

POET LAUREATE

HISTORY

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Utah initiated its Poet Laureate program in 1997. The Poet Laureate is a Governor-appointed advocate for literature and the arts throughout the state. Each April, the Poet Laureate leads several discussions for Poetry Month.

BOOK THE POET LAUREATE

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The Poet Laureate is available for readings and workshops at public events and in venues including libraries, universities and schools. To have the Poet Laureate visit your school or organization, please fill out the request form found on the literary arts web page.

RESOURCES

LITOPS

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You can sign up online for our monthly newsletter with listings of literary opportunities around the state including workshops, conferences and deadlines for competitions.

Utah is home to a rich and diverse writing community. Throughout the state there are several literary journals and magazines, both print and electronic, conferences, competition and awards, festivals, and presses. These range from independent to university and college-sponsored periodicals, events and workshops, and include content in all of the literary genres.

COMPETITIONS

ORIGINAL WRITING COMPETITION

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Since 1958, the Utah Original Writing Competition has honored Utah writers with public recognition and cash prizes. The categories are: Novel, Biography/Autobiography/History, Book-length Collection of Stories, Young Adult Book/Juvenile Book, Poetry, Short Story, and Narrative Nonfiction/Personal Essay. Annual deadline in June.

POETRY OUT LOUD

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The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation have partnered with our Literary Arts Program to support Poetry Out Loud, which encourages Utah's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance. Please visit our website to register.