

Greensboro Public Library National Poetry Month Events

Poetry Project • Tuesdays in April from 5:30 - 7 pm • McGirt-Horton Branch

The Poetry Project is for teens 12-18 who have a love for words and expression. Join the fun by sharing your talents and making new friends.

Poetry Reading with Poet Danny Glenn Author of *Red's Curb Market* • Thursday April 3 at 7 pm • Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch • Enjoy a poetry reading with Danny Glenn.

High School Poet Laureates Reading • Saturday, April 5 at 1:30 pm • Central Library

National Book Award finalist Sarah Lindsay will offer opening remarks. Lindsay is a Lannan Literary Fellow whose books include *Twigs and Knucklebones* and *Primate Behavior*. Her new collection is called *Debt to the Bone-Eating Snottflower* after a poem about marine creatures. Her poems have won a Pushcart Prize and the Carolyn Kizer Prize.

Open Mic Poetry • Saturday, April 5 from 2 - 5 pm • Hemphill Branch

Join us to share your poetry with others. Poets ages 12 and up are welcome. This event is co-sponsored by the HB/YA Teen Book Club and hosted by local poet Antoinette Manuel.

Local Voices • Sunday, April 6 from 3 - 5 pm • Vance Chavis Branch

Share original poetry or old favorites at this family event. Call 336-373-5838 to sign-up.

100 Thousand Poets for Change Open Mic • Monday, April 7 from 7 - 8:30 pm • Central Library

Join other poets, musicians, and artists around the world in a demonstration/celebration to promote peace and sustainability and call for serious social, environmental and political change. Come share your verse, fiction or memoir. We will focus on poetry that highlights ways our community can change to better the human condition.

International Poetry Night • Tuesday, April 8 from 7 - 9 pm • Glenwood Branch

"A different language is a different vision of life," said Federico Fellini. Come and enjoy the eloquence of poetry being performed in languages from around the world. Share your "vision of life," whether you write your own poetry, choose an international author's work, or perform a poem in your native language.

Screening: *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* • Thursday, April 10 from 7 - 9 pm • Hemphill Branch

This is a classic film of the real-life romance between poets Elizabeth Barrett (Norma Shearer) and Robert Browning (Fredric March), despite the opposition of her father Edward Moulton-Barrett (Charles Laughton). The film was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture. Not rated.

Screening: *The Basketball Diaries* • Saturday, April 12 from 12:30 - 2:15 pm • Hemphill Branch

This is a film adaptation of poet Jim Carroll's memoir about his descent into drug addiction and recovery. Rated R.

Poetry, Jazz & Java • Sunday, April 13 at 3 pm • Coffee at the Summit, 623 Summit Ave.

Enjoy an afternoon of imaginative verse from our Writers Group Of the Triad (WGOT) poets and other acclaimed poets in the community. Drink some coffee and hear some great jazz.

"Slash and Burn" Poetry Workshop • Monday, April 14 from 7 - 8:30 pm • Central Library

The New Garden Poetry group hosts a workshop of brutal honesty. The group will discuss revising poetry, it's many incarnations, revisions and crossings-out, and taking the pure emotion of a poetic idea to a fully formed poem. Participants are asked to bring a copy of a poem or an idea for a poem and come prepared to make revisions. Reservations suggested at Beth.Sheffield@greensboro-nc.gov.

Screening: *Disappearance of Garcia Lorca* • Thursday, April 17 from 6:45 - 8:45 pm • Glenwood Branch

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

Screening: *Louder Than a Bomb* • Saturday, April 19 from 2:30 - 4:15 pm • Hemphill Branch

Watch four Chicago high school poetry teams as they prepare to compete in the world's largest youth slam. By turns hopeful and heartbreaking, the film captures the turbulent lives of these unforgettable kids, exploring the ways writing shapes their world. Not rated.

The Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poet Reading Series • Monday, April 21 at 7 pm • Central Library

Hear from poet Rosalyn Marhatta and her poetry mentor Dr. Lynn Veach Sadler. A brief open mic will follow the reading.

Poem in Your Pocket Day • Thursday, April 24

Select a poem, carry it with you, and share it with others throughout the day. You can also share your poem on Twitter by using the hashtag #pocketpoem. Poems will be distributed throughout the day in Greensboro's parks, libraries, schools, workplaces, and bookstores. To find poems visit www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/409 or contact Beth Sheffield at 336-373-3617.



Haiku Weathergram Making • Thursday, April 24 from 6:30 - 8 pm • Benjamin Branch

Make a hand-lettered Weathergram, which is a weather haiku written on strips of grocery bag paper in water-proof ink. We will then hang our creations from trees and branches surrounding Benjamin Branch. Bring an original haiku about weather or one from a favorite poet. Wax poetic about sun, rain, wind, ice, snow and spring. Bag strips, string and pens will be provided.

Workshop & Reading With Poet Terri Kirby Erickson • Saturday, April 26 from 1 - 4 pm • Central Library

Award-winning poet Terri Kirby Erickson will lead a writing exercise and read from her collections. Her third collection, *In the Psalms of Angels*, won a 2012 Nautilus Silver Award for Poetry and the Gold Medal for Poetry in the 2012 Next Generation Indie Book Awards. Her articles and essays have appeared in national and international publications.

Screening: *Byron* • Saturday, April 26 from 2:30 - 5:15 pm • Hemphill Branch

Jonny Lee Miller, Natasha Little and Vanessa Redgrave star in the story of Lord Byron, the greatest romantic poet of his age, whose life was even more adventurous and scandalous than the heroes of his epic poems. A wildly successful poet, notorious lover, political radical, wit and foreign adventurer, Byron was a figure who defined the romantic spirit of the early 19th Century in the most reckless and brazen terms. Not rated.

Teen Open Mic and Sarah Lindsay • Monday, April 28 at 7 pm • Central Library

Sarah Lindsay is a Lannan Literary Fellow whose books include *Twigs and Knucklebones* and *Primate Behavior*. Her new collection is called *Debt to the Bone-Eating Snottflower*, after one of the poems about marine creatures. Her poems have won a Pushcart Prize and the Carolyn Kizer Prize.

Greensboro Historical Museum Poem on the Spot • Throughout April

During the month of April, the Greensboro Historical Museum invites visitors of all ages to pen a poem on the spot. Poems as brief as tweets or as long as sonnets are welcome. A raffle drawing will be held at the end of the month with prizes in youth and adult categories. For more information, contact Linda Evans at linda.evans@greensboro-nc.gov.

All events are free and open to the public.

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