



Top Ten

Top Ten Ideas for National Poetry Month

1. Ask teachers and administrators to read their favorite poem over the school announcements.
2. Host a “Place Inspired” poetry writing contest with the library as the setting for the poem and give prizes.
3. Produce a video of students reading a favorite poem and display on an iPad or computer for other students to watch and listen.
4. Invite language arts classes to host a Poetry Slam in the library.
5. Locate local poets and ask them to visit the library to share their writings.
6. Create a collection of audio clip poetry readings on the library homepage for students to hear.
7. Create a bulletin board with images and photos that respond to a poem(s) and have an interesting display of poetry books in the library.
8. Find and display a collection of international poems and share with ELL teachers.
9. Have students visit the *Children’s Poetry Archive* website that has hundreds of poems written for children and read by the authors. Most of the poets are from other countries making it fun for the students to listen to the poems.
10. Visit the *30 Poets 30 Days* website that celebrates children’s poetry during April.