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Under a tree in the park,
Two little boys, lying flat on their faces,
Were carefully gathering red berries
To put in a pasteboard box.
— from "[September, 1918](#)" by Amy Lowell

Happiest back-to-school season, POL schools and libraries! Here's your program update for September.

Welcome, and Welcome Back

As of today, we have 24 POL schools and libraries registered. Welcome to our new programs at Filer Public Library, Forge International School, Gooding Public Library District, Haskell Academy, iSucceed Virtual Schools, Middleton Public Library, Pathways in Education Nampa, Rimrock High School, and West Ada Virtual School House. Thanks for choosing to bring poetry to your students.

And shout out to our returning programs: Borah High School, Capital High School, Eagle High School, Emmett High School, Fruitland High School, Idaho Digital Learning Alliance, Lake City High School, Moscow High School, Mountain Home High School, New Plymouth High School, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, Sage International School, Sugar-Salem High School, Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School, and Xavier Charter School. I know you'll all bring the heat for a great state contest!

Organizer's Toolkit

[The POL Organizer's guide](#) is now all-online. This month, please review it as you begin planning. In place of a hard-copy guide, you'll receive materials that will more directly benefit your students such as promotional posters, bookmarks, and a wall calendar.

Poems for Autumn

Márgarét, áre you gríeving /Over Goldengrove unleaving? Here's a collection of [POL-eligible poems with fall vibes](#).

POL Lesson Plans

Teachers from across the country created [six great lessons](#) exploring topics such as writing comparison poetry, tone and breathing techniques, and poem selection.

2022-2023 Season Dates & Deadlines

Our state contest schedule follows a hybrid format. The POL champion of your school or library will submit two video recitations to the online semifinals to be judged remotely. The top 12 finalists will be invited to Boise to perform three POL poems in the state final. Travel costs, lodging, and per-diem food allowance are provided for folks traveling from further than 50 miles away.

September 1, 2022 [POL online anthology live](#) for 2022-23 season

December 16, 2022 Registration closes; Participation counts due

February 8, 2023 Deadline to hold a contest at your institution & submit champion info

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| February 15, 2023 | Deadline for champs to submit to the remote Idaho State Semifinals |
| February 17, 2023 | Remote judging of Idaho State Semifinals recitation videos |
| February 20, 2023 | Top 12 Idaho State Finalists announced; Travel arrangements made |
| March 18, 2023 | Idaho State Finals in-person in Boise at The Riverside Hotel |
| March 23, 2023 | Deadline for state champ & chaperone to register for National Finals |
| May 8-10, 2023 | Poetry Out Loud National Finals in Washington, DC |

New POL Idaho Coordinator

I'm passing the baton to a (great!) new POL Coordinator. We'll introduce them soon!

Help Recruit New Schools & Libraries

We aim to increase participation from every part of our state. [This page describes why Idaho educators choose to adopt POL](#). Could you share it with colleagues and help spread the word?

POL Idaho Office Hours via Zoom

Drop in on Zoom during office hours to chat about POL and get your questions answered. The meeting link is the same for each date: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85027495928?pwd=UmdvRkVEUjl2MHIONHQrdmQrRFJyZz09>

- [Tuesday, 9/6/2022 2:30-4:00 PM MST](#)
- [Wednesday, 10/5/2022 2:30-4:00 PM MST](#)
- [Monday, 11/7/2022 2:30-4:00 PM MST](#)
- [Thursday, 12/8/2022 2:30-4:00 PM MST](#)
- [Monday, 1/9/2023 2:30-4:00 PM MST](#)
- [Wednesday, 2/1/2023 2:30-4:00 PM MST](#)

Up-to-date information about our state contest is always available at <https://arts.idaho.gov/poetry-out-loud/>

Welcome to Poetry Out Loud Idaho!

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The Idaho Commission on the Arts joins other state arts agencies in partnering with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation to support Poetry Out Loud.



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