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Fourth of July

- “[There are no kings in America](#)” by Aileen Cassinetta
- “[Dear America](#)” by Rachel Eliza Griffiths
- “[Lift Every Voice and Sing](#)” by James Weldon Johnson
- “[A New National Anthem](#)” by Ada Limón
- “[America](#)” by Claude McKay
- “[United](#)” by Naomi Shihab Nye
- “[Old South Meeting House](#)” by January Gill O’Neil
- “[Day of the Refugios](#)” by Alberto Ríos
- “[Independence Day \(audio only\)](#)” by Gerald Stern
- “[His Excellency General Washington](#)” by Phillis Wheatley
- “[I Hear America Singing](#)” by Walt Whitman

this month’s [guest editor](#)



“But even if you did want to go legal and medical, the disability population is huge—a full quarter of the total population. Yet disability representation in literary publications is... wait, let me show you



in literary publications is—wait, let me show you. [Blowing air on the back of your hand.] Which is why I thought it worthwhile to devote the entire month’s curation to our voices.”

[John Lee Clark](#), this month’s Poem-a-Day Guest Editor, is the author of the essay collection *Where I Stand: On the Signing Community and My DeafBlind Experience* (Handtype Press, 2014) and the poetry collection *How to Communicate* (W. W. Norton, 2022). He is a Braille instructor and Protactile trainer living in Hopkins, Minnesota. [Read and listen](#) to a Q&A with Clark about his Poem-a-Day curatorial approach.

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2024 Academy of American Poets First Book Award

Judge: **Victoria Chang**

Submission period:
**July 1–
September 1, 2023**

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2024 First Book Award

Submissions for the 2024 [Academy of American Poets First Book Award](#),

judged by [Victoria Chang](#), are now open and will be accepted online until September 1, 2023. The winner of the First Book Award will receive \$5,000, publication by Graywolf Press, a six-week residency at the Civitella Ranieri Center in Umbria, Italy, and distribution of their winning book to thousands of Academy members.

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#PoetryNearYou Pick of the Week

A July Charlottesville Reading Series event featuring poets Mary Brancaccio and Hood Frazier, along with author Zak Salih. Friday, July 21, at 12 p.m. ET. New Dominion Bookshop (404 East Main St., Charlottesville, VA 22902). Free and open to the public. [Learn more.](#)

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jobs for poets

- The State University of New York at Oneonta is seeking a full-time [lecturer in English](#).
- Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts, is seeking a [writer-in-residence](#).
- Wellesley Books is seeking a full-time [assistant manager and events coordinator](#).

last week's poem-a-day

Revisit last week's Poem-a-Day selections with us on [Poets.org](#):

June 25: “[The Star Dial](#)” by Willa Cather

June 26: “[\[Backlit by the glitter-chopped horizon,\]](#)” by Killarney Clary

June 27: “[Subjunctive](#)” by Zaina Alsous

June 28: “[mobile architecture](#)” by José Felipe Alvergue

June 29: “[Ming the Clam](#)” by Cynthia Arrieu-King

June 30: “[A Valentine That Can't Be Sent](#)” by Rosmarie Waldrop

July 1: “[A Sick-Room Idyll](#)” by William Gay



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