Celebrate National Library Week, April 8-14

From the American Library Association website: National Library Week will be observed April 8-14, 2018 with the theme, "Libraries Lead." First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate. National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and library workers and to promote library use and support.

Library Collection Spotlight: Women's History

From free access to books and online resources to library centers that help support patrons, libraries offer opportunity to all.

Join Us for These Upcoming National Library Week Events at the Library Atrium, Wellesley Hills Campus

Annual Poetry Slam at MassBay Community College
Tue, April 10, 11am-1pm

Author Visit and Talk with Charles Derber and Yale Magrass
"Bully Nation: How the American Establishment Creates a Bullying Society"
Thu, April 12, 11am-12pm
Celebrate National Poetry Month in April, or All Year-Round!

**Editorial by Bridget Eileen Madden**

April is National Poetry Month, something poets appreciate because it means there will be extra readings, events, and conferences to attend as we honor our field of literary art. However, it doesn’t need to be National Poetry Month in order for any of us to celebrate what poetry can bring to our lives. Often times when I tell people I am a poet, they will lament that they never “got” poetry. It is sad that many of us think we need a certain key to unlock the purpose of a poem. We don’t often say these things about other art forms, like paintings or music. We feel free to just hear a song and appreciate the sounds, or see a painting and appreciate the colors. I have good news for you: the same can be done with poetry. You don’t have to find the metaphor, understand the literary allusion, or recognize the rhythmic pattern in order to “get” a poem. You can just read it and take from it whatever catches your attention. Maybe you like the use of words you don’t often see, or the sounds the poet picked to express their thoughts. Maybe an image came to mind from just one line in the poem, and you appreciate that. Maybe you like how the poem looks across the page, differently spaced than prose writing. All of those experiences with a poem mean that you are “getting” it. There’s no special key to unlock what poetry can mean to you. You just have to read it, or hear it, to successfully experience it.

Visit our National Poetry Month display this April to “get” some of our poetry collection. Most books can circulate.

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- providing materials such as books, periodicals, videos and online resources that support your curriculum
- development of online guides to support your course’s research assignments and projects

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