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**Celebrate the second annual Inland Northwest Poetry Salon with Spokane Public Library**

(SPOKANE, WA) – Join Spokane Public Library for the second annual [Inland Northwest Poetry Salon](#) – a day-long event featuring eleven outstanding workshops, all guided by local poets – on **Saturday, May 17, from 10am to 4pm at Liberty Park Library**.

As a presenter at the Poetry Salon and the Poet Laureate, Mery Smith understands the importance of accessible networking and poetry representation in the Spokane community.

“Events like the Inland NW Poetry Salon are invaluable to poets in our community. We have a strong community of poetry writers and enthusiasts. Having access to one another's work and knowledge is vital for our greater purpose as creatives; the purpose being our collective joy; creating for one another,” said Mery Smith, Poet Laureate and Poetry Salon presenter. “With the support from Spokane Public Library, barriers like economic status will not prevent the gates of art and community from swinging wide enough for anyone to walk through. Ensuring everyone who wants a seat gets one!”

“The Salon is such a meaningful event because it allows people to explore their individual voice on the page, and this can be a lifesaving act for a lot of us,” said Sharma Shields, Spokane Public Library writing education specialist. “The line-up is awesome this year and I know the workshops will be as nurturing as they are inspiring.”

**Event Schedule:**

10:15am - 11:05am

- [Practice Poetic Presence with Mery Smith, Spokane Poet Laureate](#)
- [Poetic Textiles with Annastacia Stegall](#)
- [Revolution/Revelations: The Mystical Surrealism of Octavio Paz with Taylor D. Waring](#)

11:15am - 12:05pm

- [How to Write Nature Poems with Deeper Meaning with Sage Marshall](#)
- [Sad Poems: Making Sense of Grief with Karen Mobley](#)
- [Nonviolent Creativity with Asyia Gover](#)



12:05pm - 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm - 1:50pm

- [Fracturing Form with Sarah Rooney](#)

2:00pm - 2:50pm

- [Poetry through the Senses with Amelia Díaz Ettinger](#)
- [Juxtaposition and Intersection with Henrietta Goodman](#)

3:00pm - 3:50pm

- [Writing from Photos with Laura Read](#)
- [Finding Home Through Poetry with Heather Woolery](#)

### **About Spokane Public Library**

Spokane Public Library aims to inspire a thriving city through cultural and educational opportunities. An award-winning library that spans seven locations and houses nearly half-a million items, Spokane Public Library circulates nearly two million items and welcomes one million visitors annually. Customers can enjoy traditional library media and can also access digital downloads, databases, historical collections, art exhibits, and interesting free programming. For general information about the library, please visit [spokanelibrary.org](http://spokanelibrary.org) or call 509.444.5300. [View our media kit here!](#)