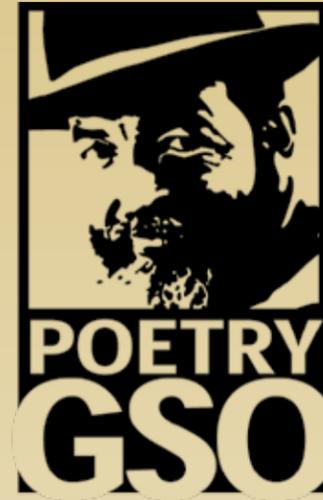


What About that Logo

Greensboro has been home to many renowned poets, not the least of which was Randall Jarrell who lived in Greensboro from 1947-65 and taught at The Woman's College of the University of North Carolina (now UNCG). From 1956-58, Jarrell was Poetry Consultant to the Library of Congress, a title which was later changed to United States Poet Laureate. He was the original inspiration for PoetryGSO and it is his face that appears in the PoetryGSO logo.



Greensboro Public Library

Branch Locations

Benjamin Branch • 336-373-7540 • 1530 Benjamin Parkway

Central Library • 336-373-2471 • 219 North Church Street

Glenwood Branch • 336-297-5000 • 1901 West Florida Street

Hemphill Branch • 336-373-2925 • 2301 West Vandalia Road

Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch • 336-373-2923 • 1420 Price Park Road

McGirt-Horton Branch • 336-373-5810 • 2501 Phillips Avenue

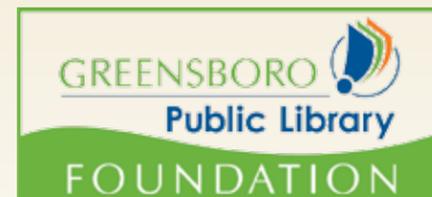
McNairy Branch • 336-373-2015 • 4860 Lake Jeanette Road

Vance Chavis Branch • 336-373-5838 • 900 South Benbow Road

Greensboro Historical Museum • 373-2043 • 130 Summit Avenue



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PoetryGSO was conceived in 2003 by the Greensboro Public Library with many community partners who shared a common desire to promote and celebrate poetry. Language and customs are often learned by the very young through poetry. Just think of nursery rhymes and folk songs. Poetry plays a part in all of our lives. Nearly everyone experiences poetry in some way: through reading and enjoyment, through music, in worship, and in ceremony. April is National Poetry Month, so come out and enjoy a program, attend a workshop, or simply read a poem.

Poetry Programs

Poetry Project • Mondays and Wednesdays 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.

PoetryGSO Open Mic • April 2 at 2 pm • Hemphill Branch

Please join us as we celebrate PoetryGSO with Open Mic. Poets ages 12 and up are welcome to participate. This event is co-sponsored by the Hemphill YA/Teen Book Club and Hemphill Adult Programming.

Odes to Common Things: Celebrating Pablo Neruda • April 4 at 7 pm • Central Library

Enjoy an entertaining evening featuring verse by Pablo Neruda read by community members in Spanish and English with live music by Nueva Voz. This program is in conjunction with the Weatherspoon Art Gallery's Pan American Modernism Exhibit.

Turn Books into Poetry Makerspace • April 9 at 2:30 pm • McNairy Branch

Upcycle your old books into poetry. Explore creativity using mixed media techniques in this guided makerspace for adults.

Local Voices • April 10 at 3 pm • Vance Chavis Branch

Chavis Library invites the community to a celebration of Poetry. Share an original poem or read simply read a favorite.

Coffee Talk • April 12 at 10 am • Glenn McNairy Branch

In honor of National Poetry Month, we will be discussing *10 Poems to Change Your Life* by Roger Housden. Amazon calls this "a dangerous book." Do you think so?

Poetry, Jazz & Java • April 16 at 3 pm • Quaker Village Starbucks, 5607 W Friendly Avenue

Our local poets read their evocative verse and enjoy the jazzy styling's of guitarist Brad Reaves: a sensory treat! Co-sponsored by the Writers Group of the Triad and Greensboro Public Library.

Poetry and Community • April 18 at 7 pm • Central Library

Poetry is an powerful artistic voice - it can be personal, comical, political, socially conscious, cultural or spiritual. Join us for a candid discussion with area poets on how poetry touches and serves the community. Discover that poetry has no boundaries and allows individuals to stretch their imagination and create change.

Paul Doffing Music; Freedom From Fuel Tour • April 18 at 7 pm • Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch

Music is a form of poetry. Paul Doffing is an accomplished singer and guitarist who has been touring the U.S. by bicycle, covering more than 10,000 miles across the U.S. promoting a mindset of sustainability. Paul is currently pedaling around the world on an international bicycle-music tour, and is pedaling up the east coast this spring performing songs from his three solo albums as well as new songs written on the road.

International Poetry Night • April 19 at 7 pm • Glenwood Branch

Enjoy a night of poetry performed in languages from around the world. Anyone can share a poem, whether it's an original poem they have written, one written by an international author, or a poem spoken in their native language.

Poem in Your Pocket Day • All day April 21 at various locations

Every April, on Poem in Your Pocket Day, people throughout the United States celebrate by selecting a poem, carrying it with them, and sharing it with others throughout the day. Be on the lookout! This year poems will be distributed at Greensboro libraries, bookstores, restaurants, and other businesses.

In Search of Shakespeare • April 23 at 2 pm • Benjamin Branch

Join us for a discussion of the Shakespeare authorship question, the hypothesis that someone other than Shakespeare wrote Shakespeare's poems and plays. Explore the evidence with local theatre journalist and Shakespeare enthusiast, Frank O'Neill, and make up your own mind.

Poetry Workshop: Begin with the Things in Your Life • April 25 at 7 pm • Central Library

Vivid poetry often centers on the things in our lives. Using these objects and list-writing as starting points, participants will learn how to craft poems that tell stories about themselves or others. Bring pen/pencil and paper or tablet. For more information and to register, contact Beth Sheffield: Beth.Sheffield@greensboro-nc.gov. This workshop is co-sponsored by The Writers Group of the Triad.

Poetry Flash Mob • May 16 at 7 pm • Central Library

We'll crash the Poetry section upstairs at Central Library and browse the poetry section, explore new authors, then we'll have a reading in the stacks of poems you just discovered or one of your favorites.

Community Poetry Events

Second Saturday Poetry • April 9 at 7 pm • Tate Street Coffee House, 334 Tate Street

Enjoy a reading featuring Alice Osborn and John Amon. Open mic to follow. Sponsored by the Women Writers Group of the Triad.

Third Sunday at Three Reading • April 17 at 3 pm • Scuppernongs Bookstore, 304 S Elm Street

Writers Group of the Triad welcomes poet and president of Winston-Salem Writers, Sam Barbee and Kristy Woodson Harvey.

Writing to Heal: A Celebration of Poetry & Medicine • April 21 at 7 pm • Moses Cone Memorial Hospital in room 0029 & 0030

Cone Health's Spirituality & Healing Council invites you to learn how words can heal as we celebrate the creative intersection of Poetry and medicine. Three North Carolina poets will share their work and lead writing workshops. Hospital staff members and patients will have the opportunity to share their own writing as well as the writing of others. This event is open to both the Cone Health staff and the general public. Featured poets include Terri Kirby Erickson, Steve Cushman, and Michael Gaspeny. Please RSVP to poetry@conehealth.com.

Writing to Prompts with Coventry Kessler • April 30, 10:15 am - 12 pm • Sacred Garden Bookstore, 211 W. Fisher Avenue

Writers Group of the Triad sponsors this writing workshop. Bring pen/pencil and paper or tablet. For more information and to register, contact Coventry by email: coventryk@yahoo.com.

All events are free and open to the public.

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