

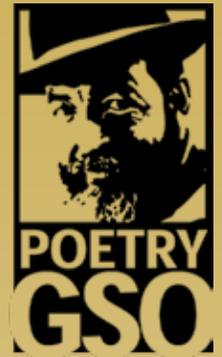
POETRY GSO

April 2010

FREE

poetry readings, workshops, poetry slams
and more for adults & children

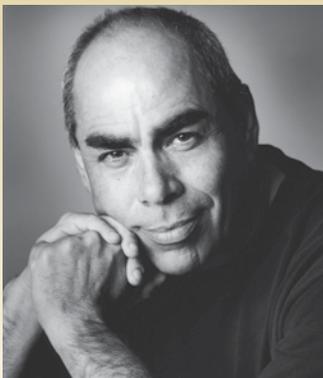
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Adult & Teen Events

Poetry Jazz and Java - Hear live music and some of the best poets in the area. **Starbucks in Quaker Village • April 1 at 7 pm.**

An Explosion Of Words II - This event is for young poets, musicians and singers 13-17 years old, their families and friends. DJ T-Nice will provide the music. Snacks and drinks will be provided. **April 10 at 3 pm • Hemphill Branch Library**

Local Voices - Sunday April 11 from 3 - 5 pm • Vance Chavis Library

Teen Poetry Workshop with Glenis Redmond - Learn to use brainstorming, imagery, and layering in writing powerful poems. Bring poems you are working on. **April 12 at 4 pm • Central Library**

Poetry Reading with Glenis Redmond - April 12 at 7 pm • Central Library

Spoken Word & Art - Bring your best poem, share with others and participate in a project where we create art from found objects. Bring canned food to share with Second Harvest Food Bank. **April 14 at 6:30 pm • Hemphill Library**

One Purpose, One Voice: Poetry With A Purpose See how poetry can re-shape your community; a gathering of more than 40 poets. **Saturday April 17 at 7 pm • Greensboro Historical Museum**

Poetry Reading with Marilyn Nelson - The entire family will enjoy this award winning poet. Music by Triad Youth Jazz Society. **April 18 at 3 pm • Greensboro Historical Museum**

Monday Night Poetry - Join us for Open Mic night. **April 19 at 7 pm • Central Library**

International Poetry Night: A Multilingual Celebration of Poetry - Hear or share a favorite poem. Previous years included poems in English, French, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Portuguese, German and more! **April 20 from 7:45 - 8:45 pm • Glenwood Library**

Open Mic: Spoken Word - Sign up for Open Mic at 7:30 pm; program starts at 8 pm. **April 24 • Tate Street Coffee House**

Poetry Reading With Julia Ebel & High School Poets Laureate - Hear some of our best teen poets. **April 25 at 2:30 pm • Central Library**

Monday Night Poetry - Open Mic night. **April 26 at 7 pm • Central Library**

The Sweethearts of Rhythm - Enjoy selected poetry readings from Marilyn Nelson's book about the famous female integrated swing band that toured the U.S., breaking attendance records, from 1937 to 1946. After the reading there will be a screening of the documentary about the band. **April 27 at 7 pm • Central Library**

Rumi Poetry Reading - Hear the spiritual poems of the ancient mystic Rumi. **April 26 at 7:30 pm • Central Library**

National Poem in Your Pocket Day - Third Annual Poem In Your Pocket Day. Stop by any library to get a free poem for your pocket to share with friends, family and co-workers. **April 30**

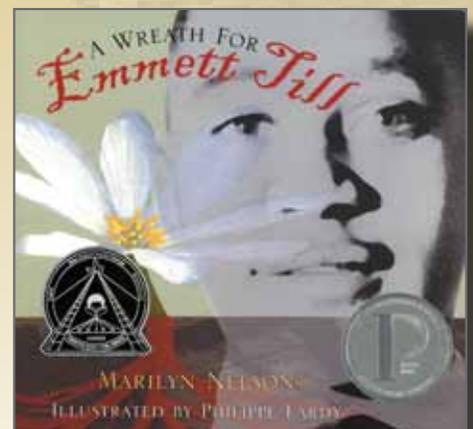
Poetry Jazz & Java - Local poets and live music. **April 29 at 7 pm • Catitude Cafe, 718 W. Market St.**

Reading & Reception with Jimmy Santiago Baca - From prison to National Book Award nominee, Jimmy Baca has led an interesting life to say the least. **April 30 from 5 to 6 pm • Central Library**

Día de los Ninos/Día de los Libros - Featured poet Jimmy Santiago Baca will offer a reading with plenty of entertainment for the entire family. Games, food, music, crafts and more! **May 1 from 1 to 6 pm • Center City Park, Downtown Greensboro**

Marilyn Nelson

Marilyn Nelson was born in Cleveland and came of age during the Civil Rights era. Her books include *The Fields of Praise: New and Selected Poems*, *The Homeplace* and many other award-winning titles. Since 1978 she has taught at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, where she is a professor of English.



Children & Family Events

Poetry Express - Learn about poetry that allows you to speak about yourself. What's important and interesting about you? **Glenwood Library • April 6 from 4 - 5 pm.**

Poetry Picnic with Mother Goose - Enjoy a bit of rhyming fun, perfect for just everyone – and after crafts and stories with our guests, your family will agree, Mother Goose is THE BEST! We'll also be joined by a local high school poet laureate. **Glenwood Library • April 6 from 6:45 - 7:30 pm.**

Poetry Picnic Children's Room - Celebrate National Poetry Month with special guest poet Clement Mallory. He will read his own poems and inspire the group towards creating their own poetic masterpieces. **McGirt-Horton Library • April 7 from 4 pm - 5 pm.**

Poetry at East White Oak Community Center Clement Mallory will present Poems for Young People. **April 8 from 4:30 pm - 6 pm. Community Center at 1003 10th Street.**

Earth Day 2010 - Enjoy jazz and spoken word artists at our annual Earth Day Celebration. **April 10 from 1 - 5 pm • Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library.**

Mother Goose Story Time - Poetry for young children ages infant - 18 months. **April 12 and 14 from 9:30 am • Benjamin Branch Library**

Poetry Picnic - Share your favorite poems and bring canned goods to share with Greensboro Urban Ministry. We will have a poet laureate from one of our local high schools to share poetry with us too! **April 14, Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:30 pm • Central Library Children's Room**

Poetry Pizza Party - Join us in the garden for pizza and poetry with a local high school poet laureate. **April 17 from 1 - 3 pm • Hemphill Branch Library**

Poetry and Plants - Bring the whole family to plant seedlings and post your own poems in our garden! **Monday April 19 at 6:30 pm • Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library.**

Poetry Reading - High School Poets Laureate will read their winning poems and receive a poetry chapbook. Author Julia Ebel will also give a poetry reading. **April 25 at 2:30 pm • Central Library**

Verve of Verse Workshop - For students from Penn-Griffin Middle School for the Arts. Limited to student poets, family, faculty and staff of Penn-Griffin. Contact Diana Engel at 307-3859. **April 23 & 24 from 7 - 9 pm • High Point Public Library**

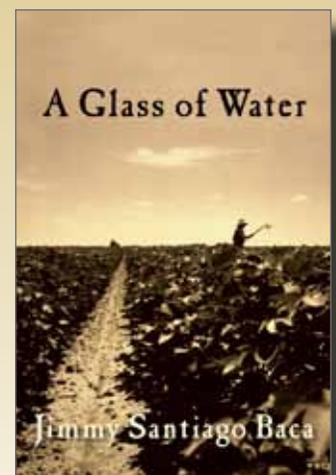
Family Poetry Picnic - Celebrate National Poetry Month & Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day) with crafts, activities, and light refreshments. **April 29 from 7 - 8:30 pm • Vance Chavis Library**

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Jimmy Santiago Baca

Born in New Mexico of Chicano and Apache descent, Jimmy Santiago Baca was raised first by his grandmother and was later sent to an orphanage. A runaway at age thirteen, it was after Baca was sentenced to five years in a maximum security prison at the age of twenty-one that he began to turn his life around. There he learned to read and write and found his passion for poetry. Like many Southwestern writers, Baca identifies with the land around him and the myths that are part of his culture. His poems reveal an honest, passionate voice and powerful imagery full of the jewels of the American Southwest landscape and the chaotic urban landscape woven into a rich lyricism sprinkled with Spanish.



The 7th Annual High School Poet Laureate Project

Through a partnership with the Friends of the Greensboro Public Library and the Guilford County School Media Specialists, poetry contests were held at each high school. Three semi-finalists were selected from each school. Their works were judged by Julia Ebel, and one finalist was awarded the title of Poet Laureate for his or her school. This year's poets laureate will have the opportunity to attend a poetry workshop with Julia Ebel. They will also receive an invitation to participate in the Jamestown Writers and Readers Festival on April 24.

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LifeVerse • Poetry With Older Adults

LifeVerse brings poetry programs to hundreds of older adults, most of whom live in assisted living and nursing facilities. Volunteers facilitate discussions of poems that were popular when the participants were younger and lead them in writing their own poems. The concept may be a simple one, but the results are powerful. We have seen elderly men and women write the first poem they have ever written in their lives. Nursing home staff members have repeatedly told us that LifeVerse is something the residents look forward to every week.

LifeVerse Workshop - Adults 55 and older are invited to a LifeVerse session with Poet Jacinta White. **April 29 from 10 am - noon • Central Library**

From The Poetry GSO Director

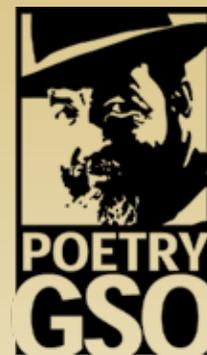
Poetry GSO is in its seventh year and one of North Carolina's biggest celebrations of National Poetry Month. Even though attendance at Poetry GSO programs continues to increase, I would be thrilled to see more people experience the joys of poetry this year.

Each year, we try to select poets and programs that will appeal to a broad audience, even those who say they don't like poetry. I encourage you to browse through this calendar, circle some events that look interesting to you and become part of Greensboro's annual celebration of poetry.



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