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April is National Poetry Month

Throughout the month of April, schools, libraries, and people across the United States celebrate [National Poetry Month](#). According to the Academy of American Poets, they launched National Poetry Month in April 1996 to "... [remind] the public that poets have an integral role to play in our culture and that poetry matters."

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There are many ways to celebrate, including signing up for "[Poem-a-Day](#)," participating online by using the hashtag #NationalPoetryMonth, and displaying the [2022 National Poetry Month Poster](#). The Academy of American Poets also compiled a list of [30 ways to celebrate National Poetry Month in the classroom](#) and a list of [30 ways to celebrate online and at home](#).

National Poetry Month wraps up with the annual Poetry & the Creative Mind virtual event on April 28 and Poem in Your Pocket Day on April 29. [Poetry & the Creative Mind](#) is a free virtual event that welcomes all poetry lovers to participate in a poetry celebration. This year's event will be hosted by poets Richard Blanco and Terrance Hayes. Interested participants can sign up for the event on the [Poetry & the Creative Mind website](#).

[Poem in Your Pocket Day](#) encourages individuals around the country to celebrate and share poetry in their daily life. The Academy of American Poets suggests several ways to get involved, including:

- Select a poem and share it on social media using the hashtag #PocketPoem.
- Record a video of yourself reading a poem, then share it on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, or another social media platform you use.
- Email a poem to your friends, family, neighbors, or local government leaders.
- Schedule a video chat and read a poem to your loved ones.
- Add a poem to your email footer.

However you choose to celebrate, SDSL wishes you a happy National Poetry Month!

Academy of American Poets: National Poetry Month

Poetry & the Creative Mind


Poem in Your Pocket Day




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