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Happy National Poetry Month! Grab those cruel tubers and go get you a bunch of poetry.

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Featured Poetry



Wednesday, April 2 @ 7PM
High Low

Kick off the month with the Saint Louis Poetry Center in partnership with Saint Louis University Department of English and Left Bank Books. Robert Fitterman and Safa Khatib, two poets with ties to Saint Louis whose work innovates across histories, geographies, and languages, will be reading from their latest books.

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Friday, April 4, 2025 @ 1–2 pm
Saint Louis Art Museum

In celebration of National Poetry Month, join this guided tour to explore how literature is a source of inspiration for artworks in the Museum's collection. Tours begin at the welcome desk in Sculpture Hall and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Observable Readings: erica lewis & Rosalie Moffett

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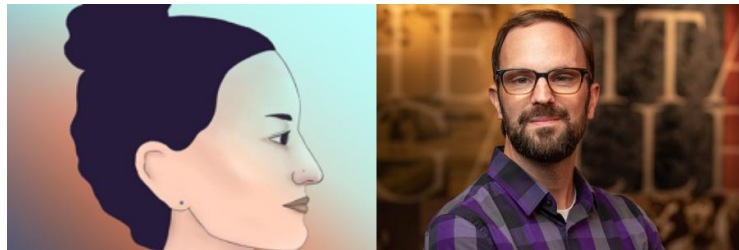


April 14 @ 7pm
High Low

erica lewis lives in San Francisco. Her books include the precipice of *jupiter* (2009, with artist Mark Stephen Finein), *camera obscura* (2010, with artist Mark Stephen Finein), *murmur in the inventory* (2013); and *the box set trilogy: daryl hall is my boyfriend* (2015), *mary wants to be a superwoman* (2017), *mahogany* (2023). She is currently writing a novel inspired by the murder of her maternal grandmother. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

ROSALIE MOFFETT is the author of the poetry collections *Making a Living* (Milkweed Editions, 2025), *Nervous System* (Ecco, 2019), which was chosen by Monica Youn for the National Poetry Series Prize and listed by the New York Times as a New and Notable book, and *June in Eden* (OSU Press, 2017). She has been awarded a Wallace Stegner Fellowship from Stanford University, and her work has appeared in *The American Poetry Review*, *POETRY Magazine*, *New England Review*, and *Kenyon Review*, among others. She is an Assistant Professor at the University of Southern Indiana, and the senior poetry editor at *Southern Indiana Review*.

Poetry at the Point: Andrea Scarpino & Eric Doise Reading from *Chamber after Chamber* in a celebration of Saara Myrene Raappana



April 22 @ 7pm
The Focal Point

Saara Myrene Raappana's poetry is haunting, beautiful, and rich with Lake Superior landscapes. It bears witness to both the beauty and violence of rurality and the United States with linguistic whimsy and structural inventiveness. Her most recent book, *Chamber after Chamber*, won the 2023 Juniper Prize for Poetry and is a meditation on the word "heart" and its many meanings. Thoughtful and daring poetry, *Chamber after Chamber* was published just days after Saara's death at age 48. Tonight, we gather to celebrate her poetry and her writing life in a reading and conversation with Saara's husband Eric Doise and her friend Andrea Scarpino.

Opportunities

<p>Saturday Writers</p> <p>March 29 @ 11am – 1pm: The Saturday Writers group meets in St. Charles and is welcoming Melissa Qualls to kick off National Poetry Month by speaking on the topic <i>Real Toads in Imaginary Gardens: The Emotional Power of Imagery in Poetry and Prose</i>. Visitors: \$5.00 temporary memberships available at the event.</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>When We Speak</p> <p>March 30 @ 6pm – 9pm. Hosted by Tracy (T-Spirit) Stanton, featuring Cheeraz Gormon, Poet Lightning, K-Money the Poet, Jamala Rogers; Amanda Shea, and FoFeet. Also featuring a brief artist talk with Maya McGrocery, MsNterpretation, Poetically Bell, Pacia Elaine, and vibes provided by DJ Innergy.</p> <p>More Info</p>
<p>Tiny Postcards Poetry Workshop</p> <p>April 2 @ 6pm, 4700 Virginia, St. Louis. Facilitated by Holly Sinclair, this 4-session workshop offers you the chance to share your work and receive constructive feedback within a welcoming, supportive community. 18+.</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>St. Louis Public Library</p> <p>April 1 @ All Day. Stop by the Adult Fiction room in Central to make your own Blackout Poems for National Poetry Month! All supplies will be available to create your own masterworks out of recycled book pages.</p> <p>More Info</p>
<p>Daniel Borzutsky</p> <p>April 1 @ 1pm and 5:45pm. Winner of the National Book Award for <i>The Performance of Becoming Human</i>. RSVP for the meet and greet and/or attend his lecture, “Translational Catastrophes/Translating Catastrophe.”</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>Indie Poetry @ Dunaway Books</p> <p>April 13 @ 7pm. 10th anniversary show hosted by Daniel W. Wright and featuring Brett Underwood, Jesse Eikmann, RC Patterson, Kyle Brandt-Lubert, Jared C. Lewis, Jason Ryberg, John Dorsey, Denmark Laine, and Jill Firns</p> <p>More Info</p>
<p>The Audubon Center at Riverlands</p> <p>April 4 @ 11:30am – 3:30pm. Birds and poetry! What more could you want? Join Alana Tibbets for some blackout poetry for lunch, discussion, and a poetry workshop. All materials will be supplied.</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>Sunday Workshop</p> <p>April 13 @ 1:30pm. Rosalie Moffet will be at the High Low. Workshop is free and open to all, but you must register ahead of time.</p> <p>More Info</p>

Open Mics

Poetry on the Rocks Luvwoo Bar 2nd Mondays April 14: Featuring Holly Sinclair. Arrive by 7pm to sign up for the open mic. Readings begin at 7:30. Hosted Caiti Quatmann. More Info	Re: Born Reconstituted! Joe's Cafe Third Tuesdays April 15: Featuring Caiti Quatmann and Guest with a dynamic open mic to follow. Starts at 7pm. Hosted by Matthew Scott Freeman. More Info	Spellbound: Open Poetry Mic 1st and 3rd Sundays April 6 and April 20: From 7pm – 10pm at Lady Layre on Morgan Ford. More Info
Wordup! Every Tuesday Tuesdays in April: Live music, poetry, and comedy in The Grove. More Info	Pages in Pacific First Fridays April 4: First Friday of every month at Pages in Pacific (sending some poetry love to those of you across the river). More Info	Heavy Anchor Last Wednesdays April 30: Hosted by Bobby Stevens & Kyle Brandt-Lubart. Sign up at 7:30; readers begin at 8. More Info
Rage & Poetry First Tuesdays April 1: Featured readers and an open mic every month. Doors open at 7pm. More Info	The Lyrics and Laughs Interlude Every Wednesday Wednesdays in April: Hosted by Artiz of Wordz, 7 – MrPoetry, & The Cosplay Poet. Doors open at 6pm for karaoke with open mic starting at 7:30. ERG Gallery. More Info	More than Words @21c Museum Hotel Monthly: An enchanting evening of poetic expression at More Than Words, a monthly celebration of spoken word expression. More Info



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