

Notes from the Health Sciences Library - March 31

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"Without poetry, we lose our way." - Joy Harujo, U.S. Poet Laureate

April is National Poetry Month!

On this eve of April, let's recognize the 25th annual celebration of poets and poetry

Launched by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, National Poetry Month "reminds the public that poets have an integral role to play in our culture and that poetry matters."

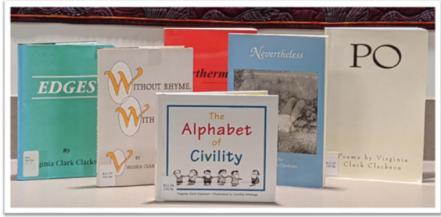
Visit **poets.org** to explore an extensive curated collection of poems and poets . . . you can even sign up to receive a poem-a-day in your email!

It may surprise you that the Clarkson Libraries also has a huge collection of poetry, both print books that you can check out, and ebooks that are readily available.

Recognizing one of Clarkson's own . . .

Virginia "Ginny" Clark Clarkson was a passionate writer who published a number of volumes of poetry. A graduate of Smith College and Long Island University (where she also taught English & Creative Writing), she was awarded an honorary *Doctor of Humane Letters* from Clarkson. I had the pleasure of spending some time with Ginny during her campus visits. She was committed to education, was an avid environmentalist, and is remembered for her vibrance and intellectual curiosity. Her books of poetry (and her fun childrens volume *The Alphabet of Civility*) are available to borrow if you want to share in her work.





"I think our immortality lies in the memories of those who have known and loved us." - Virginia Clark Clarkson, Immortality from 'PO'

And, bringing it back to Health Sciences at Clarkson . . .

Ginny was also married to Bayard "Barney" Clarkson Sr, M.D., an icon in cancer research (Sloan Kettering), descendent of THE Clarkson family, and long time member of the Clarkson University Board of Trustees. His father, Robert Livingston Clarkson, is the namesake of the Health Sciences building, Clarkson Hall. You may recognize his portrait from the lobby of the building.





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