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APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH
Don't miss these programs at the Main Library and branch libraries!

Inspiration from Modern Poets

Poet Laurette Louise Glück Headlines Library's
"Poetry in the Garden" Series – Wednesday, April 27 (7:00 p.m.)
at the University of Cincinnati, Tangeman University Center in the Great Hall

Nothing comes more close to one's soul than a well-crafted poem poured out from the depths of the heart. Louise Glück (pronounced "Glick") is a contemporary American poet who embodies this in each of her works. The Pulitzer-Prize Winning Poet, who was born in New York City, will address the themes of her poems during a special appearance hosted by the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County. The program, to take place at the University of Cincinnati (in the Great Hall, Tangeman University Center) on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m., is made possible by the Library Programs Fund. It's all part of "Poetry in the Garden" at the Main Library, as well as National Poetry Month.

While admittedly not in the habit of writing every day, Glück has creative rushes. "I sometimes write in seizures," she said. "I wrote three books very, very rapidly." She believes that "you just live your life and you hope that some poem demands to be written." As the author of numerous books of poetry, Ms. Glück's creative rushes have paid off, earning her high praises and honors for works such as *Vita Nova* (1999), winner of *Boston Book Review's* Bingham Poetry Prize; *The Wild Iris* (1992), which received the Pulitzer Prize and the Poetry Society of America's William Carlos Williams Award; and *Proofs and Theories: Essays on Poetry* (1994), which won the PEN/Martha Albrand Award for Nonfiction. Ms. Glück was elected a Chancellor

of The Academy of American Poets in 1999, and was appointed the Library of Congress' 12th Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry in 2003.

Other Featured Poets at the Main Library: Wednesdays in April, 7:00 p.m.

As part of National Poetry Month, the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, will host its 7th annual *Poetry in the Garden* series featuring inspiring poets in the Reading Garden Alcove on Wednesday in April at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.

Beth Gylys most recently won the Ohio State University Press Journal Prize for her collection, *Spot in the Dark* (2004). Her other books include *Bodies that Hum* and *Balloon Heart*. Currently an associate professor at Georgia State University, her poems have appeared in *Paris Review*, *Antioch Review*, *Boston Review*, and others.

Josh Bell is a graduate of Indiana State University, Southern Illinois University (M.A.), Iowa Writers' Workshop (M.F.A.), and is currently a PhD candidate at U.C. His poetry has appeared in *Boston Review*, *The Colorado Review*, *Fence*, *Hotel Amerika*, *Verse*, and *Volt* and his first book is *No Planets Strike* (2004).

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

Victor Velez was born in Puerto Rico and raised in Brooklyn. A featured poet in *Six Silver Bullet Proof Poetry Chapbook*, his first book was *A Quest for Answers*. He is currently working on a poetic collection, *Conga Blues*.

Victor Nichifor was born in Romania and has published poems in Romanian literary magazines. The author of *Aigess* (1997) and *Windows 98* (1998), a collection with six other writers, his new collection, *Epoca Lu* (The Lu Epoch), will be published in Romania this year. He resides in Cincinnati and is International Human Resources Manager for Procter & Gamble.

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.

Sophia Kartsonis' stories, poems, and essays have appeared in *Colorado Review*, *Denver Quarterly*, *Glimmer Train*, *Gulf Coast*, *Hotel Amerika*, and *Indiana Review*. Her poetry collection, *Intaglio*, was a finalist in a number of contests. She is a PhD candidate at U.C. and was recently nominated for the AWP Intro Journals Project and for a Pushcart Prize.

Joshua Mehigan was born in upstate New York and has lived in New York City since 1993. He's worked as a teacher, web designer, and editor, and his book of poems, *The Optimist* (OU Press), won the 2004 Hollis Summers Award and was subsequently named one of the top ten university press books of 2004 by *ForeWord Magazine*. His poems have appeared in *Poetry*, *Ploughshares*, and *Verse*.

CHECK OUT THESE POETRY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS IN APRIL

TUESDAY 5

Delhi Township, 5095 Foley Road, 369-6019

Poetry Party for Teachers! Find out what's new in children's poetry. Refreshments will be served, 4:00 p.m., adults **FPL**

MONDAY 11

Walnut Hills, 2533 Kemper Lane, 369-6053

Walnut Hills Poetry Café: Celebrate National Poetry Month with readings by Ruel Thompson and Benjamin Hughes. Open mic! 7:00 p.m., adults

SUNDAY 17

Main Library, 800 Vine Street—Reading Garden, 369-6900

For a Better World: Poems and Drawings on Peace and Justice by Greater Cincinnati Artists. Readings from acclaimed local poets highlighted in the exhibit and book, *For a Better World*. A book signing will follow the reading. Refreshments provided, 2:00-4:00 p.m., adults

APRIL POETRY PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG ADULTS (teens)**April 1-30****The Main Library and all 41 branches will host this special event!**

Random Acts of Poetry Teen Poetry Contest - April is the time to commit random acts of poetry during *National Poetry Month*! Write a poem and win a prize. Turn in your entry for the Library's first ever-Teen Poetry Contest at any branch location any time during the month of April. The Library's Official Teen Advisory Board and the teen editors of *Seven Hills Review* will pick the winners, 12:00 noon, ages 12-18 **FPL**

Calling All Poets: There's a poet in everyone! Don't miss your chance to work with poets and writers from InkTank and find the poet in you. For ages 12-18 **FPL**

Tuesday, April 12: Madisonville, 4830 Whetsel Avenue, 369-6029, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13: Symmes Township, 11850 East Enyart, 369-6001, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 16: Harrison, 10398 New Haven Road, 369-4442, 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26: Main Library, 800 Vine St.—Reading Garden, 369-6918, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26: Meets at the Cincinnati Art Museum, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 28: Groesbeck, 2994 W. Galbraith Road, 369-4454, 7:00 p.m.

Poetry Writing Workshop: Celebrate *National Poetry Month* with local poet Dan Bach. Dan will share writing tips, writing styles and inspiration as well as share some of his poetry. Bring a poem of your own to share! Ages 12-up

Saturday, April 2: Symmes Township, 11850 East Enyart, 369-6001, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 12: Corryville, 2802 Vine Street, 369-6034, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 7

Bond Hill, 1703 Dale Road, 369-4445

Magnetic Poetry: Express Yourself and Make a Magnet, 4:00 p.m., ages 12 & up **FPL**

WEDNESDAY 13

Delhi Township, 5095 Foley Road, 369-6019

Poetry Party for Teens! Share your favorite poem! Try your hand at "hink pinks" and other fun poetic activities, 4:00 p.m., ages 11 & up **FPL**

THURSDAY 14

Avondale, 3566 Reading Road, 369-4440

Teen Poetry Slam: Compete for cool prizes! 4:00 p.m., ages 12-18 **FPL**

Corryville, 2802 Vine Street, 369-6034

Corryville Kids Create: Celebrate National Poetry Month with pocket poems. Design a book with pockets to slip your favorite poems into! 4:00 p.m., all ages **FPL**

Mt. Washington, 2049 Beechmont Avenue, 369-6033

Teens Get Real With Poetry: Share your favorite poems! 6:30 p.m., ages 12-18 *

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Reading, 9001 Reading Road, 369-4465

Put a Poem in Your Pocket: Make a fun book to record your favorite poems! 3:30 p.m., ages 6-12 **FPL**

Westwood, 3345 Epworth Avenue, 369-4474

Locker Poetry: Create a set of magnetic words to express yourself for your locker or refrigerator, 3:00 p.m., ages 11-18 **FPL**

THURSDAY 28

Green Township, 6525 Bridgetown Road, 369-6095

Poetry Café: Calling all Teen Poets! Bring your original poetry for an open reading. Prizes given to the top original works! 7:00 p.m., ages 12-18 * **FPL**

Friday, April 29

Hyde Park, 2747 Erie Avenue, 369-4456

Pizza Poems: Bring your poetry to share. Refreshments will be served, 4:00 p.m., ages 12 & up **FPL**

APRIL POETRY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS IN APRIL

Delhi Township, 5095 Foley Road, 369-6019

Poetry Breaks! Come and listen to a few minutes of poetry, 3:00 & 4:00 p.m., all ages

TUESDAY 12

Groesbeck, 2994 W. Galbraith Road, 369-4454

After School Adventures: Celebrate Young People's Poetry Week! 3:45 p.m., ages 6-12 *

Symmes Township, 11850 East Enyart, 369-6001

Poetry! Enjoy hearing and writing poetry. Refreshments will be served. 7:00 p.m., all ages

WEDNESDAY 13

College Hill, 1400 W. North Bend Road, 369-6036

Get Crafty: Poetry Party: We'll announce the winners of our poetry contest and share poems and snacks! 2:30-4:30 p.m., all ages **FPL**

North Central, 11109 Hamilton Avenue, 369-6068

Poetry Writing Workshop: Celebrate Young People's Poetry Week and learn tips on writing your own poetry, 4:00 p.m., ages 8 & up

FRIDAY 15

College Hill, 1400 W. North Bend Road, 369-6036

Magnetic Poetry: Celebrate Young People's Poetry Week, 2:30-4:30 p.m., all ages **FPL**

TUESDAY 19

Avondale, 3566 Reading Road, 369-4440

Poetry Pebbles: Celebrate National Poetry Month! Bring a poem and create poetry pebbles, 3:00 p.m., all ages **KER**

Mt. Healthy, 7608 Hamilton Avenue, 369-4469

Picking Up Where the Sidewalk Ends - Write a poem and illustrate it with humorous drawings in the style of Shel Silverstein. 7:00 p.m., ages 6-12 **FPL**

Mt. Washington, 2049 Beechmont Avenue, 369-6033

Poetry Pizzazz, 6:30 p.m., ages 6-10

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SATURDAY 23

Madeira, 7200 Miami Avenue, 369-6028

Poetry Workshop: Create your own book of poetry to celebrate National Poetry Month! 1:30 p.m., ages 7 & up **FPL**

WEDNESDAY 27

Delhi Township, 5095 Foley Road, 369-6019

Poetry Party for Children! Make a mini-poetry book and listen to your favorite poems. You can even read one of your own! 4:00 p.m., ages 6 & up **FPL**

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✓ **Our goal is to make our programs accessible to everyone. Please request ADA services one week in advance at 513-369-4406 (TTY 369-4409).**