

April 2010 Newsletters

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April 2011- National Poetry Month

April is a great month for poetry, literature and libraries because not only is it National Poetry month, it is also School Library month! In addition to the resources listed below be sure to check out your school and local library for more ideas, activities and events. The Academy of American Poets is also sponsoring a number of poetry events this month, click the link to their site (provided below) for poems, poet biographies, and more!

Special dates this month:

- National Library Week, April 10 - 16, 2011
- Poem In Your Pocket Day, April 14, 2011
- Support Teen Literature Day, April 14, 2011

Library of Congress Poetry Home

<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/>

About the Library of Congress Poetry & Literature Center

<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/about.html>

National Poetry Month from the Academy of American Poets

<http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/41>

Poetry Foundation

<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/>

On July 1, 2010 W.S. Merwin was named the Library's 17th Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry for 2010-2011. Refer to the following online guide for links to resources on W.S. Merwin.

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/merwin/>

Illinois State Poet Laureate, Kevin Stein

<http://www2.illinois.gov/poetlaureate/Pages/default.aspx>

Library of Congress (LOC) Resources

While numerous links to LOC resources focusing on poetry are provided below, remember that you may also find poems and poetry via keyword searches in several American Memory collections. Some suggested keywords are poem, poet, and poetry. Collections with poetry-related content include:

African American Perspectives: Pamphlets from the Daniel A. P. Murray Collection, 1818-1907

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aap/aaphome.html>

The African American Experience in Ohio

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/ohshtml/aaeohome.html>

African American Sheet Music, 1850-1920

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/sheetmusic/brown/>

An American Time Capsule: Three Centuries of Broadides and Other Printed Ephemera

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/rbpehtml/>

Words and Deeds in American History

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/mchtml/corhome.html>

The Nineteenth Century in Print: Books, Sampler of Collection Themes, Poetry

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpcoop/oahtml/mncsp-poetry.html>

LOC Activities, Exhibits, Lesson Plans

Making Connections Through Poetry (Activity, Grades 4 - 12)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/activities/history/>

Lyrical Legacy: 400 Years of American Song and Poetry (Presentation and activity)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/lyrical/>

Literature and Poetry (Themed Resource with primary source sets, lesson plans, etc.)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/themes/literature/>

Poet at Work: Walt Whitman Notebooks 1850s-1860s

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/whitman/index.html>

American Poets

Search the LOC's "Today in History" feature for notable American poets including:

Ralph Waldo Emerson

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/may25.html>

Langston Hughes

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/feb01.html#hughes>

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/feb27.html>

Edgar Allen Poe

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/jan19.html>

Henry David Thoreau

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/jul12.html>

Robert Penn Warren

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/sep15.html>

Walt Whitman

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/may31.html>

LOC Poet Laureate Projects

Favorite Poem Project

<http://www.favoritepoem.org/>

Poetry 180: A poem a day for American high schools by Billy Collins, Former Poet Laureate of the United States

<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/180/>

American Life in Poetry: A project providing newspapers and online publications a free weekly poem by Ted Kooser, Former Poet Laureate of the United States

<http://www.americanlifeinpoetry.org/>

Library of Congress Poetry Webcasts

<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/cyberpoet.html>

All Poetry Webcasts

<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/results.php>

Poet Vision Series

<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/poetvision.html>

The Poet and the Poem Series

<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/poetpoem.html>

Library of Congress Poetry, Literature Webcasts

<http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/results.php?cat=5>

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