

Literary Newsletter



Welcome and Happy Reading!

Welcome to the Town of North Attleborough Literary Newsletter. I am thrilled to share with you upcoming events and resources that may help develop the literary community in our town.

Firstly, I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve the North Attleborough community as its Inaugural Poet Laureate. I grew up in town and North Attleborough has always held a special place in my heart. In this position, I'm excited to bring some incredible events to the community and write alongside all of you!

My passion for all things literary has been lifelong, but really blossomed working as a bookseller at An Unlikely Story. After graduating from NAHS in the class of 2017, I attended Boston College before transferring to Bridgewater State University. My undergraduate education is really where I began to write and explore poetry.

At Bridgewater State, I had the privilege of having my first pieces published. After graduating from BSU, I began working as a middle school English teacher. Most recently, after leaving my teaching position at NAHS, I currently am finishing my Masters degree at Salem State University in English and working at Tufts University with their Pre-College Programs.

In this position, you can expect writing opportunities, resources to improve your work and writing, and events to share your pieces with the community! Together, we can use our words, stories, voices to uplift our community. Thank you for your continued support!

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

Kayla Roy

In this newsletter you can expect:

Welcome from the Poet Laureate

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New Poetry Releases

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Get in touch!



Local Literary Events

- **Grubstreet Writers Open Mic**
 - 11/13/25 @ 7pm
- **Celebrating Voices of Diaspora: Poetry Reading and Open Mic**
 - The Foundry, Cambridge 11/15 @ 5:30 pm
- **Third Thursday Poetry - Brookline Booksmith**
 - 11/20/25 @ 7pm
- **Dog Show: An Evening of Poetry with former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins**
 - 11/24/25 @ 7pm - John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum



- **Poet Laureate Address - Opening of Lenore's Pantry**
 - 11/30, time TBD @ 451 Elm St., North Attleboro
- **Poetry in Community: Reading and Conversation - Mass College of Art and Design**
 - 12/3/25 @ 6 pm
- **Silent Book Club + Write Night - Trident Booksellers**
 - 11/24/25, 12/8/25, and 12/29/25 @ 7pm
- **Poetry Open Mic Nights - Trident Booksellers**
 - Sundays @ 7pm

New Poetry Releases

***Loves of Our Lives: Poems for Hopeful Hearts* - Josie Balka**

From the coziness of lifelong friendship to the aching intensity of lost love, *Loves of Our Lives* is a poetic journey through the heartfelt relationships that make us human.
12/9/25

***Dog Show: Poems* - Billy Collins**

Billy Collins's *Dog Show* celebrates the joy of our canine best friends, honoring the love we feel for the animals who play such vital roles in our lives.
Out 11/18/25

Fear Less: Poetry in Perilous Times

A Pulitzer Prize-winning poet reveals how poetry is a powerful tool of connection and understanding in a fractured world. Drawing on deep passion and personal experience, former US Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith demystifies the art form that has too often been mischaracterized as "inaccessible," "irrelevant," or "intimidating."
Out 11/18/25

November / December 2025

Poetry Prompts

Looking to write something new but aren't sure where to start? Here are some prompts to get you started!

See below to share your work for the chance to be featured in next month's newsletter!

- Write a goodbye letter to fall or a welcome to winter.
- Write a poem from the perspective of one mountain writing to another
- It's the season of giving, but also of gratitude. Write a poem that encapsulates how giving and gratefulness are connected.
- Explore a sound of fall in a poem.
- Write about the ritual of your first drink of the day.



Want to get Involved? We'd love to have you!

The best part of the North Attleborough community is of course the people. We want to hear from **you!**

Do you have an original poem that you'd like to see featured in next month's newsletter? Send it to poetlaureate@nattleboro.com for the chance to be featured!

Have a poem you can't stop thinking about? Share it with the community alongside your thoughts to be featured in future newsletters! Send it to poetlaureate@nattleboro.com for the chance to be featured! Be sure to include an original source link and the original poet for crediting purposes.

Make sure to follow us over on **Instagram** [@poetlaureatena](https://www.instagram.com/poetlaureatena) to keep up to date with all of the latest events, poetry releases, and writing content!

Be on the lookout for event announcements on the Town of North Attleborough Cultural Council Facebook page!

Thank you for reading!

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