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## Poem in Your Pocket Day April 14

(Woodland, CA) – Celebrate “Poem in Your Pocket Day” with the lines you love from Emily Dickinson to Eminem, on April 14 at the Mary L. Stephens Branch Library, located at 315 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Davis. City of Davis Poet Laureate Allegra Silberstein will host an afternoon of poetry readings for children, tweens, teens and adults in the library’s Blanchard Room from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Pocket size poems will be available to pick up and there will be opportunities to write and finish poems that have the first line started. Anyone with a poem in their pocket will be rewarded with a paperback book of their choice.

Throughout history, poems have been stowed in pockets in a variety of ways, from the commonplace books of the Renaissance to the pocket-sized publications for army soldiers in World War II. Poem in Your Pocket Day started nine years ago in New York City with the simple idea: select a poem you love, and then carry it with you to share with co-workers, family and friends.

“In 2009, the Academy of American Poets took Poem in Your Pocket Day national, allowing individuals around the country to join in and channel their inner bard,” said Allegra Silberstein, City of Davis Poet Laureate. “What will your poem be?”

Yolo County’s Poem in your Pocket Day will be celebrated with the following community poetry reading schedule at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library in Davis on April 14:

Adults	1:30 p.m.
Children	3:30 p.m.
Tweens and Teens	4:30 p.m.

“Share your creative side through the written and spoken word,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “Haiku, word play, rhyme – celebrate poetry with us!”

For more information on the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library or any other Yolo County Library locations, call (530) 757-5593 or visit: [www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org). For information about Poem in Your Pocket Day, visit the Academy of American Poets: <http://www.poets.org/pocket>. Funding for this event has generously been provided by the Friends of the Davis Public Library.

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