

Why Poetry Out Loud?

To introduce students to great poetry, both classic and contemporary

To address the decreasing rate of literary reading among young people

To encourage students to explore their literary heritage

To help students develop life skills such as poise and public speaking

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What do POL sponsors get? NCTE standards-based teacher's guide Website with online anthology of 1,000 + poems Individualized assistance with getting started and throughout program Free visits by poets and performing artists Choice! Run your program small or large

Opportunities for Libraries

- ❖ Partnerships with local schools and home-school groups
- Expanded community engagement

Youth programming

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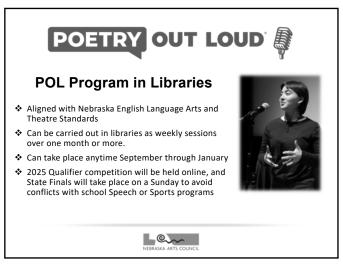
Volunteer opportunities (teachers or community members as judges, program assistants)

Enhance existing programs such as book clubs



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