



**Center for New Americans**

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

# 30 POEMS IN NOVEMBER! READING AND CELEBRATION



Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm  
Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall  
Smith College, Elm Street,  
Northampton



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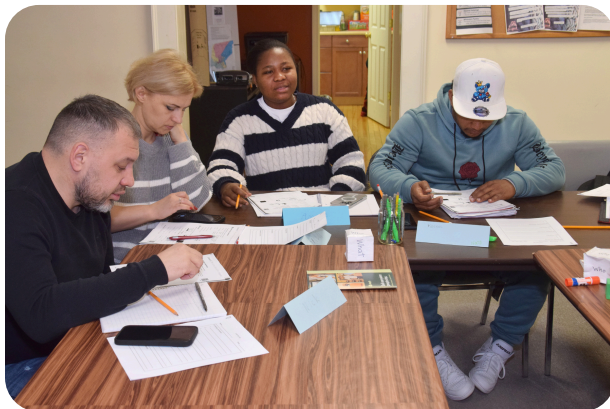
Center for New Americans has been welcoming and serving immigrants in W. Mass since 1992.

We offer free classes in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). Instruction includes digital literacy, civics, employment preparation.

We offer classes mornings and evenings, in person and online, in 4 centers: Amherst, Greenfield, Northampton, and Springfield.

Students receive education and career advising, support services, and connection to community resources. We also offer immigration legal assistance.

Our staff of teachers, advisors, program coordinators, and tech associates is supported by many dedicated volunteers.





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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.

Nerissa Nields served as Event Chair, offering inspiring daily poetry prompts. She also offered three writing workshops.

Many of our teachers teach poetry as a means of expression in English classes during our Fall poetry season.

This Reading is a celebration of our month-long "Poem-a-thon!" which raised \$100,000 for our program.

We will also publish an Anthology to recognize participating writers.



# PARTICIPATING WRITERS



Alice Barrett  
Amy Gordon  
Angelica Lopez  
Anita Gellers  
Ann Youmans  
Ann Van Dyke  
Becky Jones  
Branch Rossmassler  
C D Finley  
Carol Young  
Carole Anzovin  
Caroline Lederman  
Christine Mirabal  
Christine Dutton  
Darlene Elias  
David Oppenheim  
Dee Nebert  
Diana Gordon  
E Tan  
E2 Literacy Class- Amelia  
Sawyer  
Elsa Phillippi Cline

Emily Samuels  
Gail Nields  
George Cernada  
Ginny Sullivan  
Heather Griffith  
Hillary Gardner  
Jane McPhetres Johnson  
Jayne Pearl  
Jennifer Ladd  
Joan Axelrod-Contrada  
Joannah Whitney  
Jodie Shapiro  
Julie Cavacco  
Julie Youmans  
Julie Wittes Schlack  
JuPong Lin  
Kathlene Kelly  
Kathryn Good-Schiff  
Kathryn Levesque  
Kayla Mason  
Kester Warlow-Harry



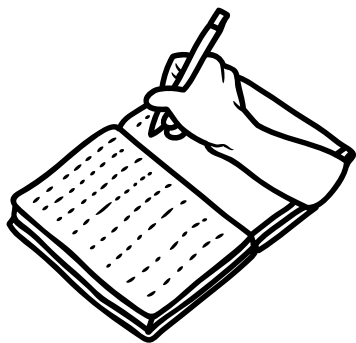


# PARTICIPATING WRITERS

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Lanette Sweeney  
Laura Sackton  
Laurel Turk  
Laurie Millman  
Lee Desrosiers  
Leslie Chalmers  
Leslie Smith Frank  
Linda Green  
Linda Neas  
Lindsay, Frances & Oliver  
Slabich  
Lisa Turowsky  
Liz Bedell  
Lucy McGuinness-Holland  
Madlynn Haber  
Marianne Gambaro  
Mark Schlack  
Mary Ellen Kelly  
Mary Ellen Shaughan  
Mary McQueen Alford

Matilda Cantwell  
Michael Macdonald  
Michael Favala Goldman  
Michelle Valois  
Nerissa Nields  
Nora Glass  
Patricia Crosby  
Patricia Lee Lewis  
Paul Redstone  
Peg Johnson  
Peter Bryant  
Regina Monticone  
Robin Barber  
Robin Griffith  
Rose Oliver  
Sarah Meiklejohn  
Sarah Rossmassler  
Sarah Sullivan  
Sharon Tracey  
Suzann Heron  
Tamara Kaplan  
Theresa Vincent  
Tzivia Gover  
Vanessa Adel  
Verandah Porche  
Yenna Yi





## BROADSIDE BOOKSHOP

*A feast of books, exceptional service*

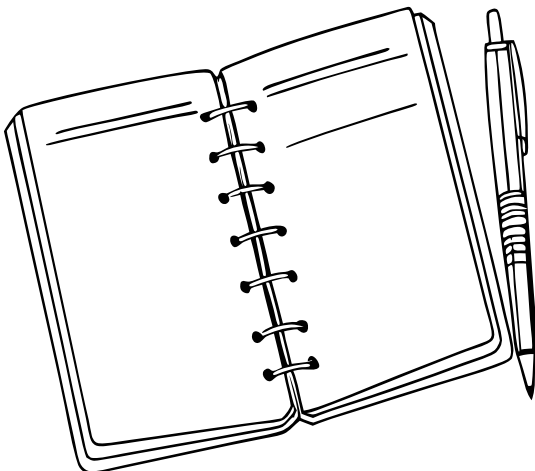


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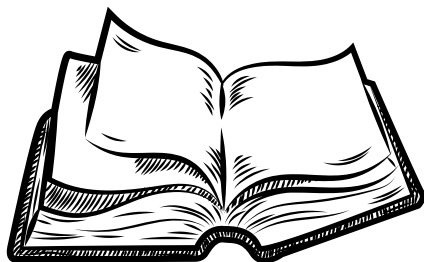


# WRITERS WHO WILL READ

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Anita Galters  
C. Desirée Finley (Fin)  
Carole Anzovin  
Christine Gay Dutton  
Darlene Elias  
David O  
Elsa Phillippi Cline  
Emily Samuels  
Geo Cernada  
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# LW

Marisa Labozzetta  
& Martin Wohl



# THANK YOU



- Nerissa Nields, Event Chair, for your inspiring daily prompts, educational tidbits, writing workshops, and encouragement;
- Jean Blakeman, Elsa Phillippi Cline, Mary Ellen Shaughan, Sarah Sullivan for your Advisory Committee service;
- Participating writers for your creativity and outreach;
- Supporters for your generosity;
- Poetry lovers, Marisa Labozzetta and Martin Wohl, for supporting anthology production and so many writers;
- Smith College Poetry Center for hosting the Reading and providing tech support;
- Collective Copies/Levellers Press for producing the anthologies and selling them at cost;
- Hasinah Zahed for the delicious baked goods;
- Bill Newman for welcoming us on Talk the Talk;
- Asani Furaha for joining us to speak about her experience’
- Center for New Americans staff, board, volunteers for your dedication, and students and clients for trusting us.



**30 Poems in November!** has fostered a culture of poetry in Center for New Americans English classes.

Linda, Northampton level 5-6 teacher (and 30 Poems writer) encourages “I am from” poems (Nerissa offered these as one of her 30 prompts!)

Ragan, Greenfield level 4-6 teacher, offered a multi-day activity. Students shared images on large chart paper, wrote poems in groups, then shared the poems.



# STUDENT POEMS

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I am the color on trees outside in summer  
I am the color on the street in winter  
I am the color of the sky on a sunny day  
I am the color that for me is life hope, and peace.

by Greenfield 4-6 students



I am from Afghanistan and family dinners  
from a brother and four sisters  
I'm from helping others and sharing food with neighbors  
from respect everyone and be a helper  
I'm from morning prayers and sacred texts  
I'm from Panjshir but was born in Kabul  
the rich flavors of qatukhi and borani  
from the shared laughter and stories around the table  
from the teacher "ringing wide doors of possibility"  
I'm from Grandma's wisdom and gentle hands  
from the old photo albums  
I'm "minnister to hearts and souls crying out for love."

by Farzana, Northampton 5-6

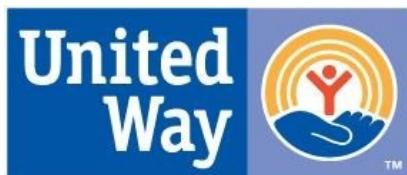






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