

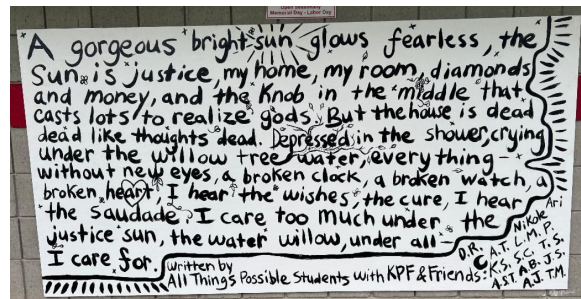


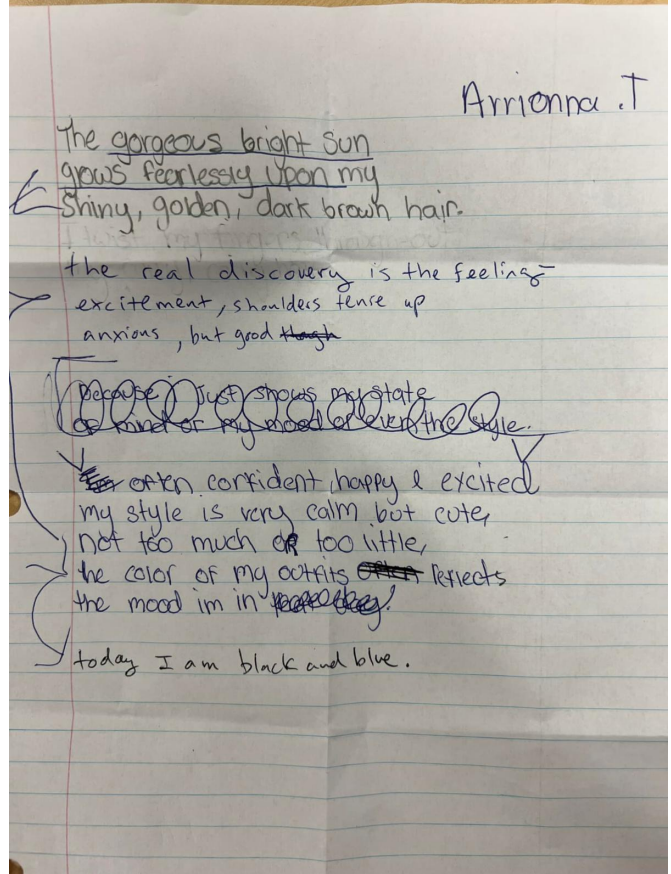
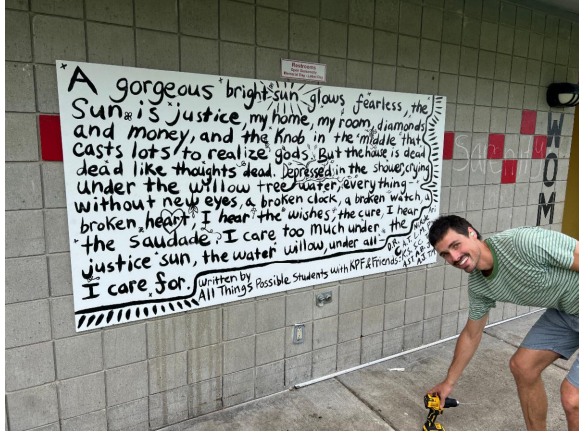
# KALAMAZOO POETRY FESTIVAL

## JULY & EARLY AUGUST NEWSLETTER



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## 2025 Regional Guest Poet Announcement

KPF is proud and honored to work with Aaron Coleman, who has signed on to be one of our featured poets for the April Festival Weekend. Aaron Coleman is a poet, translator, and scholar of the African Diaspora. He is the author of *Red Wilderness* (Four Way Books, 2025), among other titles, and the translator of Nicolás Guillén's *The Great Zoo* (University of Chicago Press, 2024). The recipient of support from Cave Canem and the National Endowment for the Arts, Coleman is the Postdoctoral Fellow in Critical Translation Studies at the University of Michigan.

[Read More About Aaron Coleman Here](#)

## *All Things Possible*

KPF joined the KZ Parks and Rec "All Things Possible Program" for their late July session, and facilitated 14 8th and 9th graders from KZ Schools in writing their own poems. The students chose their favorite lines, and the words were combined into a group poem. You can see the poem displayed at KZ's Upjohn Park. This is a standing relationship, and KPF is excited to teach a session again in 2025!

## *Lots and Lots of Meetings*

In an effort to be more proactive in our planning, KPF met with many community partners in the last month:

Kalamazoo Arts Council

The Gilmore Foundation

Black Magic Media

Fire

Dreamscene Placemaking

NACD

First Congregational Church

**We are well into our planning season for the 2025 festival!**



### **KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN**

**Our Call for Workshops Proposals goes out later this month!**

## **Fall Programs**

You asked for year round programming, and KPF has been working hard to make it happen! Please brush off some older work, or polish up some new poems you have been itching to read, and mark these dates on your calendars!

### **Fall Open Mic, Thursday October 10, 2024**

Doors open at 6pm, Open Mic runs 6:30pm-8pm

Location: First Congregational Church

\*Costumes encouraged\*

### **November Workshop, Friday November 8, 2024**

6:30pm-8pm, Facilitator and Workshop Topic TBD

Location: First Congregational Church

### **Want to help us build up our year round programming?**

KPF asks our patrons to dig deep this year, as it is the first full year with a paid staff person. We are incredibly thankful for your continuing support to the Kalamazoo Poetry Community!

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# KPF Schedule of Days for April 2025

## **Thursday April 24**

Celebration of Community Poets at NACD

6pm-7:30pm

## **Friday April 25**

Open Mic at Fire

7pm-9pm

## **Saturday April 26**

Featured Reader Workshop One

10:00am-11am

Featured Reader Workshop Two

11:30am-12:30pm

Craft Talk

3:30pm-4:30pm

Finale Featured Read

5pm-6pm

Catered Reception

6pm-7pm

All at First Congregational Church

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