

AWAKEN THE POET WITHIN

Wave Breaking News!

On the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, *Awaken the Poet Within* (ATPW) meets in the Encinitas Library study rooms viewing the vast Pacific Ocean. Starting in 2026, our city is supporting a monthly poetry series at the Encinitas Library on the 3rd Sunday of most months called *OCEAN OF POETRY*.

Each 3rd Sunday event is free of charge, and will present a notable featured reader followed by an open reading. *OCEAN OF POETRY* is devised and curated by poet/singer-songwriter/teacher Darius Degher, who will host the series along with Dr. Marit Anderson of *Awaken the Poet Within*, and local arts impresario Michael Schmitt.



Please join us on Sunday, January 18 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the library's Community Room (doors open at 12:30 PM) for the inaugural reading featuring Patricia Aya Williams, who was Youth Services Librarian at Encinitas Library for over ten years before she retired and began writing poetry. <https://beingpatricia.com>

Upcoming 2026 featured readers:

February: Andrea Carter ([Figeater](#))

March: George Yachitsin (Poet Laureate Santa Barbara)

April: Gustavo Hernandez (Poet Laureate Orange County)

May: Paola Capo-Garcia (Poet Laureate San Diego)

More information to come!

ATPW in the Community

Awaken the Poet Within donated a poetry workshop to the raffle benefiting Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Solana Beach for the second year in a row, and **will be scheduled in early 2026**. If you'd like to attend contact Mary Anne Trause: trause@comcast.net.



The first collaboration between *Awaken the Poet Within* and *Commonplace*, under the direction of Jean Herold, was an **Ekphrastic Poetry Workshop** in the community event space at North Park restaurant CinKuni in November 2025. The poetry and food were both amazing!

Our first poetry workshop collab for 2026 will be announced on the *Commonplace* website <https://commonplacegroup.com/events/> or Instagram@commonplacesd.

AWAKEN THE POET WITHIN, hosted by Dr. Marit Anderson, meets at the Encinitas Library on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month from Noon to 2:00 PM.

We write, share, and explore our world through poetry, in community with others.

No RSVP required, and the event is free to all. Contact Marit: drmartyanderson@sbcglobal.net

More Awaken the Poet Within Information