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PoemCity 2012 Call for Submissions

MONTPELIER, VT – The Kellogg Hubbard Library and Montpelier Alive will reprise PoemCity 2012 (formerly known as POETRY Alive!) with a text display and expanded programming for a month-long National Poetry Month celebration in Montpelier, Vt in April 2012.

The project, now in its third year, will feature contemporary Vermont poetry displayed in shop windows throughout downtown Montpelier, as well as poetry/art installations and thirty days' worth of poetry-related programming. The kick-off event will feature a reading with Q&A by Sydney Lea, new Vermont Poet Laureate. Other features include an exhibit of broadsides from New England presses, writing workshops, readings, and a poetry slam led by Slam Master Geof Hewitt.

"We're so happy to be able to bring PoemCity to downtown Montpelier again," said Phayvanh Luekhamhan, Executive Director of Montpelier Alive, the downtown organization. "We strive to bring quality cultural offerings to Montpelier and help visitors to discover our historic district and unique marketplace."

Last year's text display featured over 200 poems from poets representing over 40 different Vermont cities and towns. "We had audiences with people from Enosburg Falls, Duxbury and Bennington," Luekhamhan said. "This is a state-wide project concentrated in Montpelier."

"PoemCity's philosophy is that everyone is a poet. We work to offer opportunities for our community's poets to publish, disseminate, learn and love poetry," said Rachel Senechal, Program and Development Coordinator at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, which jointly presents the project.

PoemCity 2012 is underwritten by [Vermont College of Fine Arts, www.vcfa.edu](http://www.vcfa.edu). It is supported in part by The Vermont Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Montpelier Arts Fund, the Vermont Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts. This funding allows PoemCity to be offered free of charge to the community.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES ATTACHED

PoemCity 2012 Submission Guidelines

If you are a Vermonter who would like to submit your work for consideration, please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Deadline: February 1, 2012. 2. Please send 1-3 poems as MS Word attachments. Each poem must be no longer than 24 lines.
2. Please include in your email, your name, city/town of residence and phone.
3. Please do not re-submit work that was sent for previous Poetry Alive! displays, please submit new works.
4. If you are school-aged please let us know your age and where you go to school, or let us know if you are home-schooled.
5. Please submit your poems to: PoemCity2012@gmail.com. If you do not use a computer, we will accept handwritten or typed poems.

Please send to: PoemCity 2012, Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602

By sending your work to PoemCity 2012 you agree to the following:

PoemCity may use any poem in the text display, in promotional materials, and associated online, print and other media avenues.