

# The Bathroom Poetry Project

## What is the Bathroom Poetry Project?

- an exploration of poetry in non-traditional spaces
- an alternative access and delivery vehicle for poetry, one that allows the public to experience the arts in unexpected surroundings.

## What cities have participated?

- Portland, Boulder, Raleigh, Austin, Chicago, DC, Takoma Park

## Who is sponsoring the project in Front Royal?

- The Front Royal Women's Resource Center and the Blue Ridge Arts Council.



## Why do the project in Front Royal?

- To expose residents and visitors to poetry by posting it in everyday and unexpected spaces.
- To bring folks into downtown businesses.
- To encourage work by local poets, especially young people.



## How will it work?

- The organizers will hold a contest for local poets and choose the best poems for posting in downtown businesses.
- Two poems will be posted in each bathroom—one by an adult and one by a teen.
- Poems can also be posted in other areas of downtown shops—not just bathrooms!
- When all poems are up we will hold a progressive reading with the audience walking to each venue and the authors reading their poems. This will be followed by a reception.

## How long will the poems stay up?

- We plan to keep poems up for 3 months at a time.

## What kind of poems will be chosen?

- We will post a variety of works and will not post anything that is offensive or inappropriate for a wide audience. Poems can be on any topic.

## Whom can I contact for more information?

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- Go to <http://bathroompoet.net/index.html> for more information.