

Lorine Niedecker Wisconsin Poetry Festival - La Crosse events

In 2012 the Friends of Lorine Niedecker are partnering with the La Crosse Public Library to offer poetry events in the La Crosse area.

UW-La Crosse English Department Poetry Reading Featuring Wisconsin Poet Laureate Bruce Dethlefsen and poet Cathryn Coffell

Thursday, November 8 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm
UW-La Crosse Centennial Hall, Room 1400

Let's Talk About Poetry: An Exploration of the Image and Niedecker's Contribution to Modernist Poetry

Thursday, November 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
La Crosse Public Library Auditorium

800 Main Street, La Crosse, WI

Local poets William Stobb and David Krump will discuss image in poetry and modernism.

Writing Workshops

All workshops are from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the La Crosse Public Library Auditorium unless otherwise noted.

Workshop A - Nancy Ellingson

Writer, painter and teacher Nancy Ellingson lives in La Crosse, Wisconsin and has taught Art and/or English, including creative writing and literature in La Crosse Schools, Winona State University and UW-La Crosse.

This three-session poem writing workshop has no requirements other than the desire to write, learn and share. Bring a notebook, pen and some excitement.

Description: we will discuss the nature of poetry and its relationship to form. With these qualities in mind, we will look more deeply into our own writing and experiment with some new directions.

Session I Thursday, Nov. 15 - Discussion of poetry and guided writing/drafting assignment

Session II Monday, Nov. 19 - Sharing of poem drafts/focused comments (**NOTE: this session is at the South Community Library**)

Session III Thursday, Nov. 29 - Polished poems - reading/focused comments

Optional - Online editing, printing for group, reading of poem's final draft at a 4th session.

Workshop B - Lynne Valiquette

Lynne Valiquette has facilitated poetry workshops for beginning writers of all ages. She currently teaches online classes for the Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth. She and Nancy Ellingson are on the steering committee for "Mark My Words Again," a collaborative effort of the Pump House Regional Arts Center and the La Crosse Public Library to connect our writing and visual arts communities.

Description: This poetry writing workshop is designed as a springboard for those wishing to enter the La Crosse Public Library's Poetry Contest. Specific attention will be given to the role of image in poetry with the poems of Lorine Niedecker as our inspiration.

One session: Wednesday, November 28