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**NATIONAL POETRY MONTH
Young Poets' Week Initiatives: April 9-15th 2006**

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The League of Canadian Poets is gearing up for National Poetry Month, and young poets are centre stage, with exciting projects and initiatives in place for NPM this April.



The LCP has partnered with writer's organizations across the country to conduct a large-scale program bringing poets into the classrooms of schools across the country - **thirty poets will be reading to students in six provinces.** Participating organizations include the Writers' Federation of New Brunswick, Saskatchewan Writers' Guild, PEI Writers' Guild, Quebec Writers' Federation, Writers Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Manitoba Writers' Guild.



The League will also be adding additional funds to their pre-existing **Poets in the Schools** program which will allow Ontario educators the opportunity to have a poet conduct a school-wide or classroom reading *free of charge*.



Winners of our **Poetic License Contest** for youth will be announced during Young Poets' Week. Look for an announcement on the www.youngpoets.ca website on April 11th, and for the winning poems to appear in the April issue of **Re:Verse**, the League's bi-lingual on-line e-zine.

The Young Poets' Week issue of **Re:Verse** will also feature the launch of a new look and design, as well as the results of a poetic challenge issued by a high school English class in North Vancouver.

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Through partnership with the League, the **National Film Board of Canada** will be offering a free loan of poetry-related films for screening in classrooms or libraries during April. Lesson plans to accompany these films will also available through the League's Website.

The NFB and the League will also be giving youth an opportunity to write and produce their own animated video-poem through two **Poetry in Motion** workshops to be conducted at the NFB's Mediatheque space in Toronto.

The League's youth website, www.youngpoets.ca, will be offering tips to teachers and educators throughout *Young Poets' Week* to help them get their students enthused about poetry and spoken word. Youth will also have a chance to have their poetry critiqued by established mentors through the *forums* section of the site.

Full details of Young Poets Week and National Poetry Month can be found at www.poets.ca or www.youngpoets.ca

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