

NORTHFIELD POET LAUREATE REPORT

April 2018

Laureate Events

April 5: Poetry Night with Andrea Een (Northfield Public Library)

April 23: Poetry Night with Rachel Moritz (Content)

April 28: Beyond Rhyme: Children's poetry reading at the Northfield Public Library

April 30: Poetry Night with Jennifer Kwon Dobbs (Content)

Meetings

April 9: Arts and Culture Commission

April 11: Library Board

April 11: Poem in Your Pocket Day (preparing boxes for distribution)

April 20: Interviewed by Carleton student for her nonfiction writing class

April 30: Met with four Carleton computer science students about their class final project (creating a prototype of a city-wide master arts calendar)

Other

1. Wrote two commissioned occasional poems, for the annual Boards and Commissions Appreciation Program (April 25) and for Harmony Neal's MSAB Individual Artist Grant capstone event (April 29). The poems are archived here: <http://guides.mynpl.org/poetlaureate/poems>
2. Appeared with Bonnie Jean Flom on Paula Granquist's ArtZany! show on 95.1 The One. The program is archived here: <http://kymnradio.net/2018/04/27/artzany-sidewalk-poetry-and-poem-in-your-pocket/>
3. Distributed and collected Poem in Your Pocket Day boxes, with Bonnie Jean Flom and Paula Granquist.
4. Posted a poem a day on the Northfield Poet Laureate Facebook page, started a Northfield Poet Laureate Twitter feed (follow me at https://twitter.com/northfield_poet) and YouTube channel (to which I posted PIYP videos by Alyssa Herzog Melby, Heather Lawrenz, Hannah Singh, and Bridget Novak, and a video of the Andrea Een poetry night).
5. Began booking poets for 2018-2019 Poetry Nights: Nicole Borg (October 11), Michael Kleber-Diggs (November 15), both at the Northfield Public Library.
6. Organized and participated in a poetry writing group at the Northfield Public Library (2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 11am in the Pye Room).

Poem in Your Pocket Day

We added three new locations this year: Imminent Brewing, Tanzenwald Brewing, and the Contented Cow. Two businesses expressed disappointment that 6th graders didn't show up to read poems and get free baked goods before school on Thursday. The teacher who has organized this in the past, Rhea Mehrkens, was in maternity leave this year. I will be meeting with Rhea to try and ensure that this remains part of PIYP Day in the future, and that the responsibility doesn't rest entirely on her.

Audience Engagement (April)

Event or Social Media Post	Audience (Event)	Views/Reach (Post)
Poetry Night: Andrea Een	60	
Poetry Night: Rachel Moritz	15	
Beyond Rhyme: Children's Poetry	50	
Poetry Night: Jennifer Kwon Dobbs	20	
Alyssa Herzog Melby video		354/527
Hannah Singh video		176/228
Poem for Boards & Commissions (Facebook)		----/299

Budget

	Stipend		Programming	
	Paid	Balance	Paid	Balance
Month		2,000		2,800
January	200	1,800	0	2,800
February	200	1,600	0	2,800
March	200	1,400	0	2,800
April	200	1,200	650	2,150
May*	200	1,000	0	2,150
June*	0	1,000	0	2,150
July*	0	1,000	0	2,150

*anticipated

April Programming Expenses

Danez Smith honorarium: \$300* (for a poetry reading on May 7)

Rachel Moritz honorarium: \$350 (for poetry workshop at FiftyNorth and a public reading)

*The total honorarium for Danez Smith was \$500, with \$100 provided by the Northfield Public Library and \$100 provided by the Carleton College Center for Community and Civic Engagement

Anticipated Programming Expenses (Honoraria)

October: Bao Phi (\$200), Nicole Borg (\$100)

November: Michael Kleber-Diggs (\$200)

Upcoming Events

Monday, May 7: Danez Smith (Northfield Public Library, 8pm)

Monday, May 21: Leslie Schultz (Northfield Public Library, 7pm)

Thursday, May 31: Mary Moore Easter (Content, 7pm)

Friday, June 1: Writers Night: Community (Imminent, 5pm)

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