

Poetry Readings and News for National Poetry Month 2022

National

Poetry and the Creative Mind, **virtual, free, open to the public** “an evening of favorite poems read by luminaries from across the arts and culture”, hosted by Richard Blanco and Terrance Hayes.

To register see information, here:

<https://poets.org/academy-american-poets/programs/poetry-creative-mind>

Local

March 31, 6-7:30 p.m. Largo Library, Walt Whitman presented by Whitman scholar, Ed Centano Registration required. Register online

<https://largo.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=14774&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/03/03> or call 727.587.6715

USF Humanities Institute will host a virtual poetry reading with Joshua Bennett at 6:00 p.m. on April 7 :

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-poetry-reading-with-joshua-bennett-registration-292673643747>

Eckerd College National Poetry Month Reading Series:

- April 13 An evening with Terrance Hayes and Dave Lundy Martin
- April 20, An evening with Aimee Nezhukumatathil
- April 27, An evening with Kaveh Akbar

For details click this link and scroll down:

<https://www.eckerd.edu/news/events/>

News:

Guyanese poet Grace Nichols has been awarded the Queen’s Gold Medal for Poetry in the U.K. (Her first collection *I is a Long-Memored Woman* (1983) won the Commonwealth Poetry Prize) You can hear Grace Nichols read poems: <https://poetryarchive.org/poet/grace-nichols/>

Newly released prize-winning chapbook, *Spontaneous* by OLLI Instructor, Victoria Dym is available online: https://www.amazon.com/Spontaneous-Victoria-Dym/dp/B09VWMZMDT/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3VG6TH475HTVV&keywords=victoria+dym&qid=1648134434&sprefix=victoria+dym%2Caps%2C51&sr=8-1

Gianna Russo's latest book available online: *All I See is Your Glinting: 90 Days in the Pandemic*, with photographer Jenny Carey (Madville Publishing, 2022)

Safety Harbor Public Library National Poetry Month Contest, deadline April 14:

<https://events.safetyharborlibrary.org/event/national-poetry-month-contest>