

The DC Poet Project

A Poetry Reading and Open Mic Featuring John Johnson, Jeffrey Banks, and Monica Leak

Are you a poet? Come read at the open mic Saturday March 30th for a chance at a hundred dollar cash prize, and selection as a finalist in the DC Poet Project! One open mic reader will be awarded a \$100 cash prize, and invitation to read at the final event to win a book contract including \$1000 dollar cash prize. To reserve an open mic spot visit DayEight.org.



John Johnson was the winner of the 2018 DC Poet Project. Through his win, the non-profit Day Eight published Johnson's book, *Love for Her*. Maryland poet laureate Grace Cavalieri called *Love for Her*, "A real find" and E. Ethelbert Miller wrote, "The poems are filled with wit, and wisdom." A native Washingtonian, Johnson is a poet, playwright, actor, and producer dedicated to capturing narratives of African Americans in Washington DC.



Jeffrey Banks album, *Exposed-The EP*, is the poetic testimonial of a Christian Believer. A licensed minister and substitute teacher, he provides consultant service to non-profits for events and development. He was a finalist in the 2018 DC Poet Project.



Monica Leak was a finalist in the 2018 DC Poet Project. She has contributed writings for Lenten devotionals including "A Devotional for Dismantling White Supremacy," and works as a speech-language pathologist and seminary librarian.

Anacostia Branch DC Public Library

1800 Good Hope Rd SE
Washington, DC 20020

Saturday, April 6

1:00-3:00 pm | Adults

