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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY POET LAUREATE APPLICATION OPENS

Application deadline is November 15, 2026

October 5, 2026 —SANTA CRUZ, CA—The Santa Cruz Public Libraries (SCPL) in collaboration with the County of Santa Cruz Department of Parks, Open Spaces, and Cultural Services, Arts Council Santa Cruz County, and Poetry Santa Cruz are pleased to announce that applications for Santa Cruz County Poet Laureate will open October 15, 2026 and will be accepted through November 15, 2026.

The Santa Cruz County Poet Laureate is an honorary position. The Poet Laureate will elevate poetry in our community, educating the public about the value of creative expression, inspiring diverse voices to emerge, creating new points of connection among residents in our county, and increasing access to our cultural resources.

The Poet Laureate will be selected through a community panel process and officially appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. The Poet Laureate represents the community and the County of Santa Cruz, and must conduct themselves accordingly.

Applications and supporting files should be submitted through the online form on the Library's website: santacruzpl.org/poetlaureate. Information and the application form are also available in Spanish at santacruzpl.org/poetalaureado.

If you are unable to apply online, a PDF of the complete application is available for download [here](#) or for pick up at Santa Cruz Public Libraries branch locations.

All supporting files must be included for the application to be considered complete.