

Dear New Hampshire English Teachers and Principals,

Welcome to the **10th anniversary 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 8th) 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 performative 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 www.poetryoutloud.org.)
- 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 all public, private and charter high schools in New Hampshire

Register by clicking the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NHPOLSchoolRegistration2014-15>

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/POL/2015/index.html>

Look for the latest news and updates just for POL school coordinators and teachers at our teacher's blog: <http://nhpoetryoutloudteachers.blogspot.com>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our new POL Coordinators for the 2014-2015 Academic Year, Alexandra Urbanowski or Caitlin Delaney at NHPOL.Coordinator@gmail.com, or 603-512-9710.

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