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Summer has arrived with a bang!



The Board of our **Poetry Society of Oklahoma** was hoping to have a Summer Workshop in July. However, after checking around Oklahoma City for various venues, we found nothing available. We even tossed around ideas of holding an outside meeting but, with Oklahoma weather, no sound system, etc. that did not seem to work, either.

The Board met (electronically in June) to discuss a venue for our **PSO** National Poetry Day meeting, a nominating committee and an audit committee. This October meeting we elect officers.

I know we discussed April as National Poetry month in our May issue. However, something **PSO** found rather exciting – as we celebrated National Poetry Month in Oklahoma City, our residents can now enjoy a new public art project bringing poetry to eight local parks.

The project installed two poems sand-blasted into park sidewalks. The eight parks are:

- 1 Geraldine Park ** Lake Overholser Park ** Pat Murphy Park ** Wood-run Park ** Dolphin Wharton Park ** Britton Park ** Melrose Park **

South Rotary Park. And also, as we celebrated National Poetry Month in our state, Representative Jay Steagall honored famed cowboy entertainer Red Steagall with a citation from the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Steagall gave a short performance in the Capitol rotunda as part of National Poetry Month which was declared by the House through House Resolution 1012 presented by Representative Tammy West, on April 1, 2021.

As we have stated previously, **PSO** does indeed just like to celebrate poetry!

Our **PSO** “Did You Know” finishes with the youth of today and why poetry is important to them in this issue.

Please remember to check our **PSO** website <http://www.angelfire.com/poetry/ps/> for information and our **PSO** Facebook page.

Until next time ~ Keep writing those poems! And...

“Come and Grow at PSO!

Patti Koch, PSO President

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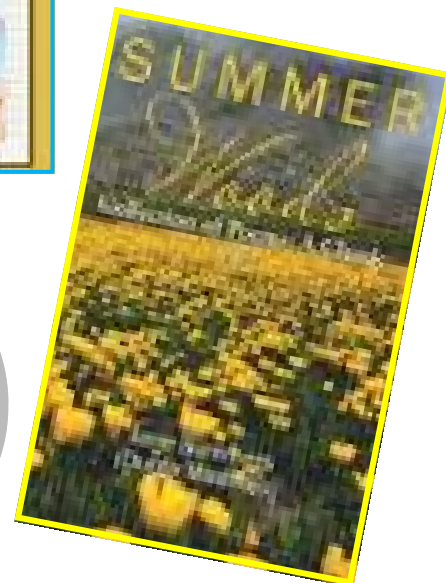
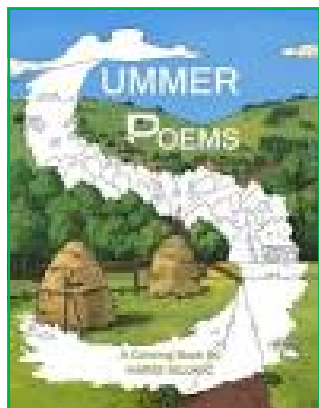
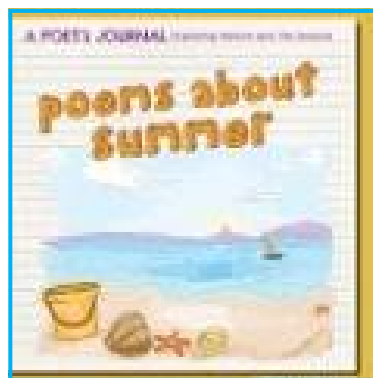
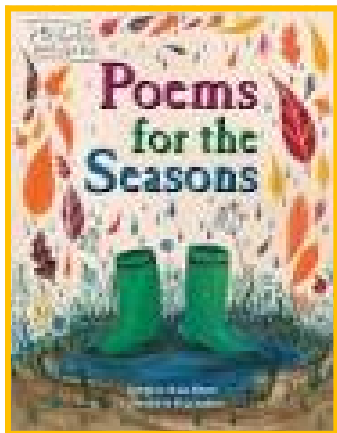
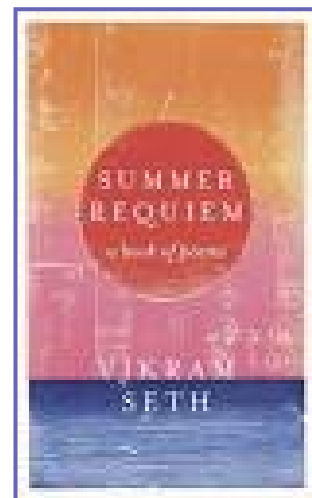
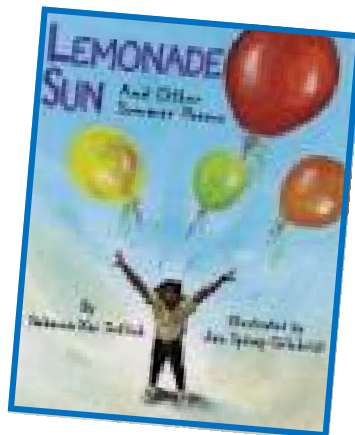
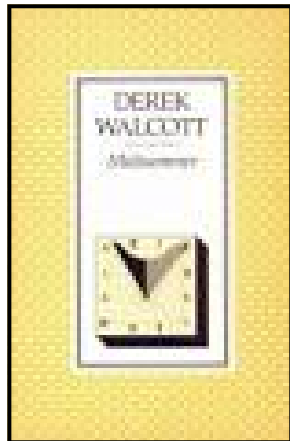
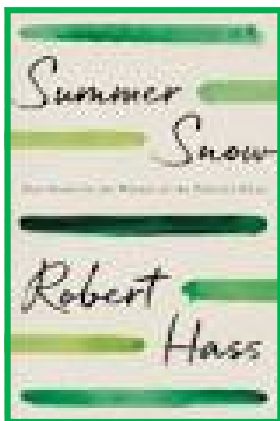
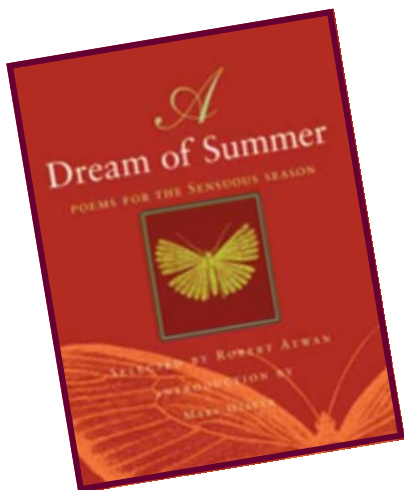
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that this is part four and the end of the importance of teaching and exposing children to poetry? It is, and we continue... Poetry can have a positive impact on the social and emotional learning of students. It may offer them a new way of thinking about something.

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Poetry Books for Summer!



PSO Member News

We were saddened to learn of Von Bourland's passing. Let's keep her family in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Thank you to John Coppock for attending the National Convention on line. John had a good report.

Ed Roberts has two poems that are included in a poetry anthology titled "I Can't Breathe" Published by Kistrech Theatre International that will be printed in Kenya. "You Don't Know Me" and "The Value of One Life" were chosen for the collection.
(www.kistrechpoetry.org)

Ron Wallace has been on "YOU TUBE" with Books, baseball, and everything else that matters. Ron talks about ~ Songs, read as poetry ~ "In My Fathers Books", "I Will Look For You", & "A Game Of Catch" ~ "Epitaph" ~ "The Scratch Ticket", "Pyramids", & "A Night Like This" ~ Books and Poems people should read ~ and many more. This is excellent! Check it out...

Poetry Readings

The **Second Sunday** Poetry Readings Norman (The Depot) **Still Closed at this time** There will be upcoming online poetry readings on-line and are booking Thursdays to live stream

www.facebook.com/normandepot

Last Sunday Reading (Feature & Open Mic)

[Full Circle Bookstore](#), 2 p.m.

50 Penn Place, Oklahoma City

Open at this time

Word Pulp - First Thursday Monthly, 7:30 p.m.

Open at this time

Coffy's Café Open Mic - Every Friday, 8 p.m.

Open at this time

oklahomapoetryevents@gmail.com

Oklahoma State Fair

VOICE OF THE FAIR: POETRY CONTEST Division 3525
<https://okstatefair.com/uploads//2021-fine-arts.pdf>

Send member news to: pattikoch0@gmail.com

July's Poetry Form ~ Narrative Poetry <https://www.masterclass.com/>

Narrative poetry. Similar to an epic, a narrative poem tells a story. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" and Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" exemplify this form as does Edgar Allan Poe.

THE RAVEN

[Edgar Allan Poe](#) - 1809-1849

Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary,
Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore—
While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping,
As of some one gently rapping, rapping at my chamber door—
"Tis some visitor," I muttered, "tapping at my chamber door—
Only this and nothing more."

Ah, distinctly I remember it was in the bleak December;
And each separate dying ember wrought its ghost upon the floor.
Eagerly I wished the morrow;—vainly I had sought to borrow
From my books surcease of sorrow—sorrow for the lost Lenore—
For the rare and radiant maiden whom the angels name Lenore—
Nameless *here* for evermore.

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It can put things into words that our youth may not know how to express otherwise. Poetry encourages them to express themselves and their feelings. Poetry inspires a student's imaginations to run wild.

Poetry can build a love for reading for our youth. As they learn to read, they should be exposed to a variety of styles and types of text. Hopefully, this will teach them to love the act of reading and what they read as they learn. Learning to read can be hard work, and the books children learn first often lack that unique ingredient. Poetry is different. It has that special sauce that children crave and so much more! Our youth have a natural curiosity to foster and encourage with poetry. It creates enchantment and wonder in a child's mind. Poems encourage kids to imagine new worlds and experiences.


Poetry is great to share with children, but also have available for them to choose and read independently. Poems provide enjoyment and laughter. Poems are engaging and fun to read! They encourage kids to move with the rhythms they hear and add actions. We should teach poetry to children; otherwise, they may miss out on it completely. Children tend not to choose books of poems to read if they haven't been exposed before. Break this barrier and share it with them. Build a love for poetry together!

Some Children's Poetry Books - It is essential to find great examples of poems to share with children. Dennis Lee (a Canadian poet fav), [Dr. Seuss](#), and [Shel Silverstein](#) are a few fantastic authors who have written a variety of poetry and books for children.

<https://proudtobeprimary.com/reasons-teach-poetry-classroom/>
From— <https://www.edutopia.org/> & <https://www.theatlantic.com/education>



PSO ~ The Year Ahead *** 2021

July		No venue for July Workshop this year
August	15th	Deadline for Contests for Annual Meeting & National Poetry Day **
October	TBA	PSO Annual Meeting & National Poetry Day (<i>Deadline August 15th</i>)**
November	7th	Daylight Savings Time ends—turn back your clocks
November	25th	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
December	15th	Deadline for Annual Spring Contest (celebrate next March 2022)
December	25th	MERRY CHRISTMAS
December	31st	PSO Annual Membership dues are payable before the end of the calendar year ~

Poetry Society of Oklahoma Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/poetry/ps/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Poetry-Society-of-Oklahoma>