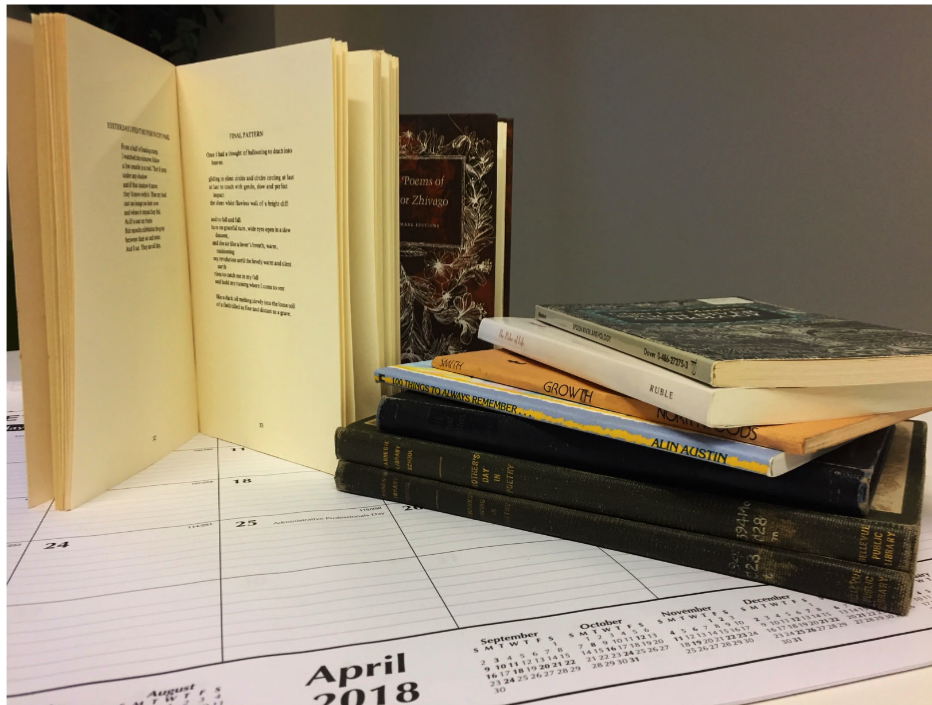


NATIONAL POETRY MONTH



Poetry Books

April is National Poetry Month in the U.S. This month celebrates pieces of writing called poems. Many people enjoy reading, writing and listening to poems. People who write poems are called poets. Poets can be men, women, teens or kids! Some students write poems for English or language arts classes. Some people are professional poets, but many people write poems just for fun.



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A Person Writing a Poem

Poets write many kinds of poems. Many poets write poems to express themselves. They may write poems to share their feelings about events that are important to them or memories of special times in their lives. They may write poems to tell stories or describe places, people or animals. Poems may be funny, sad, serious, scary or exciting. Each poet has a different way of writing poems. Some poets use many descriptive words, like adjectives and adverbs. Some poets use rhyming words. Words that rhyme sound similar, like tree, free and agree.

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Dr. Seuss



Maya Angelou

Some poets become famous. Dr. Seuss became famous for the funny, rhyming poems that he wrote and published in books. His books include The Cat in the Hat and Green Eggs and Ham. Another poet famous for his funny poems is Shel Silverstein. Shel Silverstein wrote books of poems, including Where the Sidewalk Ends and A Light in the Attic. Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou became famous for writing serious poems. Langston Hughes wrote poems about African American culture. Maya Angelou wrote poems about her life. William Shakespeare became famous for poems he wrote hundreds of years ago. People read and study all of these poems today.

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Bob Dylan Performing

Some poems are paired with music to create songs. Poems can become any kind of music, including country music, pop music, rap music, rock music and more! Songwriter and singer, Bob Dylan, received a Nobel Prize in literature for the songs he wrote. Bob Dylan received the Nobel Prize in 2016. Bob Dylan was the first songwriter to receive this award. Bob Dylan was a popular songwriter and singer in the 1960s. He still travels around the world to perform in concerts.

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Poetry Reading in a Coffee Shop

People may enjoy reading poems alone or as a group. Many people enjoy listening to poems being read aloud. People will celebrate poems and poets during National Poetry Month in April. They may read poems by their favorite poets or share their favorite poems with friends. They may decide to memorize a poem. Some people will go to poetry readings in coffee shops and libraries. People may borrow books of poems from libraries or write their own poems. Students may learn about poems in school. You can start celebrating by reading the poem that starts on page 9!

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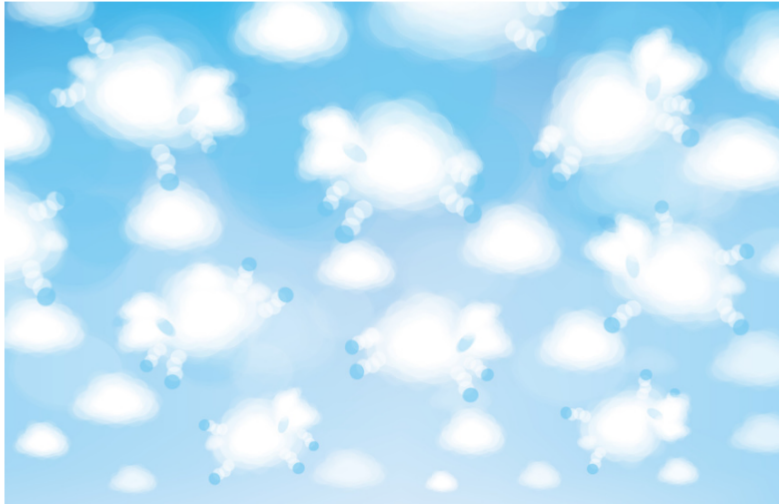
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by Anonymous *



White sheep, white sheep,
On a blue hill,
When the wind stops,
You all stand still.
When the wind blows,
You walk away slow.
White sheep, white sheep,
Where did you go?

* Sometimes attributed to Christina Rossetti



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