

# April

# 2018

## NATIONAL POETRY MONTH



Poetry

In 1996 the Academy of American Poets inaugurated National Poetry Month. Over the years, this has become one of the largest literary celebrations in the world by recognizing poetry's vital place in our culture. Below are some activities for students in grades six through twelve to celebrate National Poetry Month.

APRIL 2-6

Watch Now

### Dear Poet Project

Invites students in grades six through twelve to write letters in response to poems written and read by some of the award-winning poets who serve on the Academy of American Poets' Board of Chancellors.

<https://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/dear-poet-project>

APRIL 9-13



### Poets and Poetry Events in your state

To learn and connect with poets, find opportunities to hear or study poetry, and to find poetry events and resources near you.

<https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poetry-near-you>

### Poetry Foundation: Explore Poems

Invites students to explore this resource and chose a subject or author that appeals to them, to view, listen and interact with the poet.

[www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/browse](http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/browse)

APRIL 16-20



### Memorize a poem

Select a poem from the book you're reading, or an old favorite, and begin to memorize it. By choosing and memorizing a poem that you love, you connect yourself to this long tradition of passing along stories and customs through the power of poetic language.

<https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/text/memorize-poem>

APRIL 23-27



### Louder Than A Bomb Florida Festival

Facilitates poetry slams between schools from Homestead to Jacksonville, dubbed as the Super Bowl of Poetry. The foundation also holds professional development training opportunities for educators, two monthly youth open mics, and a 300+ student writing and performance conference.

[www.JasonTaylorFoundation.org](http://www.JasonTaylorFoundation.org)

**Note:** Continue to incorporate poetry in your classrooms from **HMH COLLECTIONS** as outlined in your grade level Pacing Guides.