

Celebrate National Poetry Month with Us

Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month reminds the public that poets have an integral role to play in our culture and that poetry matters.

This year the Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is celebrating National Poetry Month in a BIG way! Join Arts4MC and Downtown Book & Sound in partnership with Bookshop.org and We Need Diverse Books to get more students interested in poetry!

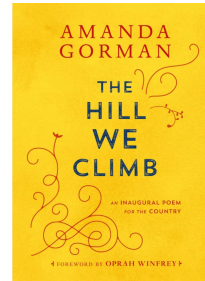
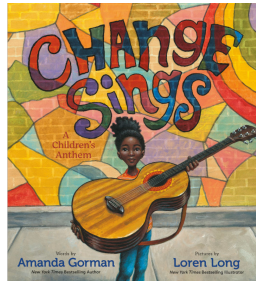
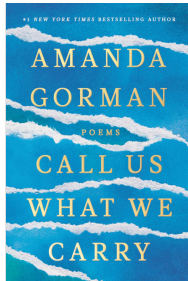
GET INVOLVED: We want to provide copies of Amanda Gorman's poetry books to every school library in Monterey County and **you can help by donating a book or 10!** Visit <https://Bookshop.org/amandagorman> to donate.

Donations accepted through May 13, 2022.



Amanda Gorman is the youngest presidential inaugural poet in US history. She is a committed advocate for the environment, racial equality, and gender justice. Amanda's activism and poetry have been featured on *The Today Show*, *PBS Kids*, and *CBS This Morning*, and in *The New York Times*, *Vogue*, *Essence*, and *O, The Oprah Magazine*.

Donate Amanda Gorman Books Today!



Monterey County Poet Laureate Events

INAUGURAL POET LAUREATE DANIEL B. SUMMERHILL

Join the Arts Council for Monterey County as we
present the Monterey County Poet Laureate!

Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 4 pm
The SandBox
440 Ortiz Ave. Sand City, CA

Register at
bit.ly/2022poetlaureate

Free event, registration required
Proof of vaccination required



Daniel will read from his latest collection of poetry in celebration of National Poetry Month accompanied by Students from the Poetry Out Loud competition. Daniel is Assistant Professor of Poetry/Social Action and Composition Studies at California State University - Monterey Bay. He has performed in over thirty states, the UK, and was invited by the U.S. Embassy to guest lecture and perform in South Africa. His debut collection is *Divine, Divine, Divine* published by Oakland-based Nomadic Press. His sophomore collection, *Mausoleum of Flowers* will be published by CavanKerry Press in April 2022. Summerhill holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the Solstice Low-Residency MFA program of Boston College.

Free Event Registration

In celebration of National Poetry Month, Downtown Book & Sound welcomes Monterey County Poet Laureate, Daniel B. Summerhill to share his latest release, "Mausoleum of Flowers," with the public.

You are invited to experience poetry, a book signing, live music, refreshments and much more! This is a free event - part of the month-long celebration and you could win one of 3 free "Mausoleum of Flowers" books signed by Monterey County Poet Laureate, Daniel B. Summerhill.

Friday, April 8, 2022 at 6 pm
Downtown Book & Sound
213 Main St, Salinas CA

