



# Poetry Starter Kit

## Anthologies & Recommendations

Are you interested in checking out some poetry but don't know where to start? A great way to find out about a variety of poets is through anthologies.

What's an anthology? It can be organized in lots of different ways, but at its core, an anthology is a big collection of poems from different poets. Whether it's poems from a specific part of the world, period in history, or style, here at Beloit Public Library, we have a great selection of anthologies.

Below is a list highlighting some of them, as well as several books from classic and contemporary poets. Keep in mind this is only a small sample of the great poets out there! Sadly, it would be impossible to include everyone.

If you are looking for something/someone specific that you don't see here or need help tracking down anything poetry related feel free to reach out to me at [pkopp@beloitlibrary.org](mailto:pkopp@beloitlibrary.org).

All items on this list available for checkout at Beloit Public Library.

## Historical Periods & Movements

*American Indian Poetry: An Anthology of Songs and Chants*

*American Poetry The Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*

*American Poetry The Twentieth Century Volume One and Two*

*From Totems to Hip-Hop*

*Nepantla: An Anthology dedicated to Queer Poets of Color ed. by Christopher Soto*

*Rebel Angels: 25 Poets of the New Formalism*

*The Breakbeat Poets Vol. 2 Black Girl Magic Ed. By Jamila Woods*

*The Making of a Poem: A Norton Anthology of Poetic Forms ed. By Mark Strand and Eevan Boland*

*The Outlaw Bible of American Poetry*

*The Poetry Anthology 1912-2002*

*The Penguin Anthology of 20th Century American Poetry ed. By Rita Dove*

*The Vintage Book of African American Poetry*

## "Best of" and Topical

*Catching Life by the Throat: How to Read a Poem and Why: poems from eight great poets*

*Poetry 180: A Turning Back to Poetry- An Anthology of Contemporary Poems ed. By Billy Collins*

*Poetry Speaks: Hear Great Poets Read Their Work from Tennyson to Plath*

*The Art of Losing- Poems of Grief*

*The Poet Laureate Anthology*

*Word of Mouth- Poems Featured On NPR's All Things Considered*

## In Translation

### Africa

*The Penguin Book of Modern African Poetry*

### Ancient Greece/Rome

*The Poems of Catullus*

*If Not, Winter: Fragments of Sappho Translated by Anne Carson*

*Greek Lyric Poetry: A New Translation*

### Asia

*Classical Chinese Poetry: An Anthology- Translated and Edited by David Hinton*

*One Hundred Poems From The Japanese: Translated by Kenneth Rexroth*

*The Anchor Book of Chinese Poetry: From Ancient to Contemporary*

*The Rose of Time: New and Selected Poems by Bei Dao*

## Central/Eastern Europe

*Contemporary Russian Poetry: An Anthology*

## France

*An Anthology of French Poetry from Nerval to Valery in English Translation*

*Arthur Rimbaud: Complete Works*

*Six French Poets of the Nineteenth-Century with Parallel French Text*

*The Yale Anthology of Twentieth Century French Poetry ed. by Mary Ann Caws*

## Germany

*Twentieth Century German Poetry*

*Selected Poems and Prose of Paul Celan*

*Rilke: New Poems*

*The Essential Rilke: Selected and Translated by Galway Kinnell and Hannah Liebmann*

## Italy

*The FSG Book of Twentieth-Century Italian Poetry ed by Geoffrey Brock*

*The Inferno of Dante: A Bilingual Edition Translated by Robert Pinsky*

*The Poetry of Petrarch*

*Latin America*

*The Oxford Book of Latin American Poetry*

*Middle East*

*The Illustrated Rumi*

## Spain

*Frederico Garcia Lorca- Collected Poems*

*Roots and Wings 1900-1975: Poetry from Spain, a bilingual anthology*

## Classic and Contemporary Collections from English Language Poets

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**Chen Chen** – *When I Grow Up I Want to be a List of Further Possibilities*

**Vievee Francis** – *Forest Primeval*

**Terrance Hayes** – *Sonnets for My Past and Future Assassin*

**Ilya Kaminsky** – *Deaf Republic*

**Ada Limon** – *Bright Dead Things*

**Layli Long Soldier** – *Whereas*

**Richard Silken** – *Crush*

**Danez Smith** – *Homie*

**Ocean Vuong** – *Night Sky With Exit Wounds*

**Franz Wright** – *Walking to Martha's Vineyard*

**C.D. Wright** – *ShallCross*

**Jon Ashbery** – *Collected Poems Vol. 1 1956-1987 & Vol. 2 1991-2000* (*Houseboat Days, Hotel Lauréamont*, and most of his individual collections are available on Hoopla)

**Gwendolyn Brooks** – *Selected Poems*

**Hart Crane** – *Collected Poems and Selected Letters*

**Emily Dickinson** – *Collected Poems* (also available on Hoopla)

**Robert Hayden** – *Collected Poems*

**Marianne Moore** – *The Poems of Marianne Moore*

**Sylvia Plath** – *The Collected Poems* (also available on Hoopla)

**Adrienne Rich** – *Collected Poems*

**Gertrude Stein** – *Writings 1903-1932* (several additional collections available on Hoopla)

**Wallace Stevens** – *The Collected Poetry and Prose* (several individual collections available on Hoopla)

**William Carlos Williams** – *The Collected Poems of William Carlos Williams* (several individual collections available on Hoopla)