

Poetry Programs Sponsored by Other Community Organizations

Josephus is on WNAA radio "Poetry Café" • Tuesdays from 6 - 7 pm

Squared Ciphers Open Mic • Wednesdays at 9 pm • Sweet Shop • 631 South Elm St.
Open Mic for performing artists: comedians, poets, singers, rappers, mimes and actors. Admission: \$5.

A. Van Jordan Poetry Reading • Thursday, April 4 at 7 pm • Faculty Center, UNCG • College Ave.
The MFA Writing Program, *The Greensboro Review*, and the UNCG Center for Creative Writing in the Arts will host a poetry reading by A. Van Jordan. Jordan's collections of poetry include *Rise*, *M-A-C-N-O-L-I-A*, and *Quantum Lyrics*. A reception and book signing will follow the reading. This event is free and open to the public.

Poetry Reading by NC Poet Laureate Joseph Bathanti • Wednesday, April 3 at 7 pm • North Carolina A&T State University, Academic Classroom Building Auditorium
Free and open to the public.

Alumni Poetry Reading with Kathryn Stripling Byer • Hodges Reading Room, Jackson Library, UNCG
Byer's books of poetry include *Catching Light*, *Black Shawl*, *Wildwood Flower* and *The Girl in the Midst of the Harvest*. This event is free and open to the public.

Front Porch Party • Friday, April 26 • Music at 4 pm, Poetry & Art at 5 pm • UNCG, Center for Creativity, 127 Mclver St.
This event is free and open to the public.

Gate City Youth Slam • Friday, April 26 at 7 pm • Triad Stage Cabaret, 232 South Elm St.
Watch teens from area schools compete for a spot on the 2013 Gate City Youth Slam Team. Once chosen, the team will go to Chicago to compete in the Brave New Voices International Poetry Festival. Admission \$10.

Louder Than A Bomb Youth Poetry Slam Tournament • April 26 - 28 • UNCG Elliot Center
Registration from 8 am - noon. Side events at 2 pm. Bout Competition at 6 pm. Tickets: \$5 students, \$7 adults.

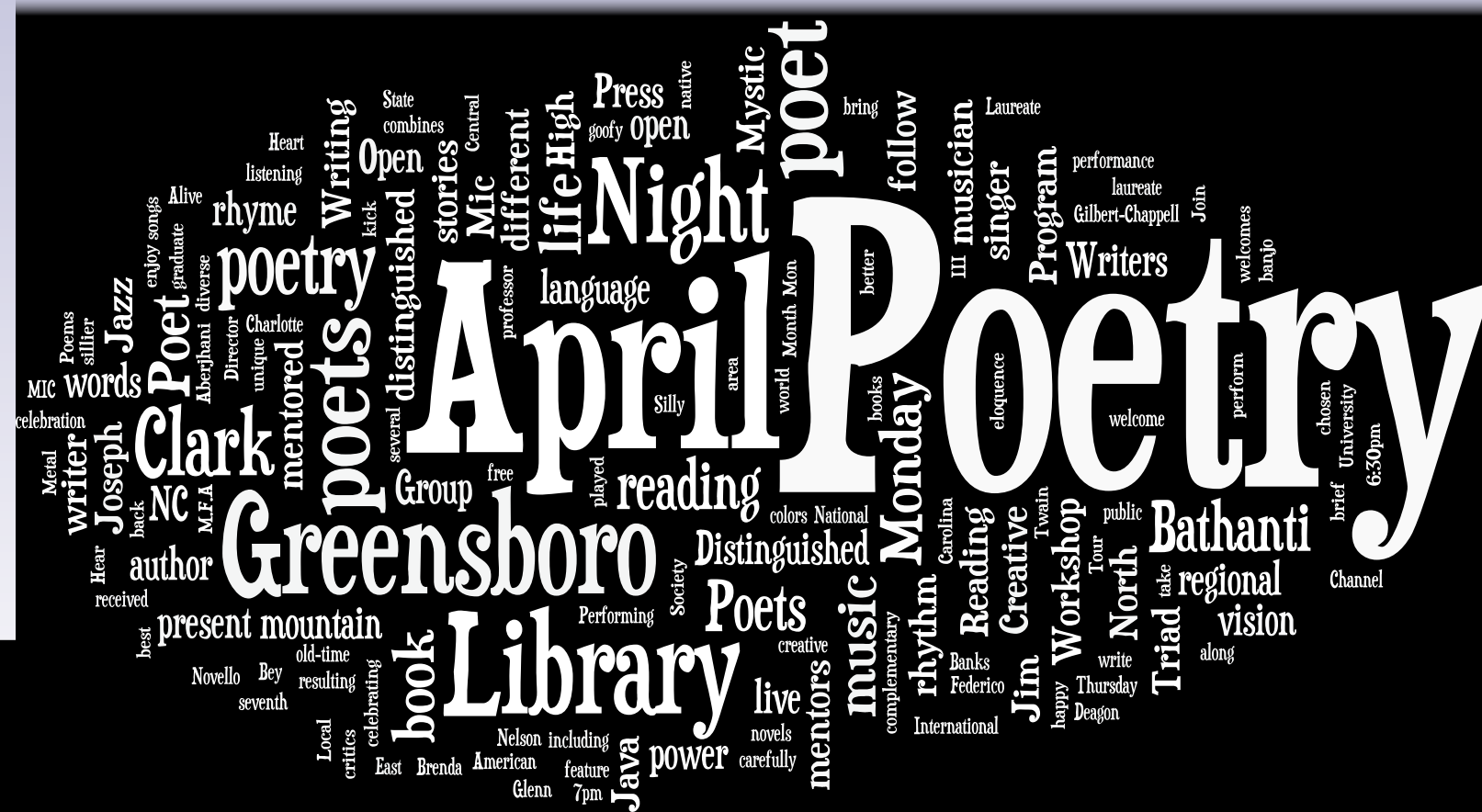
The Freedom Slam Saturday April 27 at 8 pm • Triad Stage, 232 South Elm St.
Fifteen Poets from across the country will battle it out for a \$500 Cash Prize! Admission \$10.

National Poetry Month Open Mic Reading • Saturday, April 27 at 6:30 pm • Tate Street Coffee
Enjoy an open mic poetry/spoken word reading. All ages are welcome to share a poem. This event is free and open to public.

Words As Weapons Challenge Sponsored by The Poetry Project • April 28 from 3 - 6 pm • Cultural Arts Center 200 N. Davie St. - 32 teams from 8 different schools will battle it out as part of Global Youth Service Day. Teams will deliver poetic pieces that will affect positive change in their communities. The top 3 teams will be part of a video that will be shared throughout the school system. For more information: www.ThePoetryProject.com or (336) 375-4569.

LifeVerse Poetry Project Training

LifeVerse, Greensboro Public Library's award-winning project, is looking for volunteers who would like to be trained to take poetry programs to nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Prospective volunteers should contact Steve.Sumerford@greensboro-nc.gov or call 373-3636. The next trainings will be April 8 from 1 - 4 pm or April 20 from 10 am - 2 pm. Volunteers do not have to love poetry, but do have to love spending time with older adults.



Greensboro Public Library National Poetry Month Events

Silly Poems at Monday Night Poetry • Monday, April 1 at 7 pm • Central Library

“The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year,” said the American writer and humorist Mark Twain. So let’s kick off our celebration of National Poetry Month with silly poems, like clean limericks and goofy songs, the sillier the better.

Poetry GSO Film Festival: *Sylvia* • Tuesday, April 2 at 7 pm • Hemphill Branch

Gwyneth Paltrow stars in this film based on the life of poet Sylvia Plath. (Rated R).

Open Mic Poetry Program • Saturday, April 6 1-4 pm • Hemphill Branch

Share an original poem or just an old favorite with fellow poetry lovers.

The Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poet Reading Series • Sunday, April 7 at 3 pm • Central Library

This program provides mentors to poets not currently enrolled in a curriculum. Poets are chosen by the NC Poetry Society (NCPS) and mentored by a regional distinguished poet. This event will feature mentored poet Catherine Stumberg and distinguished poet, Ann Deagon. A brief open mic will follow the reading.

Poetry, Jazz and Java • Sunday, April 7 at 2 pm • Coffee at the Summit • 623 Summit Ave.

Spend Sunday afternoon listening to a diverse group of gifted local poets; plus live music with the Astanza Project! Sponsored by the Greensboro Public Library and Writers’ Group of the Triad.

Monday Night Poetry: Celebrating the Mystic Poets • Monday, April 8 at 7 pm • Central Library

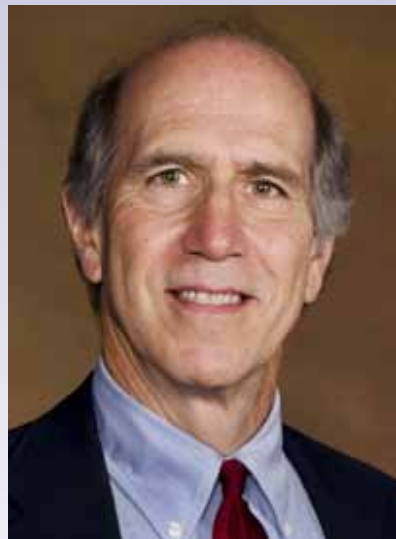
“Dreams dress us carefully in the colors of power and faith.” Aberjhani. Join Danny Glenn, Brenda Bey, Nelson Stover, and Charlotte Hamlin as they bring to life the power and the words of Mystic poets.

Poetry GSO Film Festival: *Bright Star* • Tuesday, April 9 at 6:45 pm • Central Library

Director Jane Campion’s film is the story of the last few years in the life of one of the major Romantic poets, John Keats. (Rated PG).

International Poetry Night • Tuesday, April 9 at 7 pm • Glenwood Library

“A different language is a different vision of life,” said Federico Fellini. Enjoy the eloquence of poetry performed in languages from around the world. We welcome anyone who wants to share their “vision of life,” whether you write your own poetry, choose an international author, or simply read a poem in your native language.



NC Poet Laureate Joseph Bathanti

Monday, April 29 at 7 pm • Central Library

North Carolina’s Poet Laureate will read at our Monday Night Poetry event. A reception and book signing will follow.

North Carolina’s seventh poet laureate, Bathanti is a professor of creative writing at Appalachian State University where he is also Director of Writing in the Field and Writer-in-Residence in the University’s Watauga Global Community. He is the author of several books of poetry, including *This Metal* and two novels, *Coventry* and *East Liberty*. Bathanti has also written a book of short stories, *The High Heart*.

Poetry GSO Film Festival: *The Edge of Love* • Thursday, April 11 at 7 pm • Hemphill Branch

Kiera Knightly, Matthew Rhys, and Sienna Miller star in this film that salutes two women who made a significant impact on poet Dylan Thomas in the 1940’s. (Rated R).

High School Poet Laureates Program • Saturday, April 13 at 1 pm • Central Library

Hear the students who were selected as their school’s poet laureate read their winning poems. The judge for this year’s competition was John York, winner of the James Applewhite Poetry Prize and author of *Cold Spring Rising*. York will also offer a poetry reading.

Monday Night Poetry: Open Mic • Monday, April 15 at 7 pm • Central Library

Join us for an open mic session as we celebrate rhythm and rhyme.

Poetry GSO Film Festival: *Stevie* • Tuesday, April 16 at 7 pm • Hemphill Branch

Glenda Jackson stars in this film biography of British poet Stevie Smith. (Rated PG).

Poetry GSO Film Festival: *Disappearance of Garcia Lorca* • Wednesday, April 17 at 7 pm • Central Library

The film is the story of an investigation into the disappearance of famed poet and political agitator, Federico Garcia Lorca, who disappeared in the early days of the Spanish Civil War in the 1930’s. (Rated R).

Poem in your Pocket Day • Thursday April 18

The idea is simple: select a poem you love then carry it with you to share with co-workers, family, and friends. You can also share your poem selection on Twitter by using the hashtag #pocketpoem.



“Local Voices” Poetry Program • Sunday, April 21 from 3 - 5 pm • Vance Chavis

The community is invited to participate in this celebration of poetry. Share an original poem or read an old favorite. Sign up to read by calling 373-5838 in advance. You may also sign up in person on the day of the event.

Poetry, Jazz & Java • Saturday, April 20 at 7 pm • Starbucks in Quaker Village • 5607 W. Friendly Ave.

Hear live music and some of the best poets in the area. Sponsored by the Greensboro Public Library and Writers’ Group of the Triad.

Monday Night Poetry: “Performing Your Poetry” Workshop • Monday, April 22 at 6:30 pm • Central Library

Tour the Poetry section at the Library then enjoy a workshop with Josephus Thompson III. Learn how to take your words from the page to the stage.

Jim Clark Poetry Reading • Thursday, April 25 at 7 pm • Benjamin Branch

Jim Clark combines his talents as a singer and musician with his abilities as a writer and an interpreter of his own poetry, resulting in a unique multi-disciplinary performance of poetry and stories rooted in the Appalachian foothills and complementary old-time mountain music. Clark is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he received an MFA in Creative Writing.



Poetry GSO Film Festival: *Poetic Justice* • Saturday, April 27 at 2:30 pm, Hemphill Branch

Janet Jackson and the late Tupac Shakur star in this love story of a poet and a postman. Maya Angelou wrote the poems that pass as those penned by Jackson’s character. (Rated R).

Poetry GSO Film Festival: *Tom and Viv* • Tuesday, April 30 at 6:45 pm • Hemphill Branch

This is the story of T.S. Eliot, the St. Louis-born poet who tried to turn himself into an Englishman, and his wife, Vivienne Haigh-Wood. She is wealthy, which allows him to give up his job and focus on poetry. William DaFoe and Miranda Richardson portray the couple. (Rated PG-13).

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