

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

TALKING POETRY

Join a weekly poetry reading and discussion group that explores voices from across history and around the world.

Flores Neighborhood Library
110 North Milby St., 77003

TUESDAYS FROM 5:30 - 7 PM

April 7, 2026

April 21, 2026

April 14, 2026

April 28, 2026



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RAP & POETRY

WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

GET READY TO

- Write original pieces, including poems, songs, or raps.
- Transform your work from the page to the stage with guidance from other artists.
- Boost your confidence and present your creation to an audience.

By the end of the workshop, you will leave with a unique piece of original work and a new sense of empowerment on the stage.

Let your creativity shine!

EVENT DATES & LOCATIONS FROM: 4 - 5 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

McGovern-Stella Link Regional Library
7405 Stella Link Rd., 77025

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

Moody Neighborhood Library
9525 Irvington Blvd., 77076

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

Oak Forest Neighborhood Library
1349 West 43rd St., 77018

Are **YOU** Ready?



REGISTER TODAY!



Marion John Wilkshire



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JAZZ & JAVA

with
EDMOND BAKER JR.



Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month with dance, music, and fun as we welcome our special guest, saxophonist Edmond Baker, Jr., aka Uptown Saxman.



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SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026
2 - 4 PM

McCrane-Kashmere Gardens
Neighborhood Library
5411 Pardee St., 77026



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Author Talk

with **Houston's Poet Laureates**



Reyes Ramirez
Houston Poet Laureate



Kaviya Dhir
Houston Youth Poet Laureate

Saturday, April 18, 2026
11 AM - 12 PM

Central Library | 500 McKinney St., 77002



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Join us for a special visit from Houston Poet Laureate Reyes Ramirez and Houston Youth Poet Laureate Kaviya Dhir. Explore their creative journeys, hear their work, and get an inside look at Houston's vibrant poetry scene. Whether you're a longtime fan or just curious, it's a welcoming event for poetry lovers of all ages.



Author Storytime

with Adelaide Crawford

Bring the whole family out for a morning of stories, smiles, and furry fun. Join us for a special story time with Adelaide Crawford, featuring a lively reading of her picture book, *All I Learned About Holland Lops: In My First Year of being a Bunny Owner*.

She will be signing and selling books during the event.



Adelaide and
Holland Lops



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SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026
10:30 - 11:30 AM

McGovern Stella Link Regional Library
7405 Stella Link Rd., 77025



PLANT IT FORWARD:

An Earth Day Plant Swap



happy
Earth
Day

Celebrate Earth Day with a fun, eco-friendly plant swap! Refresh your plants, discover new favorites, and learn about our Seed Library. Bring a healthy plant to swap—or simply come ready to learn, participate and connect with other plant lovers!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
12:30 - 2 PM

Central Library
Barbara Bush Literacy Plaza
500 McKinney St., 77002



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The Mic is Yours!



SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
2 - 3 PM

Step up to the mic and share your talent at our community showcase! Whether you're a poet, storyteller, musician, comedian, or simply have something to say, this is your stage. All ages and experience levels are welcome to perform or just come and enjoy the event.



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**Bring your creativity
to the forefront!**

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500 McKinney St., 77002



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STEP INTO STORYBOOKS FESTIVAL

Join us for **Step into Storybooks: Tales and Scales**, a lively festival packed with interactive literacy activities for all ages. Explore creative, hands-on ways to engage with books, spark imagination, and strengthen essential reading skills. With engaging experiences spread throughout the library, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
2 - 4 PM**

Robinson-Westchase Neighborhood Library
3223 Wilcrest Dr., 77042



STEP INTO STORYBOOKS

FESTIVAL

EVENTS

2 - 2:35 PM

PERFORMANCE PRESENTED BY
CRAYOLA IMAGINE ARTS ACADEMY

3:30 - 4 PM

SOUNDSTORIES PRESENTED BY
KINDER HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

2 - 4 PM

CRAFTS, PARTNER TABLES, AND ACTIVITIES



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