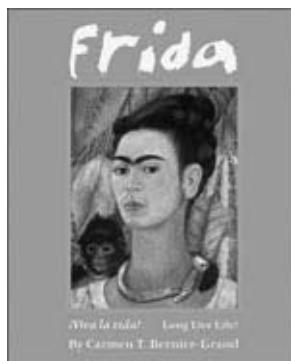
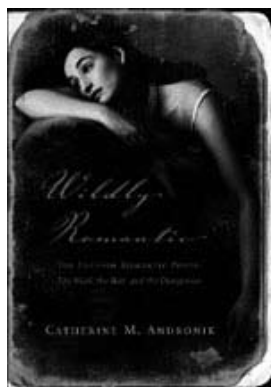


Librarian's Picks

Poetry

March's Librarian's Picks include Poetry titles. From the classics like Robert Frost and Emily Dickinson, to the contemporaries like Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou, these titles are a must have for any poetry fan.



LIBRARIAN'S PICKS

JUVENILE POETRY

811.6 07449895
CRUSH: LOVE POEMS
Alexander, Kwame
Ka (04/2007) P \$10.00
1888018402 9781888018400

Crush is a poetry memoir of love, for people young and cool, and older folks, too who want to remember and rejoice. From friendship to flirting, from the first date to the break-up, this collection of passion poems intertwines snapshots of innocent young adult angst with a fiery language that defines the first love which none of us ever outgrows.

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WILDLY ROMANTIC: THE ENGLISH ROMANTIC POETS—THE MAD, THE BAD, AND THE DANGEROUS
Andronik, Catherine M.
Henry Holt (04/2007) T \$16.95
0805077839 9780805077834

Meet the rebellious young poets who brought about a literary revolution—Byron, Shelley, Coleridge, Wordsworth, and Keats.

811.54 06941478
FRIDA: VIVA LA VIDA = LONG LIVE LIFE!
Bernier-Grand, Carmen T.
Cavendish Children's Books (11/2007) T \$18.99
0761453369 9780761453369

Discover the life of Mexican painter Frida Kahlo through these biographical poems and samples of her own artwork. Both text and images reveal the anguish and joy of her relationship with muralist Diego Rivera, her life-long suffering from a crippling bus accident, and her thirst for life, even as death was all around her.

811.54 08229511
HOW TO (UN)CAGE A GIRL
Block, Francesca Lia
HarperTeen (09/2008) T \$15.99
0061358363 9780061358364

The pain of wanting to fit in, the joy of being consumed by love, the shame about your maturing body, the power in learning you're beautiful—these are moments every girl knows intimately. They are all part of growing up, of uncaging and setting oneself free. In this three-part poetry collection, the author charts a girl's journey through womanhood.

811.54 05596785
BRONZEVILLE BOYS AND GIRLS, NEWLY ILLUSTRATED ED.
Brooks, Gwendolyn
Amistad Press (01/2007) L \$17.89
0060295066 9780060295066

Originally published in 1956, these poems celebrate the joy, beauty, imagination, and freedom of childhood. Brooks reminds us that whether we live in the Bronzeville section of Chicago or any other neighborhood in the world, the rich emotions of youth are universal.

811.54 07737297
SURRENDER TREE: POEMS OF CUBA'S STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM
Engle, Margarita
Henry Holt (04/2008) T \$16.95
0805086749 9780805086744

In 1896, Cuba is in the midst of its third battle for independence and people have been rounded up into reconcentration camps with too little food and too much illness. Rosa is a nurse, but she dares not go to the camps. Instead she turns hidden caves into hospitals for those who know how to find her. Rosa does her best for everyone, black or white, Spanish or Cuban. Yet who can heal a country so torn apart by war?



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PIRATES
 Harrison, David L.
 Wordsong (09/2008) T \$17.95
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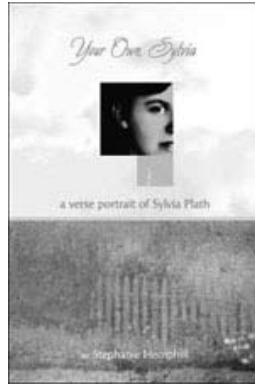
Pirates have had good publicity for a long time. Yet they were really a bunch of misfits and thugs who spent most of their time bored, waiting for a few moments of excitement and rich booty that could very well get them wounded or killed, captured, and executed. Still, a pirate's life was chosen by many and this poetry collection describes the highs and lows and everything in between for those who swore the oath of the Brotherhood.

811.6 05634849
YOUR OWN, SYLVIA: A VERSE PORTRAIT OF SYLVIA PLATH
 Hemphill, Stephanie
 Knopf (03/2007) T \$15.99
 037583799X 9780375837999

Plath died at her own hand in 1963 but left behind a body of work in the form of journals, essays, letters, poetry, and a searing autobiographical novel that has imprinted itself on the hearts and minds of millions.

811.54 07532261
BLACK STARS IN A WHITE NIGHT SKY
 Lawson, Jonarno
 Wordsong (03/2008) T \$16.95
 1590785215 9781590785218

This collection of entertaining poems explores everything from love and conformity to the nature of time. Lawson stretches the boundaries of various poetic forms to create verses that are at turns humorous and thought provoking.



811.54 06852025
BROTHERS' WAR: CIVIL WAR VOICES IN VERSE
 Lewis, J. Patrick
 National Geographic (09/2007) T \$17.95
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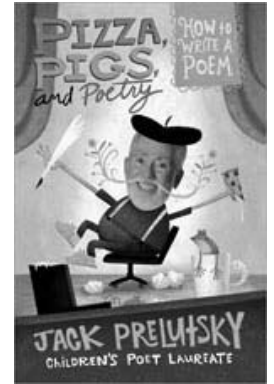
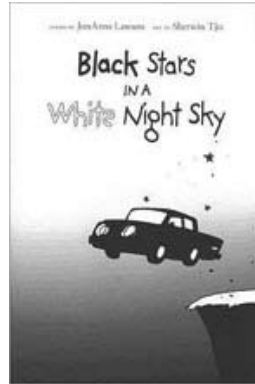
Lewis' poetry gives young readers a vivid insight into the brutal conflict that tore America apart. The author draws on primary-source books and articles, bringing both the ordinary and extraordinary voices of the Civil War to light.

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HONEYBEE
 Nye, Naomi Shihab
 Greenwillow Books (03/2008) T \$16.99
 0060853905 9780060853907

Presenting a collection of 60 poems containing a variety of subjects by the much-loved and honored poet that will be savored by the legions of Nye fans.

811.54 08255253
BE GLAD YOUR NOSE IS ON YOUR FACE AND OTHER POEMS: SOME OF THE BEST OF JACK PRELUTSKY
 Prelutsky, Jack
 Greenwillow Books (11/2008) T \$22.99
 0061576530 9780061576539

When you're in the world of Prelutsky, anything can happen. Ogres run wild, dragons sing, and baby uggas hatch. Frogs wear red suspenders in a rainstorm of pigs and noodles. Scranimals gallivant under a pizza the size of the sun. So what are you waiting for? Let your parents think you're sleeping and ride a purple pelican to a land where imagination is king, ridiculous rhymes rule, and laughing out loud is guaranteed!



811.54 07205341
PIZZA, PIGS, AND POETRY: HOW TO WRITE A POEM
 Prelutsky, Jack
 Collins (03/2008) T \$16.99
 0061434493 9780061434495

Learn how to write poetry from the best. In this anecdotal, informative, lively, and funny book, Prelutsky shares his writing tips for kids of all ages.

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FAITH AND DOUBT: AN ANTHOLOGY OF POEMS
 Vecchione, Patrice
 Henry Holt (04/2007) T \$16.95
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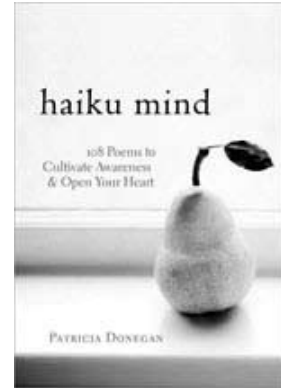
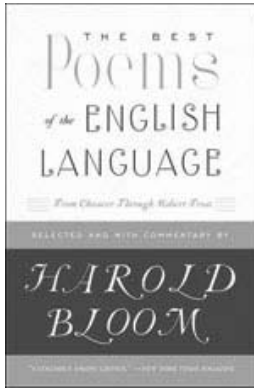
Since the beginning of time, people have grappled with spiritual beliefs. Vecchione presents an extraordinary collection of poems that reflect the many facets of human faith and doubt in diverse contexts, from religion and politics, to love and war, to the act of writing itself.

811.6 06528295
BIRMINGHAM, 1963
 Weatherford, Carole Boston
 Boyds Mills Press (09/2007) T \$17.95
 1590784405 9781590784402

This is a poetic tribute to the victims of the racially motivated church bombing that served as a seminal event in the struggle for civil rights.

811.54 06529224
SHAPE ME A RHYME: NATURE'S FORMS IN POETRY
 Yolen, Jane
 Wordsong (09/2007) T \$17.95
 1590784502 9781590784501

In 12 masterful poems and pictures, this award-winning writer and photographer uncover the beauty and variety of natural shapes and forms, from the circle in the sun, to the oval eggs in a nest, to the changing crescents of the moon. Readers will not only look at shapes anew but experience them on an emotional level.



ADULT POETRY

811.54 06747973
DOOR: POEMS (INCLUDES CD)
Atwood, Margaret Eleanor
 Houghton Mifflin (09/2007) T \$25
 0618942726 9780618942725

These 50 lucid, urgent poems range in tone from lyric to ironic, meditative, and prophetic, and in subject from the personal to the political, viewed in its broadest sense. They investigate the mysterious writing of poetry itself, as well as the passage of time and our shared sense of mortality.

821.008 06084281
BEST POEMS OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE: FROM CHAUCER THROUGH ROBERT FROST
Bloom, Harold
 HarperPerennial (08/2007) P \$19.95
 0060540427 9780060540425

This anthology, which includes an introductory essay by Harold Bloom, covers the most important poetry written in the English language.

070.502 07870035
POET'S MARKET: 2009
Breen, Nancy
 Writer's Digest (07/2008) P \$27.99
 1582975442 9781582975443

This new edition includes more than 1,800 listings for magazines and journals, publishers and contests. It also includes material on preparing and submitting manuscripts.

808.81 07877803
LANGUAGE FOR A NEW CENTURY: CONTEMPORARY POETRY FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, ASIA, AND BEYOND
Chang, Tina
 W.W. Norton (04/2008) P \$27.95
 0393332381 9780393332384

This ambitious yet accessible gathering of hundreds of poets from various parts of Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, America and elsewhere is likely to excite poetry fans as well as those new to poetry. Seeking a response to 9/11, the three editors, who are poets and teachers of Asian-American descent, hoped to share an alternate vision of the new century in which words, not weapons, could define our civilization.

811.54 08020914
INCLINED TO SPEAK: AN ANTHOLOGY OF CONTEMPORARY ARAB-AMERICAN POETRY
Charara, Hayan
 University of Arkansas Press (03/2008) P \$24.95
 1557288674 9781557288677

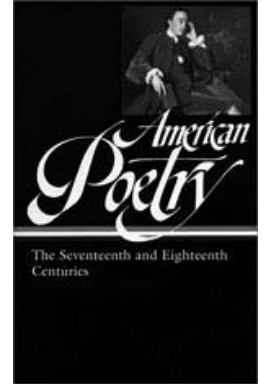
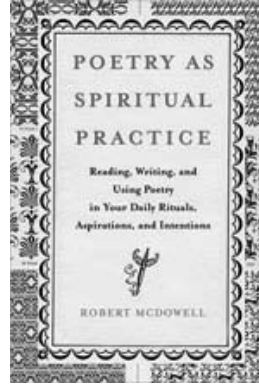
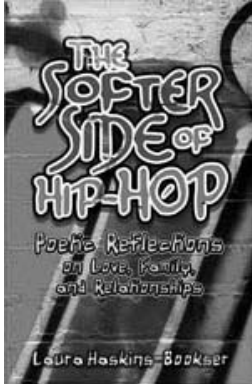
This book provides readers with an astonishing array of poetic sensibilities, touching on every aspect of the human condition. Whether about culture, politics, loss, art, or language itself, the poems here engage these themes with originality, dignity, and an unyielding need not only to speak, but also to be heard.

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HAIKU MIND: 108 POEMS TO CULTIVATE AWARENESS AND OPEN YOUR HEART
Donegan, Patricia
 Shambhala (10/2008) T \$18.00
 1590305795 9781590305799

Haiku, the Japanese form of poetry written in just three lines, can be miraculous in its power to articulate the profundity of the simplest moment, and for that reason haiku can be a useful tool for bringing us to a heightened awareness of our lives. Donegan shares her experience of the haiku form as a way of insight that anyone can use to slow down and uncover the beauty of ordinary moments. She presents 108 haiku poems and offers commentary on each as an impetus to meditation and as a key to unlocking the wonder in what we find right before us.

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UNPACKING THE BOXES: A MEMOIR OF A LIFE IN POETRY
Hall, Donald
 Houghton Mifflin (09/2008) T \$24.00
 0618990658 9780618990658

Hall writes eloquently of the poetry and books that moved and formed him as a child and young man, and of adolescent efforts at poetry writing, an endeavor he wryly describes as more hormonal than artistic. His painful formative days at Exeter, where he was sent like a naive lamb to a high WASP academic slaughter, are followed by a poetic self-liberation of sorts at Harvard. After Harvard, Hall is off to Oxford, where the high spirits and rampant poetry careerism of the postwar university scene are brilliantly captured.



811.6 07924895
SOFTER SIDE OF HIP-HOP: POETIC REFLECTIONS ON LOVE, FAMILY, AND RELATIONSHIPS

Haskins-Booker, Laura

Morning Glory Press (04/2008) P \$9.95
 1932538836 9781932538830

Largely inspired by one woman's journey from teen pregnancy to adulthood, this collection of poems chronicles struggles, successes, and the emotions brought on by both.

811.54 07281803
SPECIAL ORDERS: POEMS

Hirsch, Edward

Knopf (03/2008) T \$25.00
 0307266818 9780307266811

Hirsch brings us a new series of tightly crafted poems, work that demonstrates a thrilling expansion of his tone and subject matter.

811.54 07074239
BEHIND MY EYES: POEMS (INCLUDES CD)

Lee, Li-Young

W.W. Norton (01/2008) T \$24.95
 0393065421 9780393065428

Combining sensitivity and eloquence with a broad appeal, Lee walks in the footsteps of Stanley Kunitz and Billy Collins as one of the United States's most beloved poets. Playful, erotic, at times mysterious, his work describes the immanent value of everyday experience.

808.1 07973721
POETRY AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: READING, WRITING, AND USING POETRY IN YOUR DAILY RITUALS, ASPIRATIONS, AND INTENTIONS

McDowell, Robert

Free Press (07/2008) T \$20.00
 1416566503 9781416566502

Vividly illustrated with a wide range of poems from all historical eras and poetic traditions, numerous religions and faiths, and McDowell's own work, *Poetry as Spiritual Practice* will reintroduce you to the unique pleasure of verse.

861.64 06729592
I EXPLAIN A FEW THINGS: SELECTED POEMS, ENGLISH AND SPANISH

Neruda, Pablo

Farrar, Straus & Giroux (10/2007) P \$16.00
 0374260796 9780374260798

This bilingual selection of more than 50 of Neruda's best poems, edited and with an introduction by the distinguished Latin American scholar Ilan Stavans and brilliantly translated by an array of well-known poets, also includes some poems previously unavailable in English.

811.509 07038135
POETRY SPEAKS EXPANDED: HEAR POETS FROM TENNYSON TO PLATH READ THEIR OWN WORK (INCLUDES 3 CDS.)

Paschen, Elise

Sourcebooks Mediafusion (11/2007) T \$49.95
 1402210620 9781402210624

This second edition of the popular anthology is an accessible introduction to 20th-century poetry on the page and in the air. Forty-seven poets are represented here.

811.108 06768148
AMERICAN POETRY: THE 17TH AND 18TH CENTURIES

Shields, David

Library Of America (10/2007) T \$40.00
 1931082901 9781931082907

This volume from the Library of America includes the work of more than 100 poets.