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Siouxland Libraries Feature Multiple Events To Celebrate National Poetry Month

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Siouxland Libraries will be part of the largest literary celebration in the world, joining schools, publishers, booksellers, and poets in celebration of poetry's vital place in our culture. Poetrypalooza events include the following:

Funny Punny Day

Knock, knock. Who's there? You! Storytime at 10:30 a.m., followed by fun(ny)-filled crafts and activities. Prairie West Branch | Saturday, April 1, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Shakespeare Poetry Contest for Teens and Adults

Pick up a brochure at any branch for details. Entries can be submitted through April 9.

Poetry and Limerick Contest for Children and Teens

Entries should be returned to the Brandon Community Library (305 S. Splitrock Blvd.) by April 15. The winning entry will be published in the *Brandon Valley Challenger*.

Poetry Reading by Dr. Kevin Cole

The University of Sioux Falls professor will read from his recently released book, "Late Summer Plums," and talk about his creative process. Downtown Library (200 N. Dakota Ave.), Thursday, April 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Third Annual Poetry Slam @ Coffea Downtown

Come to listen or register to read your original work at 200 S. Phillips Ave. Register at siouxlandlib.org or by calling 367-8700. Coffea (200 S. Phillips Ave.), Friday, April 7, 6:30 p.m.

Preschool Poetry Storytime

For children ages 3 to 5. Downtown Library (200 N. Dakota Ave.), Monday, April 10, 10:15-10:50 a.m. & 1-1:35 p.m.

P.W.P.D. – Page to Screen: Poetry Month

Discover how poetry made its way from the written page to the screen. Then write a poem or create blackout poetry to hang on the Poet Tree! Grades 4-8. Prairie West Branch Library (7630 W. 26th), Tuesday, April 11, 4:15-5 p.m.

Blackout Poetry for Teens

Express yourself by creating poetry from discarded book pages. Caille Branch Library (4100 S. Carnegie Circle), Thursday, April 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Poetry Reading with Dakota Women Poets

A poetry reading by the Dakota Women Poets will be followed by a Q & A. Downtown Library (200 N. Dakota Ave.), Thursday, April 20, 7-8:30 p.m.

Fun Friday: Poetry in Action

Awaken creativity with poems and activities. Ages K-5, Downtown Library (200 N. Dakota Ave.), Friday, April 21, 4-5 p.m.

Siouxland Shakespearience: Tea with the Bard

Enjoy a free performance by the Bare Bodkins Theater Company. Then, test your knowledge of the playwright's work, brush up on your insult skills, and enjoy refreshments. Registration required (367-8060), Oak View Branch Library (3700 E. 3rd St.), Sunday, April 23, 2-4 p.m.

On-Going April Programs

Poet Tree: Enjoy reading some poetry or write a poem to add to the tree. Downtown Library (200 N. Dakota Ave.)

Magnetic Poetry: Try your hand at creating poetry with magnetic words. Caille Branch Library, 4100 S. Carnegie Circle; Downtown Library (200 N. Dakota Ave.)

Random Acts of Poetry: Look for poetry posted throughout the building during April. Downtown Library (200 N. Dakota Ave.)

Poetry Baskets: Take a poem and enjoy reading poems for Poetry Month, Caille Branch Library, 4100 S. Carnegie Circle; Downtown Library. (200 N. Dakota Ave.)

Cut Up Poetry for Teens: Create a poem using words clipped from books and magazines. Downtown Library (200 N. Dakota Ave.)

Sponsored by the Academy of American Poets, National Poetry Month began in 1996.

If an ADA accommodation is needed, please contact the Human Relations Office at 6053678745 or humanrelations@siouxfalls.org at least 72 hours before the event.

For more information, please call Siouxland Libraries at 367-8700 or visit www.siuoxlandlib.org.

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