



Poetry Out Loud 2022

“No matter who you are, where you come from, or what your story is, there is some poem out there you can connect with.”

Poetry Out Loud (POL) inspires in high school students the confidence to make themselves heard, using one of the most powerful tools at their disposal—poetry. It encourages teens to learn about poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. Participants master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life.

And the best part about POL, it’s easy to participate.

1. Go to the POL website and choose 3 poems. www.poetryoutloud.org.
2. Ask a teacher, mentor, or group leader to be your sponsor.
3. Notify Mara mgrimes@smcgov.org that you would like to participate by **12/3/21**.
You will receive information on how to proceed and will be connected with a coach to help you perfect your presentation. Group coaching sessions to be held via Zoom.
4. Check out video of past participants and resources www.poetryoutloud.org.
5. Start memorizing and have fun!
6. The county competition will take place virtually on **February 8, 2022**.
7. More information to come soon.

“Before I began this process, poetry seemed foreign and inaccessible, but now it is an art with which I can connect and appreciate more fully.”



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