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### **County Poets' Poetry Exhibit at Bowie Branch Library**

**Bowie, MD** – Prominent Prince Georgian poets – Sylvia Dianne "Ladi Di" Beverly, Diane Wilbon Parks, Edgar Gabriel Silex, Forestine Bynum, J. Joy "Sistah Joy" Matthews Alford and Prince George's County Youth Poet Laureate, Samantha Jackson – will have their poems featured as a part of the Poetry Poster Project on display at the Bowie Branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. The branch is located at 15210 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715. This free, public exhibit, accessible during branch hours, is supported by the Prince George's County Arts and Humanities Council and runs from September 9 – December 30, 2017.

One poetry poster in the exhibit includes this poem:

#### **In the Eye**

Beauty, it has been said, is in the eye of the beholder.  
The nocturnal duet of Mother Nature and Father God  
debuted an arctic alabaster blanket  
glistening exquisitely in the dawn of this new day.  
Each freshly fallen flake  
compounds the pain of homelessness  
exponentially.

*- J. Joy "Sistah Joy" Matthews Alford*

The exhibit's organizer, Hiram Larew, describes the Project as "a wonderful spotlight on the amazing diversity of poetry power in Prince George's County."

#### **About Prince George's County Memorial Library System**

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Skills development library resources include: Rosetta Stone Library Solution, Lynda.com, Brainfuse's HelpNow and JobNow, ArtistWorks for Libraries and Learning Express Library. Early literacy resources are: Ready 2 Read Centers, Ready 2 Read Backpacks, ABCmouse, AWE Early Literacy Stations, Beanstack, Playaway Launchpads and PebbleGo. All these services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Also, enjoy Minecraft, 3D printing, DREAM (Digital Resources for Electronic Applications in Media)

lab, chess clubs and MAC (Manga and Anime Clubs) free at your library. Engage with us on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Flickr](#), [Pinterest](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). Check out our [mobile apps](#)! Learn more about what your Library has to offer at [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info).

### **About Prince George's County Arts and Humanities Council**

The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council (PGAHC) seeks to create a world-class cultural environment where diverse high quality arts and humanities programs are available for all Prince George's County residents and visitors. PGAHC is an independent non-profit organization designated by the Prince George's County government to coordinate financial support and advocacy for the arts and humanities through grants, artistic programs and creative partnerships among business, education, government and residents.

### **About Poetry Poster Project**

The Poetry Poster Project is designed to showcase the diversity of fine poetry talent in Prince George's County. By displaying and featuring work of living County poets, the Project seeks to strengthen the public's appreciation for the rich array of poetry voices in our County. (*Exhibit organizer contact: hlarew@gmail.com*)

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