



BENICIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

POET LAUREATE 2026-2028

The Benicia Poet Laureate will serve as the literary ambassador for Benicia, promoting literary art and expression in the community through poetry.

Key Expectations:

- Lead the Benicia Library's monthly First Tuesday Poetry Group.
- Facilitate the Joel Fallon Poetry Scholarship
- Two year term (July 2026 – June 2028)

Core Qualifications:

- Love of writing and reading poetry
- Experience presenting poems in a public setting and comfortable with public speaking in general
- Demonstrated support of other poets and the appreciation of poetry in the Benicia community
- Connection to Benicia (Benicia resident or non-resident who lives nearby and is active in the Benicia literary arts community)
- 18 years or older

Other Potential Duties:

In addition to the Key Expectations indicated above, it would be desirable for the Poet Laureate to lead/participate in programs such as those listed below, which have been accomplished by former Benicia Poets Laureate, and/or to develop new and different programs/events promoting poetry in the Benicia community:

- Anthology - Facilitating and/or providing leadership in the creation of an anthology. This is typically accomplished with the generous support of Benicia Literary Arts.
- Love Poems Contest
- Ekphrastic poem events with community art partners such as local museums
- Recitation of poems at civic meetings or events
- Poet's Picnic
- Poetry Workshops in person or online lead by a poet knowledgeable about the topic
- Monthly Newsletter announcing poetry related events
- Outreach to community: Featured speaker events, Open Mic events, youth poetry awareness events, school visits