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Celebrate Poetry with Nebraska State Poet Matt Mason at Kearney Public Library

The celebration of National Poetry Month continues April 11 with Nebraska State Poet Matt Mason with an afternoon workshop and an evening poetry reading.

Join us for a poetry writing workshop with Matt Mason at noon on April 11. Workshop fee is \$15 including lunch. Register at <https://kearney.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=38673> or by calling the library at 308-233-3282.

Then at 7:00 pm Matt will also present an evening of poetry. This program is free and open to the public. He is the current Nebraska State Poet and was Executive Director of the Nebraska Writers Collective from 2009-2022. Through the US State Department, he has run workshops in Botswana, Romania, Nepal, and Belarus. Mason is the recipient of a Pushcart Prize and fellowships from the Academy of American Poets and the Nebraska Arts Council. His work can be found in "The New York Times," on NPR's "Morning Edition," in "American Life in Poetry," and more. Mason's 4th book, "At the Corner of Fantasy and Main: Disneyland, Midlife and Churros," was released by The Old Mill Press in 2022. Matt is based out of Omaha with his wife, the poet Sarah McKinstry-Brown, and daughters Sophia and Lucia.

Mark your calendars to continue celebrating poetry in April with Kearney Public Library and the Prairie Arts Brothers. Kearney Public Library is located at 2020 1st Avenue, Kearney, NE.

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