CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Calling young poets!

Share your words. Join our community.

Local students are invited to help open an afternoon of poetry with Illinois Poet Laureate Mark Turcotte by reading a poem they have written.



Photo by Zoey Duchene

Meet Mark Turcotte

Mark Turcotte (Turtle Mountain Band Anishinaabe) is an award-winning poet and writer and the sixth Illinois Poet Laureate.

His books include The Feathered Heart and Exploding Chippewas. He received the first Gwendolyn Brooks Open-Mic Poetry Award.

Join us to hear his poetry and celebrate living Native voices and creative expression.



Sunday, November 15, 2026

3:30 p.m.

Oak Park Public Library – Main Library

Interested in sharing your poetry?

Students or a parent, caregiver, or educator can contact the Clerk's Office to express interest and discuss participation details.

Contact Village Clerk Christina Waters

Call or text: 708-548-2242

Choose a poem and topic that feel right for you. No personal story or cultural topic is required. You are also welcome to come simply to listen.

Village of Oak Park

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