

ADDITIONAL SPOKEN WORD POETRY RESOURCES

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KANOPY FILMS

Available for Denver Residents and Educators with a Denver Public Library Card

- [The Poetry Lounge](#) - Features 2004 National Slam Champions, performing their work and sharing their inspiration. Learn the fundamentals of writing and performing "spoken word" poetry from some of the most accomplished poets of the movement.
- [SlamNation](#) - A nonfiction narrative that takes you on a trip through the Slam Poetry phenomenon, following New York City's novice team on its journey to join over 120 spoken word artists on 27 city teams at the National Poetry Slam in Portland.
- [Moccasins and Microphones](#) - This documentary journeys with the Santa Fe Indian School Spoken Word Team as they prepare and present a theater production of their finest poems woven with traditional and contemporary song and dance.
- [Hughes' Dream Harlem](#) - Langston Hughes was one of the most prominent figures of the Harlem Renaissance and is often referred to as Harlem's poet laureate. This film shows how Hughes successfully fused jazz, blues and common speech to celebrate the beauty of Black life.
- [Deaf Jam](#) - The story of deaf teen Aneta Brodski's bold journey into the spoken word slam scene.
- [Ten Years in an Open Necked Shirt](#) - Mixes concert footage and interviews with interpreted and dramatised treatments of John Cooper Clarke's work.

OTHER LIBRARY RESOURCES

- [Poems Aloud](#) (Ideal for K-5)
- [Somebody Give This Heart a Pen](#) (Ideal for 6-12)
- [Poetry for teens on Overdrive](#) from Denver Public Library
- [Try this general search for CDs and books from spoken word artists](#)
- [Poetry intro for teens](#) from Denver Public Library

EXAMPLES ON YOUTUBE

Just a taste- there are so many more!

- [Beethoven by Shane Koyczan](#) (Ideal for older students)
- [Beethoven's Last Song - A Poem to Autism by Alyea Pierce](#) (Ideal for all ages)
- [If You Give a Child a Word - spoken art by Brandon Sanders and Mikeala Miller](#) (Ideal for all ages)
- [Asha Christensen](#) (Ideal for all ages)
- [Classroom Friendly Poems](#) (Ideal for all ages)

MISC. EXTRAS

- [Edutopia](#) - videos and resources for using spoken word poetry in the classroom
- [TeenInk](#) - forum for sharing and reading teen poetry
- [Poetry Out Loud](#) - resources, poems, videos, lesson plans and much more