



The Cooked and Eaten Reading Series
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IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO SPRING POETRY ON AN UNSUSPECTING WORLD
Anyone Can Sign-Up For The Poetry of Everyday Life Marathon

March 17, 2009 Originating in Peterborough, Ontario, The Poetry of Everyday Life Marathon has participants across Canada and the U.S. and you can be a part of it.

On Friday, April 17th at 9:00 am, somewhere in Canada, a poet will read fifteen minutes of poetry aloud. As soon as that poet is finished another poet will start somewhere else. This will carry on every fifteen minutes for twelve hours, zig-zagging across the country until 9:00 pm that evening.

Poets have already signed up in Nanaimo, Peterborough, Seattle, WA, Halifax, Kingston, Hamburg, NY, Winnipeg, Toronto, Calgary and London, Ont.

Held during National Poetry Month, and organized by the Cooked and Eaten Reading Series, this event is a way for poets to feel connected while they take their poetry to new places and new audiences. Interested poets can read alone or in groups, in public places or at home in their living rooms. Poets have signed up to read in the usual places like bars, cafes, bookstores and libraries, but also at the Dianna Krall Plaza, on a beach, at a community group meeting, at a fitness club, in a Ramada hotel, and in a greenhouse.

Whether you love poetry or hate it you are welcome to sign up. It's your chance to spring poetry on an unsuspecting world. Read your own poetry or someone else's. Read for fifteen minutes or half an hour. Groups of friends can share fifteen minutes or an hour. Writers groups can hold their own mini marathons in their favourite locales. You can read anywhere in the world and you may end up reading at the same time as someone is reading somewhere else.

Anyone who is interested can sign up for a time slot by filling in an online form at the Cooked and Eaten web site (cookedandateen.com). The day before the event a schedule of all the poets who have signed up will be posted on the site and distributed on several mailing lists. A printout will be available for audience members who want to seek out poets in their own area.

After the marathon, an archive of photos, video, audio and other media will be posted to the Cooked and Eaten website to show how the event progressed over the course of the day. In past years this has been an inspiring document of people bringing poetry to the people.

The Cooked and Eaten hosts an ongoing series of events based in Peterborough, Ontario which motivates the creators of fiction, poetry, theatre, performance and lecture by promoting new and adventurous authors to an engaged and informal audience.

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<http://www.cookedandateen.com/archives/events/20090417.html>