

Poet Laureate

Laura McDermott Matheric

Appointed Period: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2024

Note: City staff will review poems before any recitals.

Below are proposed activities through 2023. Events and dates are subject to change.

2022

September: CreekTV video on Laura

September: Haiku contest on social media. Laura will choose winner.

September/October: Meet & Greet at Broward College library. Laura will contact library.

October: Quarterly poem about Coconut Creek.

November 11: Poem at Veterans Day

December 9: Poem at Jazz Under the Stars

2023

January: Quarterly poem about Coconut Creek.

February 9: Poem at MSD Memorial

April: recognize/celebrate National Poetry Month. Events/promotions TBD.

April: Quarterly poem about Coconut Creek.

May 11: Poem at Student Recognition Ceremony (?)

May 29: Poem at Memorial Day

June 16: Juneteenth – Laura will secure students to read poems at event.

July: Quarterly poem about Coconut Creek.

September: 100 Thousand Poets for Change event. Details TBD.

October: Quarterly poem about Coconut Creek.

Other

- May provide poetry classes to Seniors Center members, summer campers, and Creek Club.
- Laura will try to establish relationships with Creek schools to eventually/potentially partner on events/contests...
- Yvonne will contact Truli restaurant and other venues for a possible open mic night. We may also add an open mic night prior to a Concert in the Park.
- Mayor may possibly introduce Laura at Butterfly Festival.