

## 757-804 and environs Poetry-Friendly Venues/Events

**On or after Feb. 5, 2026**

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](mailto:HRACandWPP@outlook.com) or Jay Scott Teech on FaceBook

### WEEKLY EVENTS:

#### Performer's Playground

Feb.5,12,19,26,Mar.5,12,19,26 ☒ 9pm  
Venue on 35<sup>th</sup> 631 W. 35th St. Norfolk  
Host James Cooper, Thursdays  
Performance practice time with tips and feedback. \$5

#### Cure Coffee NN Open Mic

Feb.5,12,19,26,Mar.5,12,19,26 ☒ 7-10pm  
Cure Coffee NN  
706 Town Center Dr. Ste. 104  
Host Austin Milby Thursdays

#### Commonwealth Poetry Writing Workshop

Feb.8, 15, 22, Mar. 1, 8 ☒ 10:30am  
Cafe Zata Richmond  
700 Bainbridge St. Every Sunday  
\$6 bit.ly/poetrywritingbrunch  
Host Robert w/ Commonwealth Slam

#### Venue on 35<sup>th</sup> Open Mic

Feb.9,16,23, Mar.2,9,16,23 ☒ 7pm  
631 W. 35<sup>th</sup> St. Norfolk  
Host Prof. Symay Mondays \$5

#### Busboys & Poets - Shirlington Open Mic

Feb.9, 16, 23, Mar.2,9, ☒ 8pm  
4251 Campbell Ave. \$5 Mondays  
Hosts KaNikki J. & 13 Arlington, VA

#### Busboys & Poets 14<sup>th</sup> & V Open Mic

Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17 ☒ 8pm  
2021 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW Wash.DC \$5 Tues.

#### Tuesday Verses

Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10 ☒ door 8pm/show 9  
Addis Ethiopian Restuarant \$10  
9 N. 17<sup>th</sup> St. Richmond, E'ery Tuesday  
open mic, features, house band

Feb.11,18,25, Mar.4,11,18,25

☒ door 6:30pm/8PM mic

#### The Spoken Word Open Mic Weds

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

Feb.11,18,25, Mar.4,11,18,25 ☒ 6-9 pm

#### Audible Asylum Midweek Sanctuary

863 Cloverleaf Ln. NN  
Open Mics + Features  
Host Rome E. Creek 757-274-7744

### MONTHLY EVENTS:

Feb.4, Mar.4 ☒ 6 - 8 pm

#### Open Mic Night

Mudita Cafe 1<sup>st</sup> Weds.  
9647 1st View St, Norfolk  
Host Jacki P., Brittany, Kadence

Feb.5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7 ☒ 6 - 7:30pm

#### Artistic Alchemy I

Cure Coffeehouse  
503 Botetourt St. Norfolk  
Host Teech!

Feb.6, Mar.6 ☒ door5:30/poems6:30 PM

#### Slam Connection Open Mic

Column 15 Coffee  
701 Merrimac Trail R Williamsburg  
Host ATLAS Lacroy Nixon  
IG @Slamconnection 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays

Feb.7 ☒ workshop@5pm/Slam@8

#### Slam Richmond Open Mic

Artspace Richmond  
2833 Hathaway Rd.  
Hosts Slam Richmond crew

Feb.8, Mar. 8 ☒ door 6pm/show 7pm

#### The Writer's Den Open Mic

Resist Booksellers Petersburg  
233 N Sycamore St. \$10  
Host Moe Flowz pay @ door only

**more Monthly EVENTS:**

Feb.10 ☒ 7-9 PM  
**25 Mics** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays  
Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Ctr.  
2410 Wickham Ave. NN  
Host Q5

Feb. 13 ☒ 9pm  
**Busboys & Poets the 9<sup>th</sup> Hour Slam**  
2021 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW Wash.DC \$  
2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays

Feb.17, Mar.3, 17 ☒ 7pm  
**Fairgrounds Open Mic** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues/Mo.  
Elliot's Fairgrounds Coffeeshop Norfolk  
806 Baldwin Ave.  
Host Peter Schmitz

Feb. 20, March 28 ☒ 7pm  
**the Norfolk Word Art Show**  
The Muse Writers Center Norfolk  
2200 Colonial Ave #3,  
Host TEECH!

Feb. 22, Mar. 22 ☒ door3/show3:15pm  
**Roanoke Speaks** 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Unitarian Universalist Church Roanoke  
2015 Grandin Rd. SW

Feb.27, Mar. 27 ☒ 7pm  
**Poetry Night at Cafe Zata**  
700 Bainbridge St. Richmond  
4th Friday monthly Host Joanna Lee

Feb.27, Mar. 27 ☒ 7pm  
**4<sup>th</sup> Friday Poetry Salon** Virginia Beach  
monthly - Host Savannah Barbarian  
609 Hunter Court \_ Unit D upstairs  
confirm at 804-441-2227

Feb.28, Mar.28 ☒ 2pm  
**Slam Connection Workshop**  
Williamsburg Regional Library Theater  
515 Scotland St. - Last Saturdays  
Host Atlas of Slam Connection

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

Feb. 5 ☒ 6pm  
**Poetry, Prose & Pizza I**  
Suffolk Art Gallery  
118 Bosley Ave.  
Feb. Host Nathan Richardson

Feb. 7 7PM  
**Artist Garden GRAND SLAM**  
Heritage Auditorium  
Williamsburg  
Host Atlas

Feb. 28 ☒ 7 pm  
**Historic Triangle GRAND SLAM**  
Kimball Theater Williamsburg  
428 W Duke of Gloucester St \$20  
Host Slam Connection - Atlas

March 1 ☒ door 7pm/show 8pm  
**Writer's Den GRAND SLAM** )new date(  
Studio Two-Three Richmond  
109 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St. \$20 in advance  
host. Roscoe Burnems  
[tinyurl.com/twdgrandslam](http://tinyurl.com/twdgrandslam)

March 21 ☒ 11am  
**Ampersand Int'l Arts Festival Poetry Showcase**  
Kimball Theater Williamsburg  
428 W Duke of Gloucester St \$0

March 23  
**W&M Williamsburg Arts & Sciences Expo**

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

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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 @ Benchtown 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Open Myke @Ursala's Cafe

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Rich Ink Slams