcohol ink and water-based pigment paint on Yupo paper (11x14inches)

Painting by [Tania Bolin](#)

Questions? Want more?

It's a joy for me to share poetry with anyone and everyone. I'd be happy to offer more programming, in-person or virtual. Contact me at creativelearning@carsoncitylibrary.org

You can also fill out this [survey](#) to help us plan for future virtual programs.



Stay Strong, Carson City!

Vanna Bells
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