

Poetry Month

2021 YOUTH SERVICES READING LIST

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Books

Love That Dog, by Sharon Creech: Meet Jack, who started liking poetry through a Walter Dean Myers poem that he had to read for class. This book is a novel in verse and is a lovely way to introduce poetry to kids. (Interest level grades 3–6)

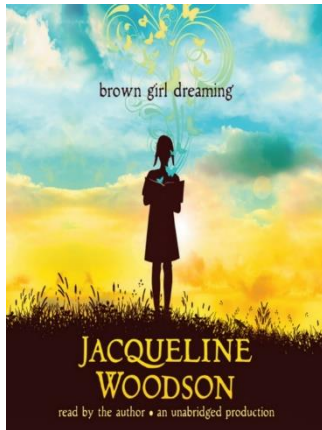
America Is..., by Louise Borden, illustrated by Stacey Schuett: The author and illustrator beautifully highlight the natural and manmade wonders of the United States of America. *America Is...* makes a great introduction to the states and poetry and simultaneously leaves the reader with pride for our country. (Interest level KDG and up)

Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons, by Laura Purdie Salas, illustrated by Merce Lopez: Introduce kids to haiku with this playfully illustrated book. Each haiku is also a riddle and the answers are found in the back of the book. (Interest level grades 1–4)

That Is My Dream! Langston Hughes's "Dream Variation," by Langston Hughes, illustrated by Daniel Miyares: A beautifully illustrated picture book of the poem "Dream Variation," by Langston Hughes. (Interest level grade 3 and up)

Out of the Dust, by Karen Hesse: A historical fiction novel in verse taking the reader through the dust storms of the 1930s. Thirteen-year-old Billie tells the story of her family's bitter struggle to survive the unrelenting dust and drought. (Interest level grade 6 and up)

Hard-Boiled Bugs for Breakfast: And Other Tasty Poems, by Jack Prelutsky, illustrated by Ruth Chan: The newest Jack Prelutsky poetry collection for kids. A favorite is "Whenever I Chew Bubble Gum." (Interest level grade 3 and up)



OverDrive Audiobooks

Brown Girl Dreaming, written by Jacqueline Woodson: Jacqueline Woodson’s autobiography in verse is about her life growing up in the 1960s and 1970s. Woodson received the [Hans Christian Andersen Award](#) in 2020, the highest international recognition given to an author of children’s books, to recognize lifelong achievement. (Interest level grade 5 and up)

I’m Just No Good at Rhyming: And Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups, by Chris Harris, illustrated by Lane

Smith: Listen to hilarious poems such as this one—“I’m just no good at rhyming./It makes me feel so bad./I’m just no good at rhyming,/And that’s why I am blue.” Perfect listen for the car. (Interest level grade 3 and up)

OverDrive Ebooks

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: The Poetry of Mister Rogers, by Fred Rogers, illustrated by Luke Flowers: This is a collection of 75 of Mister Rogers’ songs. (Interest level KDG and up)

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What Is Poetry?, by Trudi Strain Trueit: An easy and fun introduction to poetry. This nonfiction book explaining poetry is brief, but informative. (Interest level grades 2–6)