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**NATIONAL POETRY MONTH**  
***Young Poets' Week Initiatives: April 9-15<sup>th</sup> 2007***



**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.**

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](http://www.youngpoets.ca) website on April 11<sup>th</sup>, and for the winning poems to appear in the April issue of ***Re:Verse***, the League's bi-lingual on-line e-zine.

Through partnership with the League, the **National Film Board of Canada** will be giving youth an opportunity to write and produce their own animated video-poem through three ***Poetry in Motion*** workshops to be conducted at the NFB's Mediatheque space in Toronto.

The League's youth website, [www.youngpoets.ca](http://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 on-line.



Full details of Young Poets Week and National Poetry Month can be found at [www.poets.ca](http://www.poets.ca) or [www.youngpoets.ca](http://www.youngpoets.ca)

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