

Poetry Club

The Poetry Club promotes creative expression through poetry for students on both the OCH and LLP campuses. Students often need a platform to express themselves and their views on love, life, injustice, and any other facets of human experience that touch them, and the Poetry Club serves to provide students with that platform. The Poetry Club will offer monthly poetry readings as well as a build a literary magazine that will publish the work of our very creative and inspirational students. All members of the SPCC community are welcome to participate in the Poetry Club and share their work.

Recognizing that all members of the SPCC community may find themselves in need of a cathartic experience facilitated by artistic expression, the Poetry Club opens its doors to all participants that get a sense of liberation and satisfaction from showcasing their talents. In addition, the Poetry Club:

- Invites external members of the SPCC communities to participate in poetry readings.
- Provides SPCC faculty members, staff, and administration with personal and professional service opportunities.
- Encourages students to enhance their educational opportunities through extracurricular participation and ventures in creativity.
- Facilitates opportunities for students to become acquainted with the power of writing poetry and meet with professional poets in both Union and Anson counties
- Sponsors on-campus activities to promote the educational benefits and personal rewards of poetry writing.
- Collaborates with local writing organizations, such as the Union County Writer's Club, to expose students to the poetry-writing culture existing within the community.

The Poetry Club brings life to the SPCC mission by:

- Providing learning opportunities for all participants.
- Contributing to students' successes by developing creative thinking and writing skills.
- Enriching the lives of students by providing cathartic and satisfying artistic experiences.
- Directly operationalizing SPCC's Strategic Initiative III: **SPCC is Connected with its Community**.
 - SPCC faculty and staff will be highly involved and visible as active partners within the community, working to cultivate a general appreciation of poetry and creative expression.

The Poetry Club is an SPCC student organization that is sponsored by the Patriot's Student Government Association (SGA) and the Department for the Arts, Communication, and Social Sciences (ACSS). The College, SGA, Department for ACSS, faculty sponsors, and Poetry Club members fulfill the Poetry Club mission collaboratively:

- Students promote the organization and engage in creative endeavors throughout the year.
- The College maintains and fosters relationships with local writing organizations that provide students with exposure to local poets.

- SGA assists the organization in promoting the organization and producing a universal appreciation for poetry.
- The faculty sponsors advise the student organization and work with community organizations who encourage positive relations between South Piedmont students and local writing clubs in order to immerse members in the local poetry-writing culture.