

# Featured Events



## Poet & Author Gary Soto

Friday, April 29, 5 pm @ Central Library

Gary Soto is the author of 11 poetry collections for adults, most notably *New and Selected Poems*, a 1995 finalist for both the Los Angeles Times Book Award and the National Book Award. His poems have appeared in many literary magazines, including *Ploughshares*, *Michigan Quarterly*, *Poetry International* and *Poetry*. Soto's poems focus on daily experiences: "I'm one who provides portraits of people in the rush of life," he has said. Soto also writes novels, plays and memoirs, and has edited several literary anthologies. His first collection of poems, *The Elements of San Joaquin*, won the United States Award of the International Poetry Forum in 1976. His second collection, *The Tale of Sunlight*, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry. In 1985, his memoir, *Living Up the Street*, received the Before Columbus Foundation's American Book Award.

*All are invited to hear Soto read and discuss his poetry during this exciting, free event featuring music by Espresso Brazil.*

*Greensboro Historical Museum, 130 Summit Ave., Greensboro*

April 26, 7:45 pm @ Glenwood



April 13, 4 pm @ McGirt-Horton



April 9, 2:30 pm @ Central



April 25, 7 pm @ Central





# Events for Adults & Teens

April 2 @ Central: The Power of I ~ Triad Poetry Meetup organizer Alfred Harrell moderates a poetry-based event for personal growth. 12 pm

April 2 @ Hemphill: Watch a documentary about writer and poet Gary Soto, followed by discussion and refreshments. 3:30 pm  
(Also, April 14 at 7 pm)

April 11 @ Central: Monday Night Poetry ~ Explore the poetry of the mystical poet Jelaluddin Rumi with Jacinta White. 7 pm

April 14: Poem in Your Pocket Day ~ Select a poem you love and carry it with you today!

April 17 @ Vance Chavis: Local Voices ~ Share an original poem or read a beloved favorite. Call 373-5838 to register. 3 pm

April 18 @ Starbucks in Quaker Village: Poetry, Jazz & Java ~ Hear live music and some of the best poets in the area. 7 pm

April 18 @ CityArts Drama Center: Lyric Writing and Poetry ~ Learn to inject wit and storytelling into lyric writing and poetry. Hosted by Andy Offutt Irwin. Fee: \$18 for Triad Story Exchange members; \$20 for general public. 7 pm

April 25 @ Central: Monday Night Poetry ~ Latino Poetry 101. UNCG Professor Mark Smith Soto explores Latino poetry from past to present; followed by an open mic session. 7 pm

April 26 @ Glenwood: International Poetry Night ~ Share a favorite poem (or one of your own!) or come to simply listen to the beauty of poetry in other languages. 7:45 pm

April 28 @ Carousel Cinema: The Gate City Youth Slam showcases 15 poetic teens and the top six will be part of a team to compete at Brave New Voices in San Francisco in July. Fee \$10. 7 pm

April 29 @ Greensboro Historical Museum: Reading and reception with Gary Soto. (See featured events in this calendar for details.) 5 pm

April 30 @ Coffee at the Summit: Poetry, Jazz & Java ~ Listen to a diverse group of gifted local poets; plus, live jazz by Gregory Alan Young. 2 pm

April 30 @ Center City Park: El Dia de los Ninos/El Dia de los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day) ~ Bring your family for this free celebration of Latino culture. Featuring: music, poetry readings by Gary Soto, soccer clinics, food and craft vendors, classic cars, art activities, salsa dancing and more. 12-6 pm

## Teen Events

April 25 @ McGirt-Horton: Mellow Mondays ~ Share your poetry, songs and stories in an open mic setting. 5:30 pm

April 27 @ Vance Chavis: Teen Poetry Exchange ~ Teens create and share their writing with senior citizens. Call 373-5838 to register. 7 pm

# Children's Events

April 5 @ Hemphill: The K-3 Book Club will have read-aloud fun with the stories and poems of Gary Soto. 4 pm

April 5 @ Hemphill: Teen poetry writers will share their tips and inspirations for writing poetry with the Books & More Book Club (grades 4-8). 4 pm

April 5 @ Glenwood: Poetry Storytime. "It's Raining, It's Pouring." 6:45 pm (Also, April 6 at 10:30 am)

April 9 @ Central: Star-Crossed Shakespeare. In this special performance written for grades 3-5, Shakespeare Theatre Group actors present a fast, funny and interactive introduction to theatre and poetry as they tell the famous story of Romeo & Juliet. 2:30 pm

April 12 @ Glenwood: Poetry Storytime: "Hickety, Pickety, My Black Hen." 6:45 pm (Also, April 13 at 10:30 am)

April 13 @ Vance Chavis: Create and decorate your own mini-book; then add your favorite poem or write a new poem of your own. 4 pm

April 13 @ Kathleen Clay Edwards: Celebrate National Library Week with some of the best stories and poems for kids. Design your own bookmark and have a book-related snack. 3:30 pm

April 13 @ McGirt-Horton: Alaina Odessa (pictured, right), a local poet, will share poems and encourage children to write and share their own. 4 pm



April 15 @ Glenwood: Poetry Express ~ Learn two forms of poetry that let you speak about yourself and what's important and interesting to you. 2 pm

April 16 @ McGirt-Horton: Step Out and Volunteer ~ Mothers and daughters, volunteer for the day with local poet Lisa Bond and her daughter. Lisa will present a poetry workshop. Call 373-5838 to register by April 15. 9 am to 6 pm

April 19 @ Glenwood: Poetry Storytime. "A-Tisket, A-Tasket, A Green and Yellow Basket." 6:45 pm (Also, April 20 at 10:30 am)

April 26 @ Glenwood: Poetry Storytime. "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, How Does Your Garden Grow?" 6:45 pm (Also, April 27 at 10:30 am)

## *Storytimes for Infants, Toddlers & Pre-K*

*Many of our storytime programs this month feature poetry. What better opportunity to introduce your youngster to the fun of poetry?*

**Central:** Mon @ 10:30 am (toddlers); Wed @ 10 am (infants); Thurs @ 10:30 am (preschoolers)

**Benjamin:** Mon & Wed @ 9:30 am (0-18 mos); Thurs @ 1:30 pm

**Glenwood:** Tues @ 6:45 pm (families); Wed @ 10:30 am

**Kathleen Clay Edwards:** Mon @ 1 pm; Tues @ 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30 am, 1:30 pm; Wed @ 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30 am

**Hemphill:** Thurs @ 10 am

**McGirt-Horton:** Tues @ 10 am

**Vance Chavis:** Mon @ 10 am



# The Elements of Poetry GSO

What do poetry and baseball have in common (besides *Casey at the Bat*)?

Answer: Gary Soto.

Gary Soto is our featured poet for this year, and besides being one of the country's most respected poets, he is also a baseball fan. So, thanks to a grant from the NC Arts Council, we are able to bring Mr. Soto to Greensboro this spring. We are also promoting his poetry to baseball fans of all ages.

However, you don't have to love baseball -- or poetry, for that matter -- to enjoy the dozens of programs and events we've planned for National Poetry Month. As you can see from our Poetry GSO calendar, we are offering up poetry in combination with music, movies, and theater, culminating on April 30 with an outdoor fun-for-the-whole-family festival -- El Dia de los Ninos/El Dia de los Libros, a celebration of Latino culture with poetry readings by Gary Soto.

Poetry GSO would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors: Friends of the Greensboro Public Library, WFDD radio (88.5), North Carolina Arts Council, and United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro.

Happy Poetry Month!



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