

I WANT POEMS

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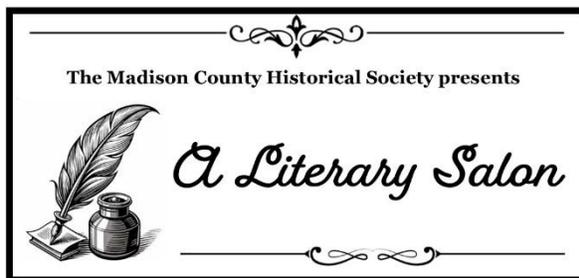
Featured

Poetry at the Point: Kamau Walker & Lydia Golitz



January 27 @ 7p
Focal Point in Maplewood

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Literary Salon: Whitman and Dickinson

The Madison County Historical Society will host a salon led by Emeritus Professor Jeffrey Skoblow. Readings will include poetry and prose from two of America's foundational poets, Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson

January 15 @ 7p
Main Street Community Center in Edwardsville

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And More

St. Louis Poetry Center's Sunday Workshop: Melody S. Gee



MELODY S. GEE is the author of *We Carry Smoke and Paper: Essays on the Grief and Hope of Conversion* and three books of poetry, *The Convert's Heart is Good to Eat*, *The Dead in Daylight*, and *Each Crumbling House*.

Please note: this workshop is limited to 15 participants. Registration is required, and is first-come, first-served.

- Registration is due by Wednesday, January 14
- This is a generative workshop in which participants will draft & revise their own poems
- No poem submissions will be accepted for this event
- To register, email: sunday.workshop@stlouispoetrycenter.org

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HIGH NOON

**FREEMAN READS FROM HIS
NEW BOOK, *DOPAMINE AND
THE DEVIL*--WITH MATTHEW
FREEMAN, ST. LOUIS POET**

JAN. 8, 2026 · THURSDAYS FROM 12 P.M. - 1 P.M.
3301 WASHINGTON AVE, ST. LOUIS, MO 63103
LOCATED INSIDE THE LISTENING ROOM



KRANZBERG ARTS
FOUNDATION

HIGH LOW
LITERARY ARTS CAFE

Open Mics

<p>Heavy Anchor Last Wednesdays</p>	<p>Re: Born Reconstituted! TikTok Tavern Third Tuesdays</p>	<p>Spellbound: Open Poetry Mic 1st and 3rd Sundays</p>
<p>January 28: Hosted by Andy Prescott. Sign up at 7p; readers begin at 8.</p>	<p>January 20: Hosted by Matthew Scott Freeman and featuring the fabulous Julia Gordon-Bramer. Starts at 7p.</p>	<p>January 4 and 18: From 7p – 10p at Lady Layre on Morgan Ford.</p>
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<p>Wordup! Every Tuesday</p>	<p>The Lyrics and Laughs Interlude Ground Sharp Studios</p>	<p>Poetry & Rage</p>
<p>Tuesdays in January: Live music, poetry, and comedy in The Grove.</p>	<p>Mondays: Join hosts Artiz of Wordz, Gigi, & The Cosplay Poet at the soft opening of their new mic space from 7p – 10p.</p>	<p>January 7: Featuring Tracy “Tspirit” Stanton, Cheeraz Gormon, Giovanni. @ Tschuss on Cherokee. 7p.</p>
<p>More Info</p>	<p>More Info</p>	<p>More Info</p>
<p>Community Poetry Open Mic Night Third Wednesdays</p>	<p>Lyrical Therapy @ Urb Arts</p>	<p>ARTICA Open Mic Night Greenfinch Theater Monthly</p>
<p>January 21: Family-friendly open-mic Community Poetry Open-Mic night. Dogwood Social House, 2nd Floor. 5:30p - 8:00p.</p>	<p>January 2: Hosted every first Friday at Urb Arts, the “open mic and chill” features performances of spoken word poetry, live music, and hip hop.</p>	<p>January 4: An evening of creativity, connection, and spontaneous art-making for poets and other artists. From 6p – 10p.</p>
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Write Something

If you are looking to do a little reset for 2026, I absolutely have the prompt for you. I came across Aaron Coleman's "Meditation" during the depths of desperation teaching during the covid lockdowns and modified it for my high school students -- who wrote some remarkable poems in response to it. I hope you do, too.

Link: [Meditation @ Pulitzer Arts Foundation](#)