An all-day community celebration, Community Day of Poetry is the culminating event of National Poetry Month at Wellesley.

National Poetry Month at Wellesley is an initiative organized in collaboration with Mass Poetry to encourage all members of the community to celebrate the power of poetry to bring people together.

The events and activities offered throughout the Community Day of Poetry are designed to inspire and delight the community members and visitors as they move through the landscape.

All events and activities are free and open to the public.

Questions? Please contact Suzanne Langridge, director of the Paulson Initiative: slangrid@wellesley.edu.

For accessibility resources, please email accessibility@wellesley.edu.
SCHEDULE

APRIL 24–26, ALL DAY

NEXT STOP VIDEO INSTALLATION
Visit Pendleton West 205 to view Next Stop, an immersive interactive experience modeled after the T subway system in Boston that highlights poems by Wellesley students, faculty, and staff. This immersive video installation simulates journeys through the text of featured poems.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

7 A.M. BOTANISTAS-LED MORNING WALK
with poetry stops along the way around Lake Waban. Meet at Clapp Library steps.

8–8:20 A.M. AND 8:30–8:50 A.M. LABYRINTH WALKS and poetry readings with morning chai with Amira Quraishi, interim dean of religious and spiritual life.

1:30–4 P.M. BOOK ARTS LAB POETRY OPEN HOUSE:
Stop by the Book Arts Lab, on the 4th floor of Clapp Library, to crank one of the Lab’s Vandercook presses and print a copy of a poem that you can take with you as a keepsake!

2–2:50 P.M. Meet at the Davis Lobby for an exploration of Isabella Kirkland’s “Taxa” series examining the relationship between humans and nature with Davis Student Guides and find inspiration from art for a HAIKU WORKSHOP with Buddhist Chaplain John Bailes.

2:15–3:15 PERFORMANCE by the Observatory Hill Ramblers, featuring Kim McLeod (Astronomy), Alden B. Griffith (Environmental Studies) and Jeremy Wilmer (Psychology), at the Edible Ecosystem Teaching Garden.

4:45 P.M. PERFORMANCE by WELLESLEY OUT LOUD, with an introduction by President Paula A. Johnson at the Academic Quad.

POP-UP POETRY LOCATIONS
Be on the lookout for pop-up poetry readings, which will be shared at various locations across campus throughout the day. Attendees are also encouraged to explore the Robert Frost self-guided poetry walk, in the Botanic Gardens, throughout the day.