

The Bradford County Regional Arts Council invites you to participate in:
POETRY OUT LOUD: NATIONAL RECITATION CONTEST

High School students in Bradford, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Sullivan, Tioga, and West Wyoming counties are eligible to compete in this national poetry recitation contest.

What is Poetry Out Loud (POL)?

Presented by The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation in partnership with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the Bradford County Regional Arts Council, *Poetry Out Loud* is a program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. Starting in the fall and continuing through the spring of each school year, schools in every region of Pennsylvania are invited to participate in classroom, school-wide and regional contest, advancing to a state competition typically held in March. State champions advance to the national Finals, held in April in Washington, DC. **Bradford County Regional Arts Council implements one of the regional competitions and sends one winner to the State Finals each year; regional competition is usually held in January. This year it will be held Saturday, January 31st at Mansfield University.**

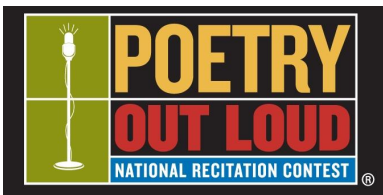
How to get involved

High school teachers who are interested in participating in *Poetry Out Loud* should know that the program requires less than two or three weeks of class time. Studying literature, including poetry, addresses at least three Anchor Assessments per the PA Common Core ELA Standards: Speaking and Listening (SL. 9-10, SL 11-12), Reading (RL. 9-10, RL 11-12), and Language (L. 9-10, L 11-12). **High schools that wish to be part of the official *Poetry Out Loud* program should complete the enclosed 'request for information' form and submit to the Bradford County Regional Arts Council; a POL packet will be mailed to you upon receipt.**

POL packets include, free, standards-based curriculum materials for your use. These materials include the Teacher's Guide booklet, DVD program guide to help instructors teach recitation and performance and two posters. The print anthology is no longer available in hard-copy form, but a current list of eligible poems can be found online at POL's website (below). Program materials are also available for download on the website, www.poetryoutloud.org, which offers additional resources.

The NEA, the Poetry Foundation, and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts have partnered to provide materials, grants, prizes and the State and National Finals next spring. With this support, Bradford County Regional Arts Council will provide service to high schools in this region.

Poetry Out Loud seeks to foster the next generation of literary readers by capitalizing on the latest trends in poetry – recitation and performance. The program builds on the resurgence of poetry as an oral art form, as seen in the slam poetry movement. *Poetry Out Loud* invites the dynamic aspects of slam poetry, spoken word, and theater into the English class. Through *Poetry Out Loud*, students can master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage.



Intent to Participate in POETRY OUT LOUD 2014-2015

Yes! We are interested in participating in the Pennsylvania Poetry Out Loud Recitation Contest. Please send us the **Poetry Out Loud Teacher Packet for 2014-2015**.

Please return one form for EACH participating classroom teacher – you will receive a POL packet for each form submitted.

Please return one form for each participating teacher. Total # of participating teachers: _____

The class participating is (check all that apply):

☐ Creative Writing ☐ Language Arts/English ☐ Theatre
☐ Speech ☐ Forensics Team
☐ Other (please specify) _____

Estimated Number of students participating _____

School Name _____ District _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

County _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Teachers/staff members in charge _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Signature of teacher/staff person in charge

Return this form to:

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