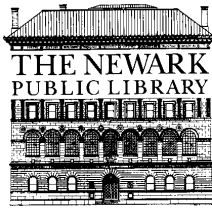


# SPECIAL OCCASION REFERENCE: POETRY



## Especially for readers

### Academy of American Poets

<http://www.poets.org>

Features information about National Poetry Month as well as awards, essays, exhibits, news, programs, and more.

### American Verse Project

<http://www.hti.umich.edu/a/amverse>

A searchable archive of American poetry prior to 1920. You can, for example, find the texts of all the poems by Emily Dickinson in which she mentions bees.

### Gale Free Resources: Poet's Corner

[http://www.gale.com/free\\_resources/poets/index.htm](http://www.gale.com/free_resources/poets/index.htm)

Biographies, a timeline, and (best of all), frequently studied poems and concise discussions of concepts underlying them; with a glossary of literary terms, information on writing term papers, and other features.

### Modern American Poetry: The Poets

<http://www.english.uiuc.edu/maps/poets.htm>

A richly diverse array of writers, with a sampling of their poems along with biography and criticism, this site is a companion to The Anthology of Modern American Poetry.

### MPR's The Writer's Almanac

<http://almanac.mpr.org>

Literary history, with a poem for every day from 1995 to date, as well as literary links.

### Poetry

<http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/litlinks/poetry/index.htm>

For over 60 poets: biographical information and links to excellent websites.

### Poetry Archive

<http://www.poetryarchive.org/poetryarchive/home.do>

Read and listen to great poets of the English language. With comments by authors, interviews, lesson plans. Searchable by author, title, and genre.

### Poetry International

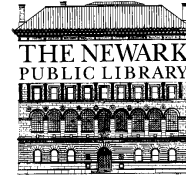
<http://www.poetryinternational.org>

A "worldwide forum for poetry on the internet...with news, reviews, essays, interviews and discussion, but, first and foremost, hundreds of poems by acclaimed modern poets from all around the world, both in the original language and in English translation."

### Poetry 180: A Poem a Day for American High Schools

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

Former Poet Laureate Billy Collins assembled this beautiful collection, one for every day of the typical school year. Not for teens only.



Poetry -- Poetry Literature Resources and Resources for Poets  
<http://www.writerswrite.com/poetry>  
A nearly comprehensive directory.

Poetry Project at St. Mark's Church  
<http://www.poetryproject.com/poets&poems/prevpoet.html>  
Some of the best new poetry can be read here. See also the calendar of events so that you can hear the poets read their own work.

Poets' Corner  
<http://www.theotherpages.org/poems>  
Named for the memorial section of Westminster Abbey, Poets' Corner provides author, title, and subject indexes, biographies, references, and links, with an emphasis on the traditional canon of English and American literatures.

Representative Poetry On-Line  
<http://rpo.library.utoronto.ca>  
A collection of over 2,000 poems by approximately 300 poets who wrote from the medieval period into the early years of the twentieth century.

Voices and Visions: Poets in Person  
<http://www.learner.org/resources/series57.html>  
Aimed at teachers and students but great for every reader of Bishop, Crane, Dickinson, Eliot, Frost, Hughes, (Robert) Lowell, Moore, Stevens, Whitman, and Williams.

## Especially for writers

Poetry Kit  
<http://www.poetrykit.org>  
Competitions, events, magazines, and workshops.

Poetry Magic  
<http://www.poetrymagic.co.uk/index.html>  
A site for the appreciation and writing of poetry.

Poets and Writers  
<http://www.pw.org>  
Resources for creative writers include advice, contests, grants, literary links, magazines, university writing programs, workshops, etc.



## *A few notes....*

Most requests are for criticism, writing/publishing, finding half-recalled poems, teaching poetry (k12), poetry in libraries, or (somewhat related to Readers' Advisory work) "I need a poem for x special occasion."

- **Criticism:** your library catalog, Gale databases (Free Resources Poets Corner, Literary Index, Discovering, Lit Resource Center), Ebsco Academic, Humanities Index, MLA bibliography, LION; sites: Mod.Am.Po., Poetry(BedfordMartins), Poets Corner. Theme in criticism--even if you don't find the particular poem...

- **Writing/publishing:** catalog (e.g., Writer's Market, Poet's Market), sites on handout: Poetry kit, Poetry magic, Poetry--Poetry literature resources and resources for poets, Poets & writers, Rhyme zone, Shaw guides, So you wanna
- **Half-recalled poems:** Sources range from Granger to Google, check collections/works of author if you think that's the one
  - Remember that not all are poems: (the Profound issue)
    - 1) some are songs, e.g., "Tell Me Why"
    - 2) some are speeches or documents or prayers or monologues, e.g., note rhythm of "We hold these truths to be self-evident..."
  - Sometimes the person suggests an author, like RL Stevenson or Shakespeare or the Bible---may or may not be correct
  - Garbled recollections: "Man in the Glass" is really "Guy in the Glass"
  - Always great to ask when and where the person recalls reading/hearing the work, e.g. Fooling with words
  - Some may have been in newspapers or textbooks or classroom teacher-written for mnemonics
- **Teaching:** Borzoi Reader at randomhouse.com, Well Versed: A guide for teaching poetry, Voices & visions: poets in person. Lots of lesson plans online
- **Library ideas:** Insert poetry into as much as you can, e.g., the student studying Harriet Tubman (Susan Griffin's poem); poems are relatively short--connection with those who do not enjoy reading longer works. See expensive Poets House
- **I need a poem for...:** Granger, catalog, sites: especially Academy of Am. Poets, Poets' Corner (subject index), and sometimes Representative Poetry Online

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