



MALDEN READS

a community reading program in Malden

Organized by community groups, city leaders, and residents, in collaboration with the Malden Public Library and UMA (Urban Media Arts), the **Malden Reads** program invites the community of Malden to read the same book and participate in a series of events related to the book's themes.

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Joy Harjo is the first Native American poet (a member of Muscogee Creek Nation) to serve as Poet Laureate for the Library of Congress and the author of nine books of poetry and two award-winning children's books, as well as several screenplays and other works.

AN AMERICAN SUNRISE

POEMS

JOY HARJO

POET LAUREATE
OF THE UNITED STATES



Malden Reads 2022 Book Selection

"While the subject matter of her new poems continuously hits you in the gut, Harjo brings a sense of resilience to that dark history."
— Christian Allaire, Vogue

Upcoming Events

- **UNDERSTANDING POETRY WORKSHOP**

The Malden Writers' Collaborative will offer a workshop/discussion that aims to deepen one's understanding and appreciation of poetry, using excerpted poems from Joy Harjo's book "An American Sunrise." Local poets will lead the conversation.

- **COURAGEOUS POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP**

Urban Media Arts (UMA) will offer a 4-part workshop led by CD Collins (poet, author, storyteller, and spoken word artist) followed by a public performance. Workshop participants will share their identities, struggles, and dreams through writing and performing poetry.

- **LINES CONNECTING LINES EXHIBITION**

In April (National Poetry Month), Gallery UMA will premiere an art exhibit that pairs the work of local artists and poets. A reception and related activities will be held in conjunction with the exhibit. (Curated by Lisa L. Sears).

- **WORDS ON THE WATER (CANOEING, POETRY & MORE)**

A mini-festival on the Malden River honoring nature and our local environment, Indigenous cultures, and poetry. Take a canoe ride, listen to poetry, and take part in family-friendly poetry-related activities.

- **ODE TO THE STARS (STARGAZING & POETRY)**

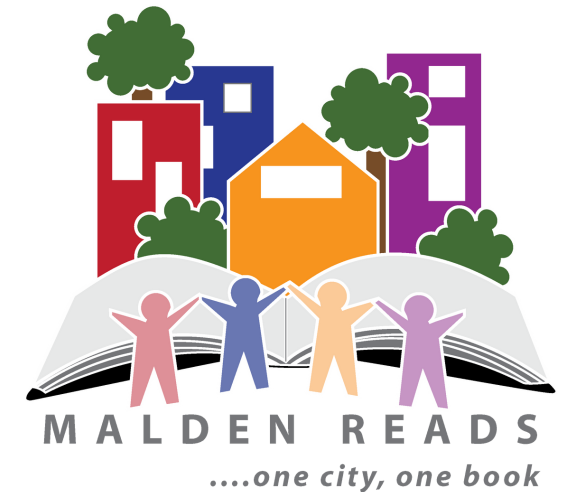
Coming next summer, a reprise of public stargazing on Waitt's Mount in Malden, with telescopes and amateur astronomer guides to the night sky and poetry for all ages.

- **STREET POETRY**

Everyone can participate in this springtime community-wide initiative to share and create poetry on the street - chalk on the sidewalks, tacked to trees, tucked into Little Free Libraries and spread on social media.

...and additional book discussions, film screenings, youth programs, and more!

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