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## Hopefully, Spring will soon arrive!



As we know, the year 2020 was most certainly a year like no other we have ever seen or lived through. We have dealt with changes in our world, country and personal lives that have been very challenging, to say the least.

Then February arrived and we saw, felt and lived through the coldest weather with frigid temperatures and snow that broke many records. So, what do we do with all these happenings? Why, we sit down with pen and paper and write, write, write! What an abundance of various subjects we have to write about!

In April people all over the world will be celebrating **National Poetry Month**. Each year **PSO** looks forward to the OKC City Council presenting a Proclamation proclaiming April as **National Poetry Month** in Oklahoma City (for the tenth year in a row!). And, our Oklahoma State Legislators will present a Resolution stating April as **National Poetry Month** for the State of Oklahoma (again, for the tenth year in a row!). National Poetry Month was inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996. Poem in Your Pocket Day takes place every year on a day during Na-

tional Poetry Month. Poem in Your Pocket Day 2021 will take place on April 29th. **PSO** enjoys promoting and celebrating **National Poetry Month** in Oklahoma! **PSO** truly enjoys celebrating **POETRY** to the fullest every month!

Just a reminder that the 15th of March is the deadline for submitting any poems to NFSPS for their annual contest.

Our **PSO** "Did You Know" continues with the youth of today and why poetry is important to them. It seems more and more children are being exposed to poetry less and less. Among other reasons, how will they be interested, enjoy and participate in poetry as adults if they aren't exposed to it in their youth?

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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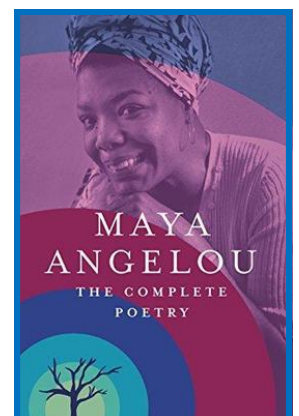
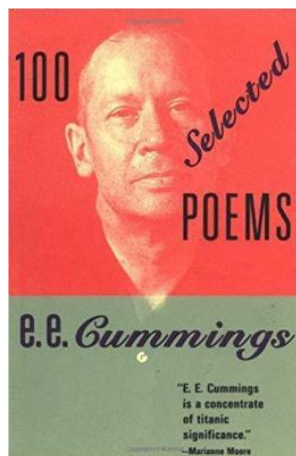
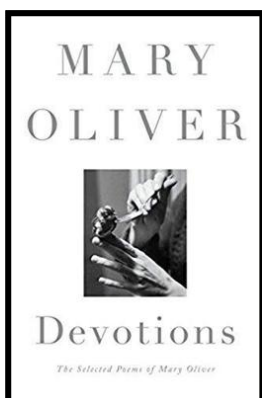
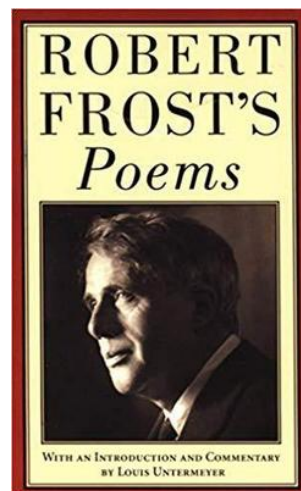
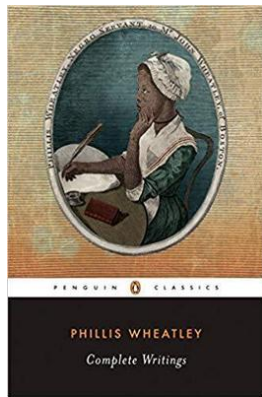
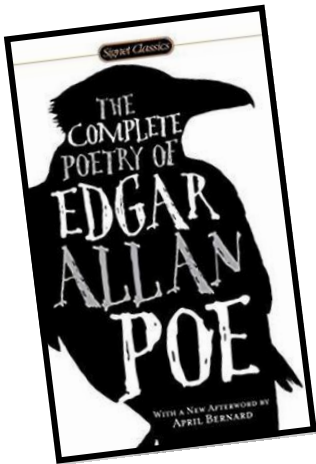
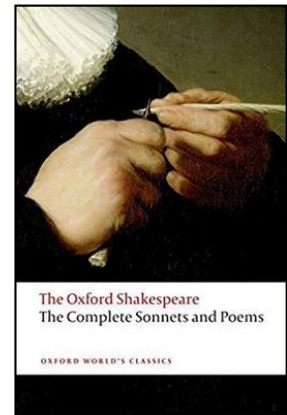
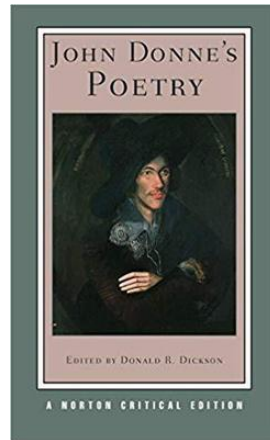
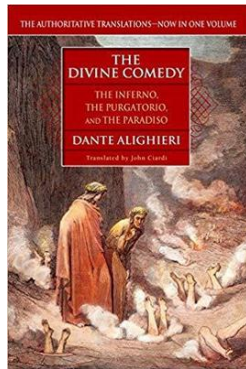
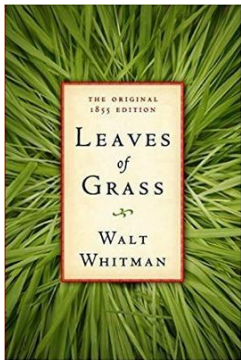
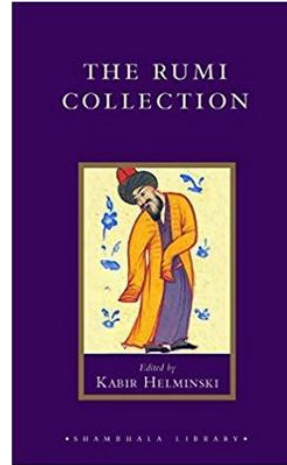
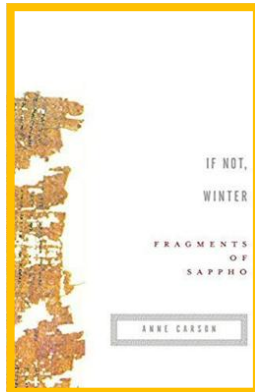
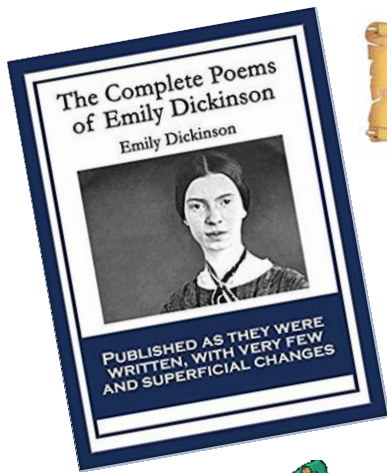
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that there are several reasons that explain the importance of teaching poetry, and instilling a love for poems in the classroom? Why is poetry important in primary school? Poetry has a place in all schools. It can be taught as part of reading, writing, and language lessons, and it fits easily into classroom

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# 15 Best Poetry Books of All Time



## PSO Member News

Carol Hamilton—received two Pushcart Prize nominations this year. They were for: "How to Recognize an American" in the Burningwood Literary Review and for "The Zapotec's Wide Stance" in the 2020 Scurfpea Press anthology in South Dakota.

Carol K. Muirhead has a new book of poetry—some of her poems from 1990 through 2020 **I'm Looking for God Have You Seen Him Today An Exploration**

Eddie D. Wilcoxon also has a new book of prose and poetry (on Amazon) **SIX BOYS! And Twenty Miles to Dodge City** These are poems and stories of Eddie's childhood and more

Delores Walker fell and broke her hip. While in the hospital for hip surgery they broke two of her toes! Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you... ♥

### Poetry Readings

The **Second Sunday** Poetry Readings Norman (The Depot) **Closed at this time** There will be upcoming online poetry readings on-line and are booking Thursdays to live stream [www.facebook.com/normandepot](http://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**

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Send member news to: [pattikoch0@gmail.com](mailto:pattikoch0@gmail.com)

### **March's Poetry Form ~ Rondel** <https://www.writersdigest.com/whats-new/rondel-poetry-form>

1. Poem consists of 13 lines in 3 stanzas
2. Rhyme scheme: ABba/abAB/abbaA (uppercase letters are refrains)
3. Usually 8 syllables per line

"Some Good"

Every day, there is some good;  
every day, there is some bad.  
Don't worry about what you had  
or waste your time knocking on wood,

because this life's misunderstood,  
and there's no reason to get mad--  
every day, there is some good;  
every day, there is some bad.

Crime happens in all neighborhoods,  
though in some crime is just a fad.  
If you live somewhere safe, be glad  
you're well off. Elevate your mood--  
every day, there is some good.

*Robert Lee Brewer...*



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themes, projects, and celebrations. It can add additional value to studies. Poem of the week activities can be easily implemented to strengthen language arts lessons.

Here are five reasons to teach poetry in the classroom. First, poetry builds reading, speaking and listening Skills. So, why teach poetry? Children need to learn to read a variety of texts and poems are one of those forms. The unique thing about poetry is that we often read aloud, repeat often, and share in groups. When children are listening to poems orally, they are building their listening skills. They learn to attend to the words they hear and to think about what those words mean together.

When sharing poems in a classroom, children are strengthening their reading skills and build reading fluency through repeated reading. The dots connect in a child's brain when they see it, hear it, and say it aloud. Children begin to listen to the rhythms and rhyme present in poems. Reading fluency develops as verses are practiced and read many times. Reading comprehension also results in discussions about meaning, connecting, and visualizing. We should encourage children to imagine the poem as it is read aloud.

Poetry provides teachers with a special tool: A tool that can be broken down and evaluated in parts. A tool that can use used to teach many literacy skills.

*(more about the importance of poetry for children next issue)*

<https://proudtobeprimary.com/reasons-teach-poetry-classroom/>



## PSO ~ The Year Ahead \*\*\* 2021

March	14th	Daylight Savings Time starts –Spring forward!
March	TBA	Annual Meeting
May	15th	<b>Deadline</b> for Contests for July Workshop*
July	TBA	July Workshop and Contests ( <i>Deadline May 15th</i> )*
August	15th	<b>Deadline</b> 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	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>
December	15th	<b>Deadline</b> for Annual Spring Contest (celebrate next March 2022)
December	25th	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>
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/psol>

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

