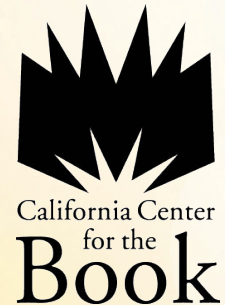
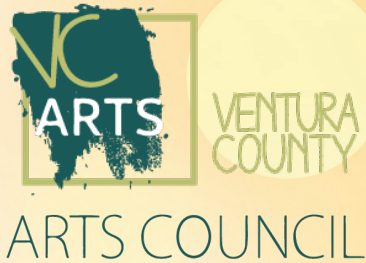


# Californians: Community Conversations About the Arts

In partnership with the **California Center for the Book** and the **Ventura County Arts Council**, the **Thousand Oaks Library** explores the role of poetry and how it can have impact for both individuals and the community.



## *April is National Poetry Month!*

### Join the conversation.

## Poetry Workshops

You're invited to one or all of these workshops to hone your work and improve your skills.

Learn from published poets and creative writing teachers.

**Saturday, March 24 • 1:00-3:00pm**  
**Newbury Park Library**  
Meeting Room

**Thursday, April 5 • 1:00-3:00pm**  
**Goebel Adult Community Center**

**Saturday, April 7 • 1:00-3:00pm**  
**Grant R. Brimhall Library**  
Marvin E. Smith Community Room

## Poetry Contest

### "Californians"

Who are Californians? We all have our individual stories that tell the bigger picture of who we are whether we were born here or have chosen to call California home.

**Two Categories:** Youth (12-18 years) & Adult (18+)

Prizes include an invitation to present at a public reading and 1st and 2nd place Visa gift cards. Judging by the Ventura County Arts Council including widely published poets, publishers, and creative writing teachers.

#### Submission Guidelines:

**Submissions accepted March 15 - April 15.**

You may submit up to 3 poems. Limit of 50 lines per poem.

**Online:** [tolibrary.org/poetry](http://tolibrary.org/poetry)

**In person:** Submit hard copies to the Adult Reference Desk at either Library. Please submit in a sealed envelope, fastened together, with your name and contact information on a separate piece of paper.

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