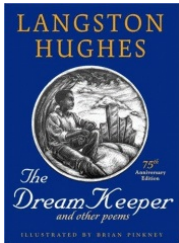


# Celebrate Black Poetry Day!

Black Poetry Day, held on October 17th since 1985, celebrates not only the works of Black poets, but also Black heritage and literacy more broadly. The date honors the birthday of poet, writer, and preacher Jupiter Hammon, who became the first Black published author in America in 1761.

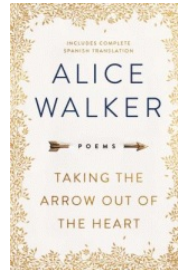
Created by PCL Reference Team

---



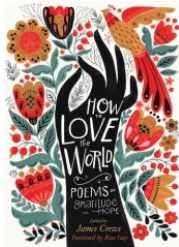
## The dream keeper and other poems

Langston Hughes.



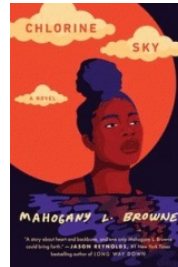
## Taking the arrow out of the heart

Alice Walker ; translated by Manuel García Verdecia.



## How to love the world

edited by James Crews ; foreword by Ross Gay.



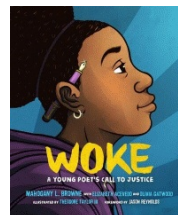
## Chlorine sky

Mahogany L. Browne.



## Vinyl moon

Mahogany L. Browne.



## Woke

Mahogany L. Browne, with Elizabeth Acevedo and Olivia Gatwood ; foreword by Jason Reynolds ; illustrated by Theodore Taylor III.

# Celebrate Black Poetry Day!

Black Poetry Day, held on October 17th since 1985, celebrates not only the works of Black poets, but also Black heritage and literacy more broadly. The date honors the birthday of poet, writer, and preacher Jupiter Hammon, who became the first Black published author in America in 1761.

Created by PCL Reference Team

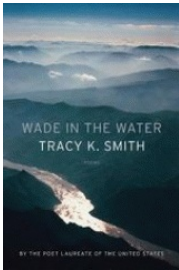
---



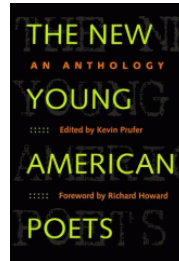
**Olio**  
Tyehimba Jess.



**The best American poetry, 2015**  
Sherman Alexie, editor ; David Lehman, series editor.



**Wade in the water**  
Tracy K. Smith.



**The new young American poets**  
edited by Kevin Prufer ; with a foreword by Richard Howard.