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## Young People's Poetry Week April 11-17, 2005

Young People's Poetry Week, as an official part of National Poetry Month, focuses those who work with children and young adults on the world of poetry. Now in its seventh year, Young People's Poetry Week is celebrated around the country in schools, libraries, bookstores, and homes.

Kids often spend all year reading, writing, and sharing poetry with their teachers and classmates. Young People's Poetry Week is the opportunity to share what they've experienced with others in their lives. It is also a time for teachers to reflect on what their students have achieved through poetry. From the excitement generated by poetry readings, poetry contests, and other high-energy activities during Young People's Poetry Week, kids move ahead more confident in themselves as readers, as writers, and as human beings.

With these goals in mind, the Children's Book Council (CBC), the official sponsor of Young People's Poetry Week, provides an extensive list of online resources for teachers, librarians, booksellers, parents, and others who work with children and young adults. The CBC website at [www.cbcbooks.org](http://www.cbcbooks.org) includes ideas for poetry readings and bad poetry readings, reproducible poetry starters and crossword puzzles, printable lists of poetry books for kids, and printable Q&As with Nikki Grimes and Jane Yolen.

Each year, the CBC creates materials designed to help communities plan a Young People's Poetry Week celebration of their own. The 2005 Young People's Poetry Week Kit includes a poster and postcards by children's book artist Karen Barbour (illustrator of *Marvelous Math: Poems*) and a bookmark featuring an original poem by children's book author and poet Nikki Grimes (*Bronx Masquerade*). These materials are available for purchase through the CBC Online Store at [www.cbcbooks.org](http://www.cbcbooks.org).

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*The Children's Book Council sponsors Young People's Poetry Week in collaboration with the American Academy of Poets, sponsor of National Poetry Month, and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.*

*The Children's Book Council is a nonprofit trade association that promotes the use and enjoyment of children's trade books and related literacy materials for young people, and is the official sponsor of Young People's Poetry Week and Children's Book Week. The Council's membership is made up of U.S. publishers and packagers of trade books for children and young adults, and producers of related literacy materials. Proceeds from the sale of CBC materials help support the CBC's literacy efforts.*