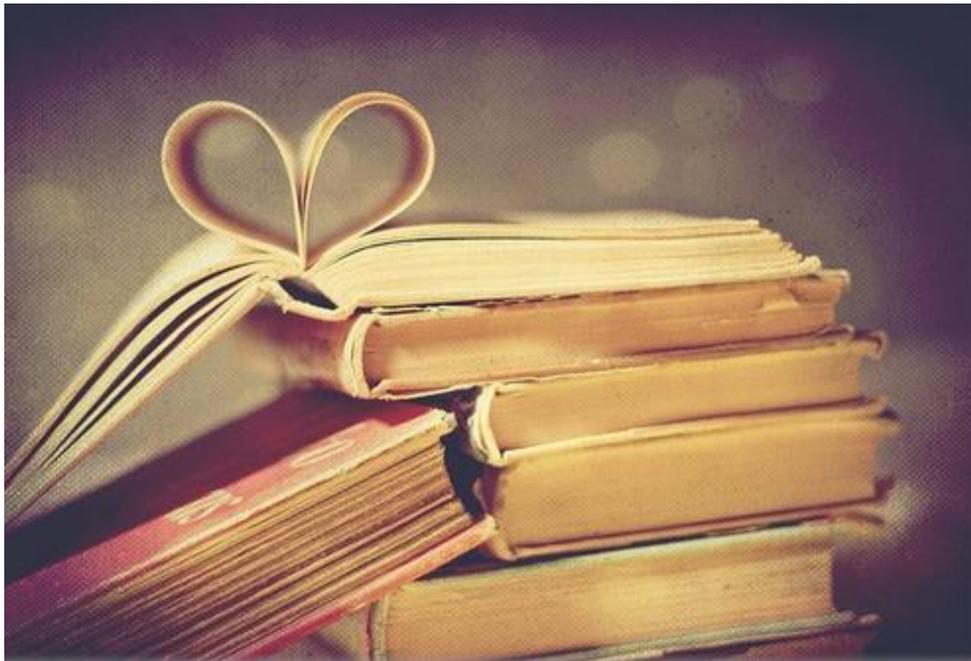




POETRY NIGHT 2018



Thursday, August 16 at 7:00 pm

Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library
249 Frank Allen Road, Cashiers, NC

Presented by Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library
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Opening

- ℓ *The Cremation of Sam McGee* by Robert Service, presented by **Ethan Staats** of Cashiers. *It is a truly great poem of American and a memorial to the Gold Rush of the 1800's.*
- ℓ *NPR Dec 29, 2001*, read by its author, **Diane McPhail** of Highlands. *The poem was written in response to the morning news on that particular day. Though some of that news has been resolved, there is something about the ongoing assaults of the daily news that makes this poem both timeless and timely.*

Favorite Poem Readings By Folks We Know and Admire

<u>Poem</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Why It Is A Favorite</u>
<i>The Second Coming</i>	William Butler Yates	Ann Austin	Cashiers NC	It has universal meaning -- not just for World War I period. And the opening lines are so powerful.
<i>The Road Not Taken</i>	Robert Frost	Dan Brown	Highlands NC	It's about choices and the consequences of choices made.
<i>In This Place (an American Lyric)</i>	Amanda Gorman, US Youth Poet Laureate, 2017	Charlotte Collins	Sapphire NC	This poem celebrates a favorite space (the Library of Congress), and the promise of young poets.
<i>Fair Weather</i>	Dorothy Parker	Marlene Falconer	Lake Toxaway NC & Sarasota FL	I love the comparison of Nature to human emotions.
<i>On the Pulse of Morning</i>	Maya Angelou	Ellen Greenwald	Sapphire NC	It acknowledges the failures of the past and expresses hope for the future.
<i>The Conqueror Worm</i>	Edgar Allan Poe	Serenity Richards	Cashiers NC	

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<i>Ozymandias</i>	Percy Bysshe Shelley	William McReynolds	Sapphire NC	It speaks to the impermanence and arrogance of human kind.
<i>The Oven Bird</i>	Robert Frost	Laura Hansen	Sapphire NC	This poem reiterates Frost's eternal question of how to interpret and understand change. Here the bird is the poet. The sonnet is rich in imagery of the changing season and especially appropriate for this very moment in August.
<i>The Naming of the Cats</i>	T. S. Eliot	Charlene Homolka	Cashiers NC	One of my all-time favorite musicals is 'Cats', not just because I'm a cat lover, but because of Andrew Lloyd Weber's amazing musical. His libretto is based on T. S. Eliot's series of poems about cats. This poem is an ode to the dignity of the cat and could shed light on the mystery of what our feline companions are thinking when they are in a contemplative mood, sitting in the sill in the sun. After all, a cat is not a dog!
<i>English</i>	Yusuf Komunyakaa	Linda McReynolds	Cashiers NC	Human cruelty, when described through the innocent voice of a child, intensifies our response – does it not?
<i>Litany</i>	Billy Collins	Marilyn Dorn Staats	Cashiers NC	Typical Collins!
<i>The Highwayman</i>	Alfred Noyes	Adair Simon	Cashiers NC	This poem has passion and power and is incurably romantic.



Poetry Night is inspired by the **Favorite Poem Project**, a partnership of Boston University, the Library of Congress and other organizations with major funding from the National Endowment from the Arts and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Robert Pinsky, a former Poet Laureate of the United States, founded the Favorite Poem Project in 1997. He observed that when people read poetry aloud, a discernable change in their faces and voices occurs that demonstrates their connection to the poem. The Favorite Poem Project grew out of that discovery.

The Favorite Poem Project celebrates poetry in the lives of people from all walks of life and age groups within a single community. Over 1000 towns across our country have participated by holding poetry readings performed by local residents.

The Friends of the Library has presented Poetry Night - Favorite Poem Readings - since 2010. We gratefully acknowledge the vision of Marilyn Dorn Staats, who championed this event for many years as a way for Cashiers area residents to share particular poems that have a strong personal meaning for them.

Who are the Friends of the Library?

Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library are people from all walks of life who share a common belief that a good public library is a valuable community asset that must be nourished and supported. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Friends supports and enriches the library through advocacy, fundraising and activities.

