Poetry, Please!

**American Ace**
Marilyn Nelson

Sixteen-year-old Connor tries to help his severely depressed father, who learned upon his mother's death that Nonno was not his biological father, by doing research that reveals Dad's father was probably a Tuskegee Airman.

**And We Stay**
Jenny Hubbard

Sent to an Amherst, Massachusetts, boarding school after her ex-boyfriend shoots himself, seventeen-year-old Emily expresses herself through poetry as she relives their relationship, copes with her guilt, and begins to heal.

**Booked**
Kwame Alexander

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

**The Breakbeat Poets: new American poetry in the age of hip-hop**
Call Number: 811.608 C873 2015

Four decades of poets come together in this collection of hip-hop poems.

**Freakboy**
Kristin Elizabeth Clark

Told from three viewpoints, seventeen-year-old Brendan, a wrestler, struggles to come to terms with his place on the transgender spectrum while Vanessa, the girl he loves, and Angel, a transgender acquaintance, try to help.

**A Heart Like Ringo Starr**
Linda Oatman High

Her family runs Stevens Brothers Funeral Home, which is ironic since Faith Hope Stevens is not long for this world. Unless someone dies. Unless there is a match. Staying alive will mean a heart transplant. Faith copes with wit and nerve. She's also a little pissed off. She will never grow old. She will never have a boyfriend. Then one shocking day everything changes.

**Immersed in Verse: an informative, slightly irreverent & totally tremendous guide to living the poet's life**
Call Number: 808.1 W853

Contains advice, ideas, writing activities, and encouragement from a working poet for aspiring poets. Includes poems by a variety of poets from the unknown to the famous, including Langston Hughes, e.e. cummings, Eve Merriam, and more.

**Indivisible: poems for social justice**

This anthology includes over 50 works of poetry by 20th century writers on issues related to social justice in American society.
**Jumped In**  
Patrick Flores-Scott

In the two years since his mother left him with his grandparents in Des Moines, Washington, Sam has avoided making friends and perfected the art of being a slacker, but being paired with a frightening new student for a slam poetry unit transforms his life.

**The Language of the Stars**  
Louise Hawes

After an incident involving the vandalism of a cottage museum that once belonged to famous poet Rufus Baylor, sixteen-year-old Sarah is sentenced to community service and a poetry appreciation course taught by Baylor himself.

**The Lonely Ones**  
Kelsey Sutton

The stress of her father's job loss causes Fain to feel invisible at home and in her new school, but she escapes with the monsters of her imagination until a family crisis and a human friend cause her to reconsider.

**October Mourning: a song for Matthew Shepard**  
Lesléa Newman

Relates, from various points of view, events from the night of October 6, 1998, when twenty-one-year-old Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was lured out of a Wyoming bar, savagely beaten, tied to a fence, and left to die.

**Of Poetry & Protest: from Emmett Till to Trayvon Martin**  
Call Number: 811.008089 qP745 2016

Poetry about race relations and the deaths of black youth in America.

**Paint Me Like I Am: teen poems from WritersCorps**  
Call Number: 811.608092 P148

A collection of poems written by teens.

**Poisoned Apples: poems for you, my pretty**  
Christine Heppermann  
Call Number: 811.6 H529 2014

Christine Heppermann's powerful collection of free verse poems explore how girls are taught to think about themselves, their bodies, their friends--as consumers, as objects, as competitors. Based on classic fairy tale characters and fairy tale tropes, the poems range from contemporary retellings to first person accounts set within the original stories. From Snow White cottage and Rapunzel's tower to health class and the prom, these poems are a moving depiction of young women, society, and our expectations. Poisoned Apples is a dark, clever, witty, beautiful, and important book for teenage girls, their sisters, their mothers, and their best friends.

**Red Hot Salsa: bilingual poems on being young and Latino in the United States**  
Call Number: 811.008086 R312

Poems about Latino youth in the US.
The Rose that Grew from Concrete
Tupac Shakur
Call Number: 811.54 S5271r 1999

Here now, newly discovered, are Tupac's most honest and intimate thoughts conveyed through the pure art of poetry -- a mirror into his enigmatic life and its many contradictions.

Scary Out There

A compilation of more than twenty stories and poems written by members of the Horror Writers Association.

Seeing the Blue Between: Advice and Inspiration for Young Poets
Call Number: 811.608092 S451 2002

Inspiring poems for kids and teens.

Things I Have to Tell You: poems and writing by teenage girls
Call Number: 810.809283 qT443

A collection of poems, stories, and essays written by girls twelve to eighteen years of age revealing the secrets which enabled them to overcome the challenges they faced.

Time You Let Me In: 25 Poets Under 25

A collection of poems from 25 poets under the age of 25.

Unlocked
Ryan G. Van Cleave

While trying to impress a beautiful, unattainable classmate, fourteen-year-old Andy discovers that a fellow social outcast may be planning an act of school violence. Novel in verse.

With Their Eyes: September 11th: the View from a High School at Ground Zero
Call Number: 812.045083 W822

A collection of poems about the September 11th terrorist attacks from the perspective of high school students at the time in NYC.

Writing What You Know: How to turn personal experiences into publishable fiction, nonfiction, and poetry
Meg Files
Call Number: 808.02 F481 2016

A guide to turning your personal experiences into publishable works.

You Hear Me?: Poems and writing by teenage boys
Call Number: 810.809283 Y67

An anthology of stories, poems, and essays by adolescent boys on issues that concern them.