

757-804 and environs Poetry-Friendly Venues/Events

On or after November 15, 2025

The following are poetry-friendly events*** Please feel free to contact IRL hosts/venues before arrival to be sure that the event is on.

Please send information on poetry events you know about in 757-804 and neighboring areas focus on date, time, frequency, location and host if you can, and if you know how to get hold of the host to verify data.

Send that to HRACandWPP@outlook.com or Jay Scott Teech on FaceBook

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Commonwealth Poetry Writing Workshop

Dec. 21, 28 ☒ 10:30am
Cafe Zata Richmond
700 Bainbridge St. Every Sunday
\$6 bit.ly/poetrywritingbrunch
Host Robert w/ Commonwealth Slam

Venue on 35th Open Mic

Dec. 15, 22, 29 ☒ 7pm
631 W. 35th St. Norfolk
Host Prof. Symay Mondays \$5

Busboys & Poets - Shirlington Open Mic

Dec. 15, 22, 29 ☒ 8pm
4251 Campbell Ave. \$5 Mondays
Hosts KaNikki J. & 13 Arlington, VA

Busboys & Poets 14th & V Open Mic

Dec. 16, 23, 30 ☒ 8pm
2021 14th St. NW Wash.DC \$5 Tues.

Tuesday Verses

Dec. 16, 23, 30 ☒ door 8pm/show 9
Addis Ethiopian Restaurant \$10
9 N. 17th St. Richmond, E'ery Tuesday
open mic, features, house band

Dec. 17, 24?, 31? ☒ door 6:30pm/8PM mic

The Spoken Word Open Mic Weds

Serenity 5 Restaurant 757-907-1146
3938 Geo. Washington Hwy. Portsmouth

Performer's Playground

Dec. 18, ☒ 9pm
Venue on 35th 631 W. 35th St. Norfolk
Host James Cooper, Thursdays
Performance practice time with
tips and feedback. \$5

Cure Coffee NN Open Mic

Dec. 18, ☒ 7-10pm
Cure Coffee NN
706 Town Center Dr. Ste. 104
Host Austin Milby Thursdays

TWICE MONTHLY EVENTS

Dec. 17 ☒ 6-9 pm
Audible Asylum Midweek Sanctuary
863 Cloverleaf Ln. NN 1st & 3rd Sundays
Open Mics + Features
Host Rome E. Creek 757-274-7744

MONTHLY EVENTS:

Dec. 19 ☒ 7pm
the Norfolk Word Art Show
The Muse Writers Center Norfolk
2200 Colonial Ave #3,
Host TEECH!
Nov. features Erato the Muse & Gus Woodward

Dec. 21 ☒ 5pm
Artistic Alchemy II
Mudita Cafe, Norfolk
9647 1st View St
Hosts **Teech!**

Dec. 23 ☒ 7pm
Fairgrounds Open Mic 4th Tues/Mo.
Elliot's Fairgrounds Coffeeshop Norfolk
806 Baldwin Ave.
Host Peter Schmitz

Dec. 26? ☒ 7pm
4th Friday Poetry Salon Virginia Beach
monthly - Host Savannah Barbarian
609 Hunter Court _ Unit D upstairs **new location**
confirm at 804-441-2227

Dec. 26? ☒ 7pm
Poetry Night at Cafe Zata
700 Bainbridge St. Richmond
4th Friday monthly Host Joanna Lee

Dec. 27? ☒ 2 - 4 PM
Slam Connection Poetry Workshop
Williamsburg Regional Library - Last Saturdays
515 Scotland St.
Host Atlas of Slam Connection

more Monthly EVENTS:

Dec. 27? ✕ 7 - 11pm
NeoSoul Saturday'z all arts open mic
Venue on 35th Norfolk
631 W. 35th Street \$15 incl. Buffet
Insta: Gr1nd_Hard06 host Allen Whitley

Dec.27, Jan.17 ✕ 8 PM
Underground Circuit Slam
Fallen Acorn Bookshop
421 Prince George St #A (literally underground)
\$20 to buy in for Slam
Host Breeanna Dobson Williamsburg

Dec. 28? ✕ 8 pm
Tapped In Open Mic Nite
The Bird NFK Norfolk
4314 Colley Ave
host DJ Vinny Del Sol

Dec. 28? ✕ door3/show3:15pm
Roanoke Speaks 4th Sundays
Unitarian Universalist Church Roanoke
2015 Grandin Rd. SW

Jan. 2 ✕ 6 PM
Slam Connection Open Mic
Column 15 Coffee
701 Merrimac Trail R Williamsburg
Host ATLAS Lacroy Nixon
IG @Slamconnection 1st Fridays

Jan. 3 ✕ workshop@5pm/Slam@8
Slam Richmond Open Mic
Artspace Richmond
2833 Hathaway Rd.
Hosts Slam Richmond crew

January 4th ✕ doors 7/show 8pm
The Writer's Den qualifying slam
Addis Ethiopian Restaurant, Richmond
9 N 17th St, \$10

Jan. 7 ✕ 6 - 8 pm
Open Mic Night
Mudita Cafe 1st Weds.
9647 1st View St, Norfolk
Host Jacki P., Brittany, Kadence

Jan. 7 ✕ 7 PM
Verb Benders Team in-season Slam
Venue on 35th St Norfolk

631 W. 35th St \$10
Host Prof. Symay

Jan. 9, Feb. 13 ✕ 9pm
Busboys & Poets the 9th Hour Slam
2021 14th St. NW Wash.DC \$
2nd Fridays

Jan. 11 ✕ door 6pm/show 7pm
The Writer's Den Open Mic \$10
Resist Booksellers Petersburg
233 N Sycamore St.
Host Moe Flowz pay @ door only

LESS FREQUENT, ONE-OFF, OR NEW-Try-Outs:

Dec. 20 ✕ 1pm
Jada Hollingsworth Book Release for Cherophobia, 4th book in the Lovesick series
Cure Coffehouse Portsmouth
725 High St Theme: **WICKED**

Jan. 22, Apr. 23 ✕ 6pm
Poetry, Prose & Pizza I
Russell Memorial Library Chesapeake
2808 Taylor Rd.
Host: Kween Yakini

Feb. 1 ✕ door 7/show 8pm
The Writer's Den Grand Slam
Studio Two Three
109 W 15th St., Richmond
Advanced Tix \$20, \$30 at the door.

April 18 ✕ 2 pm - 3 pm
Drop the Mic by Arts for learning & VB Arts
Bayside Area +Spec.Serv. Library

Seeking info or upcoming dates for these open mics and events: in the 757

Poetry for the People @ Muse w/ Synnika
Suffolk Poetry Prose & Pizza

Any open poetry events affiliated with
Williamsburg's 2nd Sundays

Open Mic Night @ High Cup in Norfolk

Slam Connection Saturday Workshops

Little City Poetry Club @ Muse

Let the Good Times Roll Open Mic in Hampton

Utopia Feni Open Mics

TableTalkPoetryNight Portsmouth
w/Shanta Fierce

Open Mic @Captain's Den w/Alex of WCNU

No Covers Original Open Mic w/ Jocelyn Best

Feedback Open Mic @ Eleanor's w/ Brittany

Speakeasy Open Mic Portsmouth

Richmond

The Vibe @ Soul Taco w/ Bus Driver

Poetry Night @ Benchtop w/River City Poets

KavaClub x RiverCityPoets Open Mic

Gramophone on the Microphone w/Zachary

Fredericksburg

Pints & Poetry @ Highmark w/Water Street Writers

Manassas

Write by the Rails Open Mics

Warrenton

Open Mic Night @ Deja Brew

Petersburg

Open Mic Christian Night w/ Sister Simmons

What's The Word Weds. Open Mic

@Rebel Soul Food

Roanoke

2nd Friday Open Myke @Ursala's Cafe

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Rich Ink Slams