


POFEST 2009 program at a glance

| April 22 (Wed) | Apr 23 (Thurs) | Apr 24 (Fri) | Apr 25 (Sat) | Apr 26 (Sun) |
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| | | | <p>11:30 am-1:00 pm Brown Bag Lunch: Two voices from the poetry planet <i>Stanley A. Milner Library</i></p> | <p>11:00 am One Breath: A Timeless Hour of Zen Poetry <i>Shanti Yoga Lounge</i></p> |
| <p>Poetry Central - Stanley A. Milner library, outside the Second Cup Coffee Shop Stop by to play with poetry and pick up festival info</p> | | | | |
| | | | <p>1:30-3 pm Master classes What makes a poem work? Listen in. <i>Stanley A. Milner Library</i></p> <p>3:30-6 pm Poetry Happy Hour with the League of Canadian Poets <i>The Artery</i></p> | <p>1- 4 pm Café readings <i>Three Bananas Café</i> <i>Axis Café</i> <i>Java Express</i> <i>Stanley A. Milner Library</i></p> |
| <p>7 pm The Raving Poets with special guest C.R. Avery <i>Kasbar Lounge</i></p> <p>7 pm Talonbooks spring launch <i>Vintage lounge</i></p> | <p>6:30 - 8:30 pm Vintage: An Evening of Works from Well Aged Poets <i>Southeast Edmonton Seniors Association</i></p> <p>7 pm Night of the Killer Blinks <i>The Artery</i></p> | <p>7 pm & 8 pm Lit Crawl 5 downtown venues</p> <p>9 pm The Glam Slam <i>The Artery</i></p> <p>6:30-8:30 pm An Evening of Poetry <i>Strathcona County Public Library</i></p> | <p>8 pm Poetry on Planet Earth: The Variety Show <i>The Artery</i></p> |  <p>complete details at www.edmontonpoetryfestival.com</p> |



Visit Poetry Central

*Stanley A. Milner Library - Front Gallery
Thursday, Friday & Saturday 11:30 am-1:30 pm*

Pick up festival programs and posters, and participate in:

- Poetry Out Loud—Your chance at glory. Read one of your poems or a favourite, or ask a volunteer to read it for you.
- Post a Poem—Don't keep your creativity to yourself! Let other people enjoy it too by posting it where passersby can read it.
- Creativity Corner—Write a poem at the desk or play around with words on the magnetic poetry display board.

Thursday, April 23

Night of the Killer Blinks

*Doors at 6:30 pm.; performance at 7
The Artery, 9535 Jasper Avenue*

En Guard! Edmonton's own Guardians Against Wordiness* go at it again. Fourscore and more poet blinkers have their marching orders: Be brief. Be brave. Go Forth and Howl.

Participants who mince words will be penalized. Performers who exceed their 30-second time slot will be severely penalized. Audience members are welcome to participate in all penalizations. *Coupe! Marche! Attaque!*

Friday, April 24

Lit Crawl

*7 - 9 p.m.
Five downtown venues*

An April evening, wine in the air, poetry all round downtown. Five venues, with readings starting at 7 pm and 8 pm. Detailed schedule on next page

The Glam Slam.

9 pm - The Artery

Ten local performance poetry stars compete for cash prizes. High-impact poetry.

Saturday, April 25

Brown bag lunch: 2 voices from the poetry planet

*11:30 am-1 pm,
Stanley A. Milner Library, Main Floor*

Poets Rita Espechit and Peter Midgley arrived in Edmonton from very different parts of the planet. Their shared performance will be a dialogue of different languages - Portuguese, Afrikaans, English, and isiXhosa. Pack a lunch and travel with poetry.

Master classes

*1:30 - 3 p.m.
Stanley A. Milner Library, Sixth Floor*

What makes a poem work? Two 'master classes' let you listen in on a really good writing circle.

Master class 1: words together - Room 6-27

Four rising poets - Jacob Sheier, David O'Meara, Elizabeth Bachinsky and Laisha Rosnau - join Edmonton poets to share and critique work.

Master class 2: Performance focus - Room 6-5

Musician-poet C.R. Avery will work with Edmonton writers on presenting poems to their best advantage.

Poetry Happy Hour - The Western Swing

3:30-6 pm - The Artery

The League of Canadian Poets swings through town, reprising its popular tour of the West with League members from all three provinces. Order a beer, put up your boots and enjoy the verbal two-step.

Poetry on Planet Earth

9 pm - The Artery

It's a variety show featuring a whole world of poetry. Performances include multimedia 'planet' poems from Catherine Owen, rapper C. Joseph Gurba, Franco-Albertain Pierrette Requier, Aboriginal writer Gregory Scofield, Canada's 'war' poet Suzanne M. Steele, Vancouver's Elizabeth Bachinsky, Victoria's

Barbara Pelman, The Raving Poets band and blues-music-poet C.R. Avery to rock us to the end.

Sunday, April 26

One Breath: A Timeless Hour of Zen Poetry

*10:45am - 12:00pm
Shanti Yoga Studio, 10026 102 Street*

Life moves too fast. We're going to slow it down for an hour, maybe even make time stand still. *One Breath* is a meditation on words and the spaces between words—one hour of Zen-inspired poetry. Readers will share short-form poetry that explores ideas of unity, transcendence, and simplicity, providing the perfect wind-down to a weekend of hard hitting verse. (To avoid interruptions to the reading, doors will shut at 11:00am sharp!)

Café readings

*1-4 p.m.
Axis Café - 10349 Jasper Avenue
Three Bananas Café - South side of Winston Churchill Square
Java Express Café - 10355 Jasper Avenue
Stanley A. Milner Library*

You've got all the choice in the world as our café readings wind up the festival. Ninety poets will share brief readings of their work

All official festival events are free.

For more information on readers and events: www.edmontonpoetryfestival.com

The Lit Crawl Line-up - Friday, April 24

Audrey's Books
10702 Jasper Avenue
(780-423-3487)

7 pm: The Spoken
Word Youth Choir
8 pm: David O'Meara
& T.L. Cowan

*Audreys is celebrating
50 years of independent
bookselling and is a
welcome space for
writers and readers.
Browse the shelves
before, between and
after the readings.*

**Sofra Turkish
Restaurant**
10345 - 106 Street
(780-423-3044)

7 pm: Glen Sorestad
& Bert Almon
8 pm: Jacob Scheier &
Jannie Edwards

*Sofra's has a
delicious menu - a good
place to come early for
dinner, or to enjoy
Turkish tea and sweets
after.*

Axis Cafe
10349 Jasper Avenue
(780-990-0031)

7 pm: Matthew
Tierney & Nicole
Pakan
8 pm: Jeramy Dodds
& Doug Barbour

*Axis is a gathering place
for music and visual art.*

Wee Book Inn
10328 Jasper Avenue
(780-423-1434)

7 pm: Laisha Rosnau
& Anna Mioduchowska
8 pm: Greg Scofield &
Titi Sonuga

*The Wee Book Inn
specializes in used
books and really old
cats. You're sure to find
a great read here, and
you're sure to hear
some great words.*

Naked Cyber Café
10354 Jasper Avenue
(780-425-9730)

7 pm: Joan Crate &
Anna Marie Sewell
8 pm: Elizabeth
Bachinsky & Michael
Penny

*The Naked Cyber Café is
one of Edmonton's
oldest internet
hangouts. Coffee and
light snacks available,
art on the walls, and a
great new sound
system.*

And more poetry events during festival week

**The Raving Poets
Welcome CR Avery**
April 22 8:00pm Kasbar
Lounge
10444 - 82 Avenue
The Raving Poets
welcome the legendary
CR Avery for a pre-
festival warmup
performance.

Talonbooks Launch
April 22 7:00pm
Vintage Lounge -10124
124 Street
Vancouver publishing
house Talonbooks comes
to Edmonton for its
spring launch of new
books of poetry, drama
and fiction, with rob
mclennan, bill bissett,
Kevin Kerr, Adeena
Karasick, Garry Morse.

**Vintage: An Evening
of Works from Well-
Aged Poets**
April 23 - 6:30pm
Southeast Edmonton
Seniors Association
9350-82 Street
SEESA presents the third
annual Vintage: An
Evening of Works from
Well Aged Poets.
Featuring special guest
Diane Buchanan and

students of Minerva
Seniors Studies
Advanced Creative
Writers class. Tickets
available in advance at
the SEESA front desk. \$5
for SEESA members or \$10
for non-members or \$10
at the door. Cash bar
available.

**An Evening with
Thomas Trofimuk
and Mary Pinkoski**
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Strathcona County
Public Library. 300,
2020 Sherwood Drive
Sherwood Park
Two of Edmonton's
finest verse smiths and
writers team up for a
great one-two punch

POFEST café readings schedule

Sunday April 26

| Venue | 1 pm | 2 pm | 3 pm |
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| <p>Java Express Cafe 10355 Jasper Avenue (780.428.5282) javaexpress.ca</p> | <p>Renee van der Putten Ellen Kartz Marco Melfi Phyllis Shuell Kim Aeichele glenN robson Dana Wilson Adriana Davies Marcia O'Connor</p> | <p>Melle Huizinga Anna Mioduchowska Tyler Enfield Patrick M. Pilarski Adam Snider Chris L Souliere Shima Aisha Robinson Jalal Barzanji Dave Brulotte</p> | |
| <p>Stanley Milner Library Churchill Square epl.ca</p> | <p>Therezinha F. Kennedy Peter Midgly Ahmed Ali Karen Peterson Sonya Solomnovich Jason Mclachlan Philip Jagger Scarlett Eyben Chris Bell</p> | <p>Mehrdad Shokouhi Angela Dekort Juniper Quin C. Joseph Gurba Lisa Guenther Rusti Leahy Kathie Sutherland Tim Harwill Naomi McIlwraith</p> | <p>Rebecca Schellenberg Pierrette Requier David Brydges Christopher Malayko Michelle Earl Rebecca Traquair Diane Buchanan Mary Cambell Conor Kerr Mona Struthers</p> |
| <p>Axis Cafe 10349 Jasper Avenue axiscafe.ca</p> | <p>Michelle Hart Hank Binnema Chris Bell Katelyn Kaiser Michelle Labossiere Brandt Luc Newman Rick Mogg Jade O'Riley</p> | <p>Leopold McGinnis Judy Lin S. E. Ingraham Paula Kirman Alice Major Katelyn Loshny Allan Knight Danielle Zyp</p> | <p>Anne Gerard Marshall Travis Morgan M. Jennie Frost Edward Porper Jacqueline Williams Kathy Fisher LS Marley Wilda Kruize</p> |
| <p>Three Bananas Cafe South side of Winston Churchill Square threebananas.ca</p> | <p>Maxwell Foster Ivan Sundal Judy Walker Mandie Lopatka Peter Taylor Pamella Heikel Jo-Ann Godfrey Melissa Morelli Lacroix Ben Murray</p> | <p>Wendy Joy Alexis Kienlen Audrey Brooks Joyce Harries Titilope Sonuga Mildred Ambe Lisa Pruden Gary Garrison Doug Elves</p> | <p>Laurie MacFayden Audrey Seehagen Myrna Garanis Ella Zeltserman Jocelyne Verret Katrine Nielsen Alison Clarke Lorraine McFadden Ronald Kurt</p> |

