

# *April is National Poetry Month*

## **Calling All Poets ( . . . and poetry lovers)**

hosted by **Victoria Muñoz**



**Silas Bronson Library - 267 Grand St., Waterbury, CT - Wednesday, April 2 - 6:30 p.m.**

Sign-up 10 minutes before program



## **National Poetry Month Poetry Slam\* hosted by Ernie Blue**

Ernie Blue, who was just March's featured poet, a Waterbury favorite, and former Slam Champion will be returning to MC this exciting event!

\*Poetry slam is a competition at which poets read or recite original work. These performances are then judged on a numeric scale by previously selected members of the audience.

Participants are invited to sign up ahead of time as time is limited. Audience members will be selected to help judge. Participants are urged to have at least 3 pieces to recite for no longer than 3 minutes each. There will be three rounds in this competition. Participants who go on to the next round will recite their next piece, and so on. Participants should be well prepared, keeping mind that this event is all about the spoken word and having fun with it. Looking forward to a great night!

## *Upcoming Programs*

### **Wednesday, May 7 - Massachusetts poets - Lori Desrosiers and Oonagh Doherty**



**Lori Desrosiers** has written one poetry collection and one chapbook. Her poetry has also been published in numerous journals. She is the editor of *Naugatuck River Review*, and publisher of *Poetry News*, an online newsletter of poetry-related events in Connecticut and Massachusetts. She teaches English and Poetry at several colleges.



Although **Oonagh C. Doherty** was born in Aberdeen, Scotland and grew up in both the U.K. and the U.S., Hispanic-American culture and language have also played a large part in her life. She has published poetry in *Margie*, *Crannog*, *Measure: A Review of Formal Poetry*, *William and Mary Review*, and *Existere*, and has been nominated twice for the Pushcart Prize (once for poetry and once for prose). She is a legal services attorney in Springfield, MA.

### **Wednesday, June 4 - 6:30 p.m. Connecticut poets: Polly Brody and Norah Pollard**



Southbury environment advocate and world traveler **Polly Brody** has written four poetry collections and her work has been published in numerous literary journals. She has been a finalist in the New Millennium Writings competition, received two CT Poetry Society Winchell Awards, placed first in the *CT River Review* contest and third in the Friends of Acadia national competition.



Stratford resident **Norah Pollard** lives by the Housatonic River, works at a Bridgeport steel company, and shares the spirit of her father, legendary jockey Red Pollard of Seabiscuit fame. She has written four poetry collections, edited *The Connecticut River Review* and received the Academy of American Poets Prize from the University of Bridgeport.

*The public is invited. Admission and evening parking are free.*