

Celebrate National Poetry Month
April 2016 is National Poetry Month in Canada

National Poetry Month 2016

The League of Canadian Poets (LCP) is pleased to announce the 18th anniversary of National Poetry Month (NPM) in Canada will take place throughout the month of April. The official NPM16 theme is *The Road*.



Allons! we must not stop here...
—from Walt Whitman's "Song of the Open Road"

The road will take you anywhere.

Join us as we celebrate the timeless journey of poetry this National Poetry Month. Take poetry on the road, or stay home and let poetry take you on the road. Pinpoint the important markers on your literary map—favourite place to read, to write; favourite writer's hometown, favourite book's setting; favourite journey, fact or fiction or figment. Help us map out poetry's vital place in Canadian culture, from classics to contemporary, from Victoria to Charlottetown to Iqaluit, from Poets Laureate in Parliament to you in your armchair.

Plan an Event:

The League of Canadian Poets is pleased to sponsor a series of *The Road* themed readings and events across Canada for NPM. A limited amount of funding is available from the LCP for these events. To be eligible, events must relate to the theme of *The Road*, must take place during the month of April, and be free and open to the public. The deadline to apply for funding has been extended until February 29. For more information, visit poets.ca/npm/.

Join the Conversation

Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#). Tag us [@CanadianPoets](#) or use the hashtag #NPM16 to join the conversation! Check out our official [Poetry Blog](#) for interviews, profiles, guest posts and more.

League of Canadian Poets 2016 Poetry Awards

On Monday April 4, 2016 join us online when we reveal the shortlists for the 2016 Gerald Lampert and Pat Lowther Memorial Awards, the Raymond Souster Awards, and the winner of the 2016 Sheri D. Wilson "Golden Beret" Spoken Word Award.

What: LCP 2016 Poetry Awards shortlists announcement

When: Monday, April 4, 2016

Where: poets.ca/awards

Time: 10:00 am

Official NPM16 Poster and Bookmark

The official NPM16 poster and bookmark was designed by Arzu Abbasova. They are available for download at poets.ca/npm/.

2016 Mayor's #PoetryCity Challenge

To celebrate National Poetry Month and UNESCO World Poetry Day, each year municipalities across Canada are challenged to bring poetry into politics. One mayor leads this annual challenge by inviting a poet to read at a council meeting in March or April, and challenges mayors and councils across the nation to follow suit and join the celebration. Calgary's Mayor Naheed Nenshi will once again be leading this challenge in 2016. Make your city a #PoetryCity! Visit poets.ca/poetrycity to find out more about this year's challenge and how to get involved.

About National Poetry Month

Established in April 1998 by the LCP, NPM brings together schools, publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, libraries, and poets from across the country to celebrate poetry and its vital place in Canada's culture

About the League of Canadian Poets

The LCP is the professional organization for established and emerging Canadian poets. Founded in 1966 to nurture the advancement of poetry in Canada, and the promotion of the interests of poets, it now comprises some 700 members. The League serves the poetry community and promotes a high level of professional achievement through events, networking, projects, publications, mentoring and awards. It administers programs and funds for governments and private donors and encourages an appreciative readership and audience for poetry through educational partnerships and presentations to diverse groups. As the recognized voice of Canadian poets, it represents their concerns to governments, publishers, and society at large, and maintains connections with similar organizations at home and abroad. The League strives to promote equal opportunities for poets from every literary tradition and cultural and demographic background.

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