



The Cambridge Public Library Celebrates National Poetry Month

CAMBRIDGE, MA, April 4—The Cambridge Public Library will mark National Poetry Month with poetry readings, a submit-a-thon, and a youth poetry contest. Every April, National Poetry Month celebrates poets, their craft, and poetry’s impact on our culture. The Library will host the following events during National Poetry Month:

Voices of Poetry: Four Poets, [Saturday, April 13](#), 2-4 p.m., Main Library. Doug Anderson, January Gill O’Neil, Shanta Lee, and Lloyd Schwartz will each give a poetry reading, accompanied by the music of singer-songwriter Gabriella Simpkins. This event is in person. Registration is not required.

CPL Presents: A Showcase of Local Poets, [Tuesday, April 16](#), 7-8:30 p.m., Main Library. Local poets Sam Cha, Imani Davis, Shangyang Fang, Julia Story and Raisa Tolchinsky will each read original work for fifteen to twenty minutes. This event is hybrid, and [registration is required](#).

Submit-a-Thon, [Monday, April 29](#), 6-8 p.m., Main Library. Writer and editor Meagan Masterman will lead an evening of submitting poems, stories, and other writing to small presses, literary journals and magazines in a supportive environment. This event is in person, and [registration is required](#).

25th Annual Youth Poetry Contest, April 1-April 30. Entries for the 25th Annual Youth Poetry contest are open. K-8 students who live or go to school in Cambridge can submit original poems until April 30. Learn more [here](#).

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About the Cambridge Public Library:

At the Cambridge Public Library, we welcome all, inspire minds, and empower community. We support a Cambridge where everyone has equitable opportunities to learn, people live their best lives and democracy thrives. The Library’s programming provides an opportunity for civic dialogue, conversation, and learning, which includes exploring a wide range of views. [Visit our website](#) to learn more. Subscribe to our email list to stay up to date on our events [here](#).

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