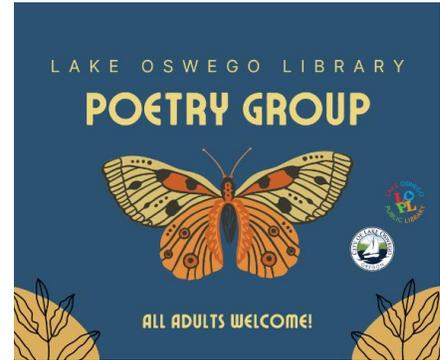


Lake Oswego Library Poetry Group: January Agenda

January 11, 2022 | 12:30-2 PM

Location: Lake Oswego Public Library, 2nd floor conference room



12:00: Welcome

- Welcome and overview of the agenda
- Review discussion guidelines

12:10: Group Introductions

12:20: Sharing

- Attendees are welcome to read one of their poems to the group, or a favorite poem from another poet. Feel free to bring copies to share!
- If time allows, a facilitator will share a writing prompt and lead a free-write exercise

12:50: Discussion: Technique

- How important is technique in your writing? Consider rhyme, rhythm, repetition, form, language, etc. Does this involve conscious choice for you or does it seem to "emerge" rather naturally? Do you see any consistent personal style in your own writing? Do you have strong preferences regarding technique when you read other poets? Any strong dislikes?
- Feel free to share illustrative portions of your writing, or a published author's writing, with the group.

1:20: Resource Sharing

- Are there any resources for writing and reading poetry that you would like to share with the group? Please email Rachael (rhyde@lakeoswego.city) and she'll compile and share them with the group.
- Do you have a personal website or social media accounts for your writing that you'd like to share?
- Would anyone like to connect to share poetry in between meetings? Let Rachael know.

1:25: Plans for Next Meeting

- February meeting day and time TBD
- Vision for the group: poetry-focused or writing in general?
- Determine facilitator and topic for next meeting

Future/Past Discussion Topics

All are welcome to contribute ideas and volunteer to lead discussions in advance!

Future Discussion Topic Ideas

- Do you combine visuals or music with your words? Would you like to? How does this add to your words? What is your creative process?
- Your suggestions!

Previous Topics

- December, 2022: Do you write in other genres? What do you write? How does that compare, contrast, and connect to your poetry writing? Please feel free to share illustrative portions of your writing with the group.
- November, 2022: What inspires your writing? What motivates you? Do you intentionally seek inspiration? Or does inspiration come when you do not expect it? How do you try to stay accountable for completion?
- August, 2022: Do you have a writing practice (a time of day, a place, favorite writing materials, a quantity goal, etc.)? Do you write regularly? Do you write at a time of personal preference or around the demands of work and family life? Has this challenging time affected your writing practice in any way?