

## Finding Poetry on the Internet

Follow the "Selected Links" on the Fiction & Literature page of the Information Gateway to find other poetry sites:

- Booklists for Young Adults – YA poetry reading lists links under Mixed Fic/Nonfic > Poetry
- BookSpot – Click on Poetry under Genre Corner
- Florida Literature – Click on Florida Poets for links to web pages of many living and historic Florida Poets.

Other Useful poetry sites on the Web include:

### Academy of American Poets –

<http://www.poets.org>

Guide to online poetry; listen to poets reading.

### Electronic Poetry Center – <http://epc.buffalo.edu>

Experimental poetry, extensive links to poetry sites.

### Poetry Daily – <http://www.poems.com>

Read poems daily, learn about the author. Many links.

### Poetry Pipeline – <http://poetrypipeline.com>

Read reviews, join Web rings and discussion forums, submit your own poems!

### A FEW POPULAR POETS FROM ALL AGES FOR ALL AGES

#### Classic

Elizabeth Browning  
Robert Browning  
Lord Byron (George Gordon)  
Emily Dickinson  
T. S. Eliot  
John Keats  
Edward Lear  
Henry Wadsworth  
Longfellow  
John Milton  
Edgar Allan Poe  
Christina Rossetti  
Carl Sandburg  
Percy Bysshe Shelley  
Robert Louis Stevenson  
Walt Whitman  
William Butler Yeats

#### Contemporary

Maya Angelou  
W. H. Auden  
Gwendolyn Brooks  
Sandra Cisneros  
e. e. cummings  
Rita Dove  
Robert Frost  
Nikki Giovanni  
Langston Hughes  
Maxine Kumin  
Federico Garcia Lorca  
Edna St. Vincent Millay  
Pablo Neruda  
Shel Silverstein  
Dylan Thomas  
William Carlos Williams

## Using the Library's...

# Poetry Collections



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## Finding Poetry Books in the Library

Poetry books are shelved in the literature section of the nonfiction collection. Literature books are in the 800 call numbers, and poetry books are in the following specific numbers:

<b>808.1</b>	Writing Poetry & Rhyming Dictionaries
<b>808.81</b>	Collections of Poetry by various authors
<b>809.1</b>	Poetry Criticism & Literary Dictionaries.

The great majority of poetry books, particularly those by and about individual poets, are in call numbers beginning with:

<b>811.</b> ...	American Poets, Poetry and Criticism
<b>821.</b> ...	British Poets, Poetry and Criticism.

Poetry in English translation from other languages is in other 800 numbers where the third number is a 1, such as **831**, **841**, **851**, **861**, etc. for German, French, Italian, Spanish and other languages respectively. Some of these books have the original language and the English translation on facing pages.

Search the Library Catalog using a poet's name in an Author search to find books by that poet. Search also for poetry by Subject and Keyword searches.

## Finding Poetry Interpretation and Criticism

Several sources, both in printed library materials and in online resources, offer interpretation and criticism of poetry and other genres of literature.

Search the Library Catalog by subject to find books about individual poets as well as books on poetry movements. Poetic terms will usually be found in literary dictionaries (**809.1**).

The John F. Germany Public Library in downtown Tampa and many branch libraries have extensive collections of literary criticism in their Literature Resource Center (**R809.1...**). **Poetry Criticism** and **Poetry for Students** are two fully indexed, multi-volume sets in this collection.

Much of the criticism in these sets is also available online through the Library's Web site, [www.hcplc.org](http://www.hcplc.org) and the Information Gateway's Fiction & Literature page. Use the online **Literature Resource Center** to search for criticism on specific poets and poems.

## Finding Specific Poems In Anthologies

The Library offers two outstanding poetry indexes, either of which will often locate individual poems in specific books or in Poem Finder's online database.

### Granger's Index to Poetry in Anthologies

**Granger's** (now **Columbia Granger's Index...**) is:

- Searchable by title, author, subject, first line or last line;
- A comprehensive index to individual poems, ancient and modern, literary and popular, written in or translated into English and published in anthologies during the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries;
- Supported by the largest collection of poetry anthology books in Florida, the Granger Poetry Collection at the John F. Germany Public Library. In this collection, over 1,500 reference volumes are shelved by Granger code letters, and are indicated in the library catalog with the location "2 East – Granger Poetry Collection."

**Granger's Index** and some poetry anthologies can also be found at many branch libraries. Photocopies of specific poems can often be faxed from the Germany Library to branch libraries or directly to home or office.

### Poem Finder

Like **Grangers**, this source is an extensive, searchable index to poems. **Poem Finder**, however, is an on-line database to which the library provides direct access via the Library's web site, [www.hcplc.org](http://www.hcplc.org), on the Information Gateway's Fiction & Literature page.

### Poem Finder:

- Has 800,000 poem citations and excerpts, 85,000 full text poems;
- Claims to be the largest, most comprehensive and up-to-date poetry database available;
- Is international in scope and includes poetry from antiquity to the present;
- Provides access to well-known anthologized poems, complete works of many poets, and poetry from periodicals.

**Poem Finder** also includes a Kids' Korner that provides access to poetry appealing to children, and biographical and critical essays on poets.

Call the Library at 273-3652 or ask a librarian for help in using the Library Catalog, Information Gateway, Literature Resource Center, Granger's or Poem Finder.