

The DC Poet Project

Culminating Event

The DC Poet Project is a Poetry Open Mic and Reading Series featuring top local authors who have selected five open mic winners to compete in the culminating event. At the culminating event finalists are competing for a book contract and \$500 dollar cash prize. To reserve a ticket visit DayEight.org.



John Johnson is a native Washingtonian, poet and playwright who captures narratives of African Americans. He recently completed a project capturing stories of east of the river residents, *Anacostia Unmapped*.



Aiyi'nah is a native Washingtonian, Director of The Future Foundation, and CEO of STAND Omnimedia. When she is not fighting for our collective liberation, she is sipping loose leaf tea and wearing a #supportisFREE™ t-shirt.



Shaquetta Nelson, known by her stage name R.E.I.L (real), is a poetic, creative visionary. At 16 she was 1/4 of Maryland first slam team competing in NYC for Brave New Voices Youth Poetry Slam.



Jeffrey "Big Homey" Banks has worked on stage with many notable performers, and been featured in national media including *Essence*, and *Black Enterprise*. His album, *Exposed-The EP*, is the testimonial of a Christian Believer.



Monica Leak works as a speech-language pathologist in southern Maryland, and as a seminary librarian in northern Virginia. She contributed writing to a Lenten Devotional for Dismantling White Supremacy.

Anacostia Branch DC Public Library

1800 Good Hope Rd SE
Washington, DC 20020

Saturday, May 5, 2018

2:00-3:30 pm | Adults

