



Poetry Out Loud 2022-2023

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA) in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Poetry Foundation is pleased to coordinate **Poetry Out Loud 2022-2023**. Several semifinals and one state final will take place in 2023. The exact number of semifinal competitions has yet to be determined and will depend on the total number of registered schools, organizations and individuals. VCA has forged a new partnership with Light House Studio, Charlottesville VA to support the digital media in support of the semifinal competitions. The Commission will continue our ongoing partnership with our local public television station, VPM, Virginia Public Media to host, record, and broadcast the Virginia Poetry Out Loud Finals statewide.

VIDEO RESOURCES

Poetry Out Loud “How To” Video Guides

The Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA), in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, created a two part Poetry Out Loud “How To” Guide for poetry memorization. These resources are for students, teachers and organizations who are interested in participating in the Poetry Out Loud program:

- **The “How To” Guide Part 1** provides scaffolding techniques to demystify the memorization process with accessible hands-on activities to empower the voices of youth.
- **The “How To” Guide Part 2** provides insight in the memorization, selection, and performance of two poems from the Poetry Out Loud anthology.

Tutorial Series: Recording Recitations for Virtual Competitions

- **Part 1—Recording the Image (5:11)**
- **Part 2—Recording Audio (2:42)**
- **Part 3—Uploading Recitations to Dropbox (2:25)**

Visit [the VCA’s YouTube Channel](#) to access videos.

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PROGRAM COORDINATION

The Virginia Commission for the Arts, Arts in Education Coordinator will handle all program publicity, school recruitment, coordination of competitions, and web content management for the Poetry Out Loud program. The VCA maintains the Virginia Poetry Out Loud website http://www.arts.virginia.gov/programs_POL.html, which hosts information for registration, competition dates, and multimedia resources.

POETRY OUT LOUD CALENDAR 2022-2023

Registration Opens – Monday, May 23, 2022 ([REGISTER HERE](#))

Registration Deadline – Friday, November 11, 2022

Final Report Submission w/Advancing Competitor Information and Poems –Friday, December 9, 2022

Uploaded Recitation Videos (Rounds 1 & 2)—Monday, January 9, 2023

Remote Adjudication of Semifinal Competitions—Week of January 23, 2023

Virtual Semifinal Dates: Early February 2023 (Dates T.B.D.)

Poetry Out Loud Virginia Finals

- Friday, March 10, 2023 (In-person event) VPM, Virginia Public (Media, Richmond, VA)

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