



**EVENT OVERVIEW**  
**Massachusetts Poetry Festival**  
**Friday, October 10 – Sunday, October 12, 2008**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**High School Poetry Showcase**

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Lowell High School Auditorium  
50 Father Morissette Blvd.

**Intercollegiate Poetry Showcase**

3 – 4:30 PM

The Revolving Museum  
22 Shattuck Street

**Teaching With Fire: Poetry That Sustains the Courage to Teach**  
**Presented by Courage & Renewal Northeast**

4 – 5 PM

Boott Cotton Mills Museum - Invention Factory, 3rd floor  
115 John Street (Next to Boardinghouse Park)

**FILM: “Lowell Blues”**

**With guest filmmaker Henry Ferrini**

4 – 5 PM

Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center Theater  
246 Market Street

**Using Poetry to Spark Essential Conversations**

**Presented by Courage & Renewal Northeast**

5 – 6 PM

Boott Cotton Mills Museum - Invention Factory, 3rd floor  
115 John Street (Next to Boardinghouse Park)

**Featured Reading Event (Tickets are required)**

**Readers: Rhina Espaillat, Nick Flynn and Regie Gibson**

7 – 8:30 PM

Lowell High School Freshman Academy  
43 French Street (please use John Street Entrance)

**Performance Poetry Showcase and Open Mic**

**Hosted by Timothy Gager**

9 – 11 PM

The Brewery Exchange

201 Cabot Street

**Music After Hours with Peter Orphanos**

9 - 11 PM

The Old Court

29 Central Street # 31

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**Calling All Poetry Detectives**

**With Karen Kline**

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Pollard Memorial Library

401 Merrimack Street

**Leading From Within: Poetry That Sustains the Courage to Lead**

**Presented by Courage & Renewal Northeast**

10 – 11:30 AM

Whistler House Museum of Art

243 Worthen Street

**Nature, Machines and the Five Senses**

**Presented by Sheila Kirschbaum/Tsongas Industrial History Center**

10 – 11:30 AM

Boott Cotton Mills Museum - Boott Gallery

115 John Street (Next to Boardinghouse Park)

**Small Press Fair**

**Curated by Bootstrap Press**

10 – 5 PM

ALL Arts Gallery

246 Market Street

**Young Poets Workshop and Café**

**With Joyce Peseroff**

10 AM – 12 Noon

Boott Cotton Mills Museum

115 John Street

Worker's Space, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

**Small Press Panel**

11 AM – 12 Noon  
Brush Art Gallery and Studios  
256 Market Street

**Poetry from the Heart of the Commonwealth**

**Readings by Worcester County Poets**

**Saturday, October 11**

11 AM – 12 Noon  
Pollard Memorial Library  
401 Merrimack Street

**Kiss & Tell: Creating Community with a Reading Series**

**With Ann Killough**

11 AM – 12 Noon  
New England Quilt Museum  
18 Shattuck Street

**Poem Generator**

**Presented by Grub Street, Inc.**

11 AM – 12 Noon  
Boott Cotton Mills Museum - Invention Factory, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
115 John Street (Next to Boardinghouse Park)

**Poetry Exploration: An Exercise in Free Writing**

**With Barbara Helfgott-Hyett and PoemWorks**

11 AM – 12 Noon  
Boott Cotton Mills Museum - Conference Room A, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
115 John Street (Next to Boardinghouse Park)

**Youth Poetry Open Mic**

**Hosted by Febo**

11 AM – 1 PM (sign up at 10:30 AM)  
Life Alive Urban Oasis & Café  
194 Middle Street

**Lunchtime Poetry Readings**

**12 – 1:30 PM**

Taking place at select Lowell establishments! Detailed information will be available on Festival Weekend.

**Shakespeare in the Park**

*Exerpts from Midsummer Night's Dream*

**Presented by Middlesex Community College Theatre Department**

12 – 12:30 PM

Middlesex Community College Culture Park

Middle Street in Downtown Lowell (across from *Bombay Mahal* restaurant)

**Homes for Poems: Make Your Own Poetry Books**

**With Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord**

12 – 3 PM

Boott Cotton Mills Museum - Moody Street Lunchroom, 4<sup>th</sup> floor

115 John Street Entrance (Next to Boardinghouse Park)

**FILM: “Lowell Blues”**

**With guest filmmaker Henry Ferrini**

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Boott Cotton Mills Museum- Boott Events Center

115 John Street (Next to Boardinghouse Park)

**Calling All Poetry Detectives**

**With Karen Kline**

1 – 2 PM

Pollard Memorial Library

401 Merrimack Street

**Featured Reading Event (Tickets are required)**

**Readers: Marjorie Agosin and Ed Sanders**

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Lowell High School Freshman Academy

43 French Street (please use John Street Entrance)

**FILM: “Polis Is This: Charles Olson and the Persistence of Place”**

**With guest filmmaker Henry Ferrini**

**Sponsored by Moses Greeley Parker Lecture Series**

2 – 3:30 PM

Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center Theater

246 Market Street

**Cambodian Refugee Poetry**

**With Samkhann Khoeun**

2:30 – 3:30 PM

Pollard Memorial Library

401 Merrimack Street

**Poetry and Our Times**

**With Martin Espada, Richard Hoffman and Ann Killough**

3 – 4PM

Whistler House Museum of Art  
243 Worthen Street

**Awakening the Now: Poetry and the Practice of Mindfulness**

**With Patti Russo & Steven Durost**

3 – 4:30 PM

Life Alive Urban Oasis & Café  
194 Middle Street

**The Fulcrum 6 Debate on Poetry**

**Hosted by the publishers of *Fulcrum***

3 – 4 PM

ALL Arts Gallery  
246 Market Street

**Confluence: Where Words & Music Meet**

**A Music & Poetry Performance by J.D. Scrimgeour & Philip Swanson**

3 – 4 PM

The Revolving Museum  
22 Shattuck Street

**Cape Cod Voices: Poetry of People and Place**

**With the Cape Cod Writers' Center**

3 – 4:30 PM

Brush Art Gallery  
256 Market Street

**The Light Brigade**

**With X.J. Kennedy and the Concord Poetry Center**

4 – 5 PM

Boott Cotton Mills Museum - Boott Events Center  
115 John Street (Next to Boardinghouse Park)

**Poets of the South Coast**

**Featuring Everett Hoagland, former poet laureate of New Bedford**

4 – 5 PM

La Boniche  
143 Merrimack Street  
Side Dining Room

**Poetry Exploration: An Exercise in Free Writing  
With Barbara Helfgott Hyett & PoemWorks**

4 – 5 PM

Boott Cotton Mills Museum - Invention Factory, 3rd floor  
115 John Street (Next to Boardinghouse Park)

**Urban Village Arts Series: Music & Poetry Event  
Featuring Eileen Myles & Joseph Torra**

**Music by Frank Morey**

4 – 5:30 PM

Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center Theater  
246 Market Street

**Celebrating Elizabeth Bishop  
With Lloyd Schwartz**

5 – 6 PM

Ole Restaurant & Tapas Bar  
76 Merrimack Street  
Side Dining Room

**Poem Generator**

**Presented by Grub Street, Inc.**

5 – 6 PM

Brew'd Awakening Coffeehaus  
61 Market Street

**Evening Reception with Featured Readers (Tickets are required)**

6 – 7 PM

Boott Cotton Mills Museum - Counting House  
115 John Street (Next to Boardinghouse Park)

**Featured Reading Event (Tickets are required)**

**Readers: Lucie Brock-Broido, Martin Espada and Robert Pinsky**

7 – 8:30 PM

Lowell High School Auditorium  
50 Father Morissette Blvd.

**Music & Poetry After Hours**

**Featuring Robert Pinsky, Rakalam Bob Moses, Charles Coe, Regie Gibson, and  
The Jeff Robinson Trio**

9 PM – 12:30 AM

Boott Cotton Mills Museum - Counting House  
115 John Street (Next to Boardinghouse Park)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**Jack Kerouac Walking Tour of Lowell (FREE EVENT)**

**Hosted by Roger Brunelle**

11 AM – 12:30 PM

Tour begins at Pollard Memorial Library  
401 Merrimack Street

**More Cultural Lines of Poetry**

**Hosted by the Hellenic Culture Society**

2 – 4 PM

Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center Theater  
246 Market Street

**Explore the Literary Heritage of Massachusetts**

End your festival weekend by exploring the region's literary history through **Sunday guided & self-guided tours** of the following historic locations. Please visit the websites listed below for information on each destination:

Kerouac Commemorative Park (Lowell)

[www.nps.gov/lowe](http://www.nps.gov/lowe)

Lucy Larcom Park (Lowell)

[www.nps.gov/lowe](http://www.nps.gov/lowe)

Robert Frost Foundation (Lawrence)

[www.frostfoundation.org](http://www.frostfoundation.org)

Whittier House (Haverhill)

[www.whittierhouse.com](http://www.whittierhouse.com)

Whittier Homestead (Amesbury)

[www.johngreenleafwhittier.com](http://www.johngreenleafwhittier.com)

Ralph Waldo Emerson House (Concord)

[www.rwe.org/emersonhouse](http://www.rwe.org/emersonhouse)

Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House (Concord)

[www.louisamayalcott.org](http://www.louisamayalcott.org)

Walden Pond State Reservation (Concord)

[www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/walden](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/walden)

The Old Manse (Concord)

[www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org) (search under Properties)

Stevens-Coolidge Place (N. Andover)

[www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org) (search under Properties)