



**MARCH 27 - APRIL 21, 2023**

## **Do you have a way with words?**

Milwaukee youth ages 13-18 are encouraged to submit an original poem online between March 27 and April 21, 2023. Prizes will be awarded to the top two poems in three age categories: 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18.

Submit one original poem online at  
**[mpl.org/PoetryContest](http://mpl.org/PoetryContest)**.

*View Complete Rules on back of this flyer.*

## **TEEN POETRY FEST - SAVE THE DATE!**

**Mitchell Street Branch**  
906 W. Historic Mitchell St.  
Saturday, April 29 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Winners will be announced at the Teen Poetry Fest. Join us for a celebration of poetry with an Open Mic, the chance to record your work in the Northwestern Mutual Foundation Studio M Makerspace Sound Booth, and a variety of creative stations to express yourself! Light refreshments will be served.



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# TEEN POETRY CONTEST RULES

- *Must be between 13-18 years old to participate.*
- *Participants must be Milwaukee County residents.*
- *Only entries submitted as a PDF or Word document will be accepted at [mpl.org/PoetryContest](http://mpl.org/PoetryContest).*
- *All submissions must be original works written by the young adult submitting the entry.*
- *Each individual may submit one (1) entry in total.*
- *Individuals can only win one (1) prize in this contest.*
- *Entries may be edited for publication purposes.*

## POETRY PROGRAMMING

### National Poetry Month Tour

Join Milwaukee Poet Laureate Mario “The Poet” Willis and Friends for a celebration of National Poetry Month in your neighborhood! Each event includes poetry read by the author and an Open Mic session facilitated by Ryeshia Farmer. All ages welcome to participate.

**Saturday, April 1     3-4:30 p.m.**

East Branch | 2320 N. Cramer St.

**Saturday, April 8     3-4:30 p.m.**

Bay View Branch | 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

**Saturday, April 15     12-1:30 p.m.**

Washington Park Branch | 2121 N. Sherman Blvd.

**Saturday, April 22     3-4:30 p.m.**

Villard Square Branch | 5190 N. 35th St.

**Thursday, April 27     4-5:30 p.m.**

Mitchell Street Branch | 906 W. Historic Mitchell St.

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### National Poetry Month Writing Workshop and Open Mic Hosted by Kavon Cortez Jones

Wear your best Milwaukee-themed apparel (shirts, caps, hoodies) to celebrate the return of open mic poetry to the East Branch Library. Let's set the space ablaze with energy as we enjoy performances from the home-grown poets and storytellers of Milwaukee.

- **1-2 p.m.** - Milwaukee-themed writing workshop with Darlin Nikki Janzen (bring a notebook and pen).
- **2-4 p.m.** - Opening performance by Milwaukee Poet Laureate Mario Willis. Then open mic performances and a closing performance by Darlin' Nikki Janzen.

**Saturday, April 15     1-4 p.m.**

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