

Laurels and Lyrics: Poetry Resources at the Library of Congress

The Library of Congress Web site is a rich resource for poetry lovers. This program introduces the Library's many poetry offerings - including web guides on U.S. poets laureate, webcasts of poetry readings, exhibits on famous poets, and, of course, poems themselves - to educators and members of the general public wishing to explore American poetry and its presence in everyday life.

Audience: Teachers, curriculum specialists, professional development specialists, librarians, university instructors

Objectives: Participants will

- Be able to locate poetry and poetry resources on the Library of Congress Web site.
- Be able to locate external Web sites that serve as resources for poems, poetry recordings, poetry criticism, lesson plans, and other curricular activities.
- Learn how primary and secondary sources of poetry can be integrated to offer an engaging encounter with poetry.

Tasks in brief:

- Navigate the Library of Congress Web site to find poetry and poetry-related resources.
- Explore poetry resources on the Library of Congress Web site, including:
 - Poetry projects sponsored by U.S. Poets Laureate.
 - Multimedia resources in poetry, including webcasts and audio recordings.
 - Poetry written by U.S. presidents.
- Explore selected external poetry Web sites of educational value.

Time Required: 1 or 1 ½ hour interactive workshop, with hands-on practice locating and viewing poems on the Library's Web site and external sites. 1 ½ hour workshop includes more in-depth exploration of external sites. Internet-connected computers are required.

Library of Congress Resources:

Poetry Home Page - <http://www.loc.gov/poetry/>

Poetry Web Guides - <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/lcpoetry/>

Unites States Poets Laureate - <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/poetslaureate/>

Presidents as Poets - <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/prespoetry/>

External Resources:

Academy of American Poets - <http://www.poets.org/>

Poetry Foundation - <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/>

Modern American Poetry - <http://www.english.illinois.edu/maps/>