Celebrate National Poetry Month with the Lawrence Arts Center and Lawrence Public Library. A variety of verse will turn up all over town, in places expected and unexpected and in formats both funky and familiar. Join us for a confluence of couplets, a quantity of quatrains, and a lot of limericks!

**National Poetry Month @ the Library...**

**The Meaninglessness of National Poetry Month in an Apocalyptic Year**  
Weds, April 4, 7:00 pm | Library Auditorium  
Kick off National Poetry Month with an interesting and perhaps irreverent reading and reflection from poet and prof Mark Hennenegger.

**An Evening with Dr. Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg**  
Weds, April 25, 7:00 pm | Library Auditorium  
A reading of new and familiar poems from the Kansas Poet Laureate.

**Miss Becca’s Perfectly Poetic Storytimes**  
Sundays, April 1, 15, 29, 3:30 pm | Children’s Room  
Children and their families can build their own poems with Legos, help create a “Poetree” for the lobby, and laugh our loud with poems that are silly and sublime.

**Poetry Laboratory**  
Various | Library Auditorium  
Slate poetry and win prizes, from frozen burritos to techno gadget! Read, slam, or improvise a poem at the library’s laidback Poetry Social. Flaunt your oratory acrobatics at the Teen Tongue Twister contest. Mess around with magnetic poetry in the library’s Teen Zone.  
**Magnetic Poetry for Teens:** Fri, April 7, 8:00 pm  
**Poetry Slam:** Weds, April 11, 7:00 pm  
**Teen Tongue Twister Contest:** Fri, April 13, 3:30 pm  
**Poetry Social:** Weds, April 18, 7:00 pm

**Computer Classes for Poets**  
Wednesdays, April 11 and 18, 2:00 pm | Computer Lab  
In which poetry and technology are happily married! Learn how to make a chapbook using Microsoft Publisher and find places to publish your poetry on the web. Advance registration recommended, call 785-843-1175.
National Poetry Month @ the Arts Center...

COMMUNITY EPIC POEM

Bored by Beowulf? Lost in Paradise Lost? Over The Iliad? Move over, Mahabharata – add a stanza to the ongoing epic poem installed at the Lawrence Arts Center beginning in March. The epic poem will be completed in May and published on the Lawrence Arts Center’s website.

POEM MAILBOX

If you love it, let it go. Drop an original or favorite poem in the Poem Mailbox at Lawrence Public Library or the Arts Center, and be surprised where it turns up – in a book at the library, on a wall at the Arts Center, in a restaurant menu, on the sidewalk, who knows where! Set your verse free so someone else can love it, too.

SPEED POETRY

Exercise your poetic muscles. Knock out a poem on a manual typewriter installed in the Lawrence Public Library and Arts Center lobbies during the month of April. Drop it into the Poem Mailbox to let it out into the world.

GRAFFITI BARDS

Notice to all virtuosos of the clandestine couplet: Don’t hide your genius. Hand write your original or favorite poem on the chalkboard wall installed at the Lawrence Arts Center instead. Weekly “best of” will make it into a virtual chapbook.

GUERRILLA POETRY

Look for poetry to turn up in unexpected places all throughout Lawrence from March to May. Pay heed: Gorilla Poet sightings possible. Stay tuned to www.lawrenceartscenter.org for more exciting poetry antics and incidents.

POETRY OFF THE PAGE: AN INSTALLATION BY MARK HENNESSY AND FRIENDS

This is not your usual poetry reading. Beginning April 16, the front gallery at the Lawrence Arts Center will host an ongoing installation featuring everything poetry but the book.