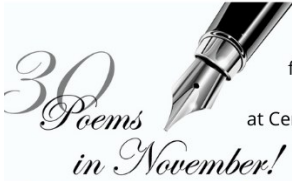




Center for New Americans

A Community-Based Education and Resource Center for
Immigrants and Refugees in Western Massachusetts

Reading & Celebration



Supporting
free English classes
for immigrants
at Center for New Americans



Sarah Sullivan,
Event Chair



Bethie Jean
Merci,
Student
Spokesperson

December 9th, 7:00 pm

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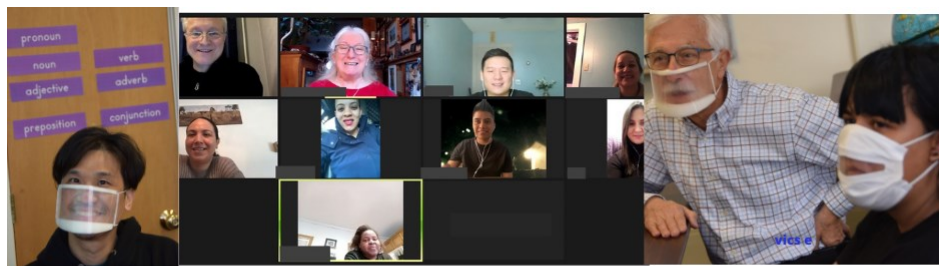
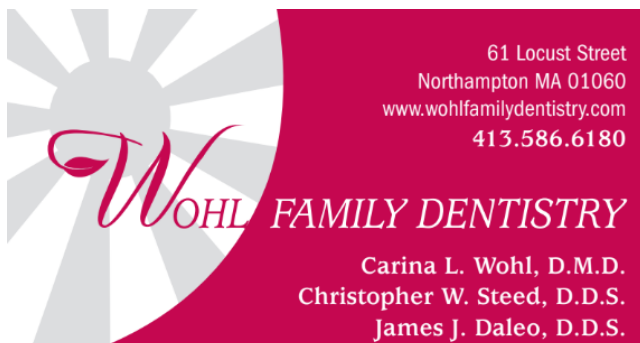
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Center for New Americans

Center for New Americans welcomes and serves immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers in Western Massachusetts, and has been a community resource center for immigrants for close to 30 years.

We teach free classes in English for Speakers of Other Languages, and offer instruction in technology and civics. We lead field trips, offer career guidance and training, and help immigrants to obtain jobs in healthcare and manufacturing. We offer citizenship application assistance and immigration legal services.

We have program sites in Amherst, Greenfield, and Northampton. We have a small, hard-working staff, many loyal volunteers, and a dedicated Board of Directors.



ESOL classes in person and online

30 Poems in November!

30 Poems in November! is the literary equivalent of a charity road race. People write and raise to support Center for New Americans' free classes and services for immigrants.

Sarah Sullivan served as Event Chair for her 4th year, offering daily poetry prompts and 2 writing workshops to support writers in their effort to write 30 poems and to build community.

Tzivia Gover and Nerissa Nields also offered writing workshops. Gri Saex created a writing community through Poesía Contigo for immigrants to write in their native languages and some of our staff and students wrote with her. Our students also wrote poetry in class guided by teachers who now rely on poetry as a vehicle for teaching. Our student, Bethie Jean Merci, served as our Student Spokesperson.

Our writers and their supporters raised \$85,000 which was matched by a challenge which will put us over \$100,000! This event is our Celebration of all this effort!



Sarah Sullivan,
Event Chair



Workshop Tzivia Gover
leaders



Nerissa Nields



Gri Saex



Student
Spokesperson,
Bethie Jean
Merci



2021 Participating Writers

Alexandra C. Risley Schroeder

Amelia Sawyer

Amrita Rutter

Amy Cronin DiCaprio

Amy Dryansky

Amy Horowitz

Amy Mitrani

Anita Gellers

Ann Van Dyke

Ann Youmans

Becky Jones

Ben McLaughlin

C D Finley

Cami Zavawski

Carol Bachofner

Carol Baldwin

Carol Freedman

Carol Rinehart

Cassie Platt Sanderell

Christine Mirabal

Christine Nolan

D. Dina Friedman

Donna Calacone

Dorothy Riehm

Elisa Carter

Elizabeth Wolf

Ellen Miller-Mack

Elsa Phillippi Cline

Fungai Tichawangana

Gail Thomas

George Cernada

Gerald Yelle

Gina Tabasso

Grandma Judy Finkelstein

Gri Saex

Hillary Gardner

Howie Faerstein

Isabell VanMerlin

Jade Poli

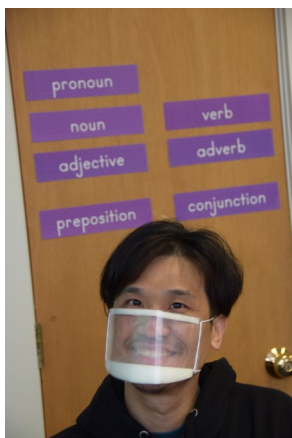
James Tilley

Jane Yolen

Janet Aalfs

Janet Bowdan

Jay Klokke



2021 Participating Writers

Jayne Pearl

Liz Bedell

Jean Blakeman

Loren Talbot

Jendi Reiter

Lori Desrosiers

Jennifer Ladd

Melinda Underwood

Joan Axelrod-Contrada

Madlynn Haber

Joannah Whitney



Mary Ellen Shaughan

Jodie Shapiro

Matilda Cantwell

Jonathan Wright

Maureen Carney

Judson Brown

Melissa Miller

Judy Renquist

Michael Goldman

Julie Cavacco

Michael MacDonald

Julie Youmans

Michael Allen Roche

Kate Cebik

Nerissa Nields

Katharine Nelson

Nicola Morris

Katherine Jamieson

Nora Glass

Kester Warlow-Harry

Patricia Crosby

Kyra Millich

Patricia Lee Lewis

Lanette Sweeney

Paul Redstone

Laura Miles

Peg Johnson

Laurie Millman

Phyllis Katz

Lesléa Newman

Phyllis St George

Linda Neas

Regina Monticone-Bloom

Lindsay Rockwell

2021 Participating Writers

Richard Fox

Robin Barber

Rochelle Goldarb

Samantha Grossman

Sarah Rossmassler

Sarah Sullivan

Sharon Tracey

Sita Leviton Rutter

Solange Boucher

Suzann Heron

Tamara Kaplan

Teresa Wong

Theresa Vincent

Tommy Twilite

Tzivia Gover

Valerie Linet

Virginia Sullivan

Yenna Yi



Martin Wohl

&

Marisa Labozzetta

Thank you to:

Our Chair, Sarah Sullivan, for the daily prompts, the writing workshops, the nurturing and encouragement throughout the month of writing

Participating writers for your creativity and outreach

Family, friends, supporters for your generosity

Sponsors Wohl Family Dentistry, Broadside Books, Hampton Inn, Homewood Suites, Marisa Labozzetta & Martin Wohl for your support

Students who will read tonight and the teachers and volunteers who have supported them

Poetry lovers Marisa Labozzetta and Martin Wohl for subsidizing poets' first copy of this year's anthology

Collective Copies/Levellers Press for making the anthologies available at their cost

Workshop Leaders Tzivia Gover, Nerissa Niels, and Gri Saex for supporting writers through the month of writing

Center for New Americans' Board of Directors for their stewardship

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Student Poetry

I Dream a World

I dream a world
Where human beings have more empathy
Where we are not burdened by our own problems
Where we can see the problems of others
A world I dream, where people live in harmony
With each other, animals and nature
Of this I dream, my world!

--Class poem written after reading Langston Hughes with ideas
from Javier Garcia

Amherst Level 5-6 Class

Amherst High Intermediate Class,

Writers who will read

D. Dina Friedman	Jean Blakeman	Joannah Whitney
Tommy Twilite	*****	Gail Thomas
Katherine Jamieson	Fungai Tichawangana	Maureen Carney
Sofia Cabral	Elsa Phillippi Cline	*****
Suzann Heron	Tziviva Gover	CD Finley (Dina reading)
*****	Meibell Hidalgo	Ellen Miller-Mack
Keylin Perez-Diaz	Christine Nolan	Amy Cronin DiCaprio
Jane Yolen	Jim Tilley (Sarah reading)	Amy Horowitz
Elizabeth Wolf	*****	Nerissa Nields
Kester Warlow-Harry	Mary Ellen Shaughan	*****
Richard Fox	Jendi Reiter	Carol Rinehart
Theresa Vincent	Nancy Mendez	Linda Neas
*****	Jay Klokker	Regina Monticone
Michael Goldman	Janet Bowdan	Melinda Underwood
Carol Freedman	*****	Dorothy Riehm
Tamara Kaplan	George Cernada	Michael Allen Roche
Shirzad Saifi	Ginny Sullivan	*****
Lori Desrosiers	Madlynn Haber	Julie Cavacco
Patricia Lee Lewis	Gri Saex	Jenny Ladd
*****	Christine Mirabal	Jonathan Wright
Amy Dryansky	*****	Lanette Sweeney
Bethie Jean Merci	Ann Youmans	Sarah Sullivan
Kyra Millich	Ann Van Dyke	
Michael MacDonald	Aracelis Rodriguez	
Kate Cebik		

I Am a Sunflower

I am sunflower.

I am big and beautiful.

I give peace.

I see flowers and I am unique.

I need more water and a lot of sun.

I am a little bit of tree.

By Claudia Ester Imul

Northampton Hybrid Level 1-2 Class

Student Poetry

A place that I love

A place that I love is Dominican Republic.

In Dominican Republic, I see your pretty hotel.

In Dominican Republic, I hear the sound of the wind.

In Dominican Republic, I smell the trees.

In Dominican Republic, I taste fresh steamed salmon.

In Dominican Republic, I touch the trees of the hotel.

By Dileny

Greenfield Level 1-3 class



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