



## CITY OF ROCKFORD POET LAUREATE

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The City of Rockford Poet Laureate is expected to:

- Celebrate the written and spoken poetic voices of City of Rockford residents by using the appointment as a platform from which to illuminate not only their own work but also the work of other writers in the Rockford Region
- Contribute to the growth, access, and awareness of poetry throughout the Rockford region
- Encourage both the reading and writing of literature
- Use the art of poetry to enlighten, educate, entertain, transform, and inspire established and emerging generations of literary artists and readers of literature
- Participate in at least 4 literary events and 4 educational programs in schools in the region
- Promote poetry and the City of Rockford Poet Laureate position via official social media accounts
- Prepare and provide a written report of activities every six months to the City of Rockford Poet Laureate Committee
- Create a substantial new work commemorating the City of Rockford through works that speak to, for, and of our region
- Collaborate with other city and state Poets Laureate, including the City of Rockford Youth Poet and the State Poet Laureate, when possible



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