

Dear New Hampshire English Teachers, Dept. Chairs and Principals,

## Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> year of *Poetry Out Loud* in New Hampshire!

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** Priority will be given to schools that participated last year (up until **September 11, 2015**) but there are also open slots for new schools. These will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

## What is Poetry Out Loud?

- A state-wide network of classes and competitions supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, the NH State Council on the Arts, NH Writers Project and the Poetry Foundation. It's free, it's fun, and it's a great way to engage students in poetry through recitation
- A teacher-friendly, flexible program which supports the Language Arts/English and Theatre Arts Common Core in addition to history and arts curriculum (to learn more about these connections check the Poetry Out Loud Teacher's Guide at <u>www.poetryoutloud.org</u>)
- An ever growing regional, state and national network of English teachers with competitions and opportunities to share model programs
- A dynamic, innovative program which includes a teachers' manual, access to our updated online poetry anthology and resources.
- A vibrant program that is open to public, private and charter high schools in New Hampshire

## **Register by clicking the following link:**

## https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHPOL2015-2016

We encourage you to "Go Green" and register electronically! However, you can also download a hard copy of the registration form and other key program materials at our web page: http://www.nh.gov/nharts/programservices/aiepolindex.htm

Look for the latest news and updates just for POL school coordinators and teachers at our teacher's blog, also posted on our NH Poetry Out Loud website.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our NH-POL Coordinator for the 2015-2016 Academic Year, Caitlin Delaney at <u>NHPOL.Coordinator@gmail.com</u>, or 603-512-9710, or get in touch with me. We look forward to working with you.

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