

## Thorndike Library Guide to . . .

# American Poetry

This guide lists materials available in the Thorndike Library or online about **American poetry**. It includes a number of sources such as books, periodicals, and online databases. Call numbers are shown in parentheses. This is not an exhaustive list of resources available. Ask a library staff member for additional help.

### **Reference books**

- *Encyclopedia of American Literature*, volumes 1-3 (REF PS 21 .E53 2002)
- *The Oxford Companion to Twentieth Century Poetry in English* (REF PR 601 .O9 1994)
- Poetry: Index 1912-1997 (REF PS 301 .P6 INDEX)
- *Masterpieces of American Literature* (REF PS 94 .M34 1993)

### **Books**

Other books on *American Poetry* can be found in the stacks around call numbers starting with PS.

- *Alone with America: Essays on the Art of Poetry in the U.S. Since 1950*. Edited by Richard Howard (PS 323.5 .H6)
- *Beneath a Single Moon: Buddhism in Contemporary American Poetry*. (PS 310 .B83 B46 1991)
- *The Best American Poetry*. Edited by David Lehman and Robert Hass (PS 584 .B43 2001)
- *The Black Poets*. Edited by Dudley Randall (PS 591 .N4 R3 1988)
- *Ecopoetry: A Critical Introduction*. Edited by J. Scott Bryson (PS 310 .N3 E26 2002)
- *The Maine Poets: An Anthology of Verse*. Edited by Wesley McNair (PS 548 .M35 2003)
- *Naked Poetry: Recent American Poetry in Open Forms*. Edited by Stephen Berg (PS 584 .B4)
- *No More Masks! An Anthology of Poems by Women*. Edited by F. Howe and H. Bass (PS 589 .H6)
- *Poets on the Peaks: Gary Snyder, Philip Whalen and Jack Kerouac in the North Cascades*. By John Suiter (PS 228 .B6 S78 2002)
- *Sailing Alone Around the Room: New and Selected Poems*. By Billy Collins (PS 3553 .047478 S25 2001)
- *Voices of the Rainbow: Contemporary Poetry by Native Americans*. (PS 591 .I55 V65 1993)
- *Whitman's Wild Children: Portraits of Twelve Poets*. By Neeli Cherkovski (PS 310 .B43 C44 1999)

## **Electronic Books**

*Electronic books can be located by searching [Thorncat](#) and clicking on the URL.*

- *Leaves of Grass* by Walt Whitman ([ebook](#))
- *Men, Women, and Ghosts* by Amy Lowell ([ebook](#))
- *Renascence and Other Poems* by Edna St. Vincent Millay ([ebook](#))
- *A Clown in a Grave: Complexities and Tensions in the Works of Gregory Corso* by Michael Skau ([ebook](#))
- *Women Poets of the Americas: Toward a Pan-American Gathering* by Brogan & Candelaria ([ebook](#))
- *I, the Song: Classical Poetry of Native North America* by A.L. Soens ([ebook](#))
- *Midcentury Quartet: Bishop, Lowell, Jarrell, Berryman, and the Making of a Postmodern Aesthetic* by Thomas J. Travisano ([ebook](#))
- *Gertrude Stein and Richard Wright: The Poetics and Politics of Modernism* by Lynn M. Weiss ([ebook](#))

## **Senior Projects**

*Senior projects can be found by searching [Thorncat](#).*

*Ask a staff member for assistance*

- *Poetry as Narrative: Making a Collection* by Joanne Sigler
- *South, Then East* by Kevin Stack

## **Periodicals**

*These selected print journals are shelved alphabetically in the library stacks. Current issues of many journals are in the reading room.*

- Black Warrior Review (print)
- The American Poetry Review (print & electronic)
- The Beloit Poetry Journal (print & electronic)
- The New Yorker (print & electronic)

Thorndike Library's [Electronic journal portal](#) allows you to search our ejournal subscriptions by title or ISSN, or browse by subject in [Languages and Literatures](#).

## **Research Databases**

*These databases are useful electronic resources to search for articles and other materials available on American poetry.*

### [Marvel! – Maine's Virtual Library](#)

- [Academic Search Premier](#) -- Full-text of 4700+ publications and indexing for an additional 3000+ publications in all subject areas
- [Dictionary of Literary Biography](#) -- Almost 10,000 biographical and critical essays on the lives and works of the world's most influential literary figures

- [Literature Resources Center](#) -- Biographies, bibliographies, and critical analysis of more than 120,000 authors from every age and literary discipline
- [Twayne's Author Series](#) -- Information about writers and literary movements

### [Academic Universe](#)

Full-text information from 5600+ sources, including current newspaper articles about publications and events in contemporary American poetry

### [Jstor](#)

Search 37 journals in the subject area Language and Literature

## **Internet Links**

*Selected sites on the web dedicated to American poetry.*

[An Online Journal and Multimedia Companion to Anthology of Modern American Poetry](#)  
(Oxford University Press, 2000) Edited by Cary Nelson

[The Academy of American Poets](#)