

'World Above' Free Poetry Night Set for Feb. 25

At Stockton's Dante Hall Theater in Atlantic City

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Galloway Township, NJ - "World Above" Free Poetry Night will be held on **Wednesday, Feb. 25** at Stockton University's Dante Hall Theater with an Open Mic portion for area poets and a reading by featured poet Suzanne Parker.

This month's session will debut a new format: Beginning at 7 p.m., participants will each read one poem that is less than two minutes long. After a break at 8 p.m., participants will be offered a free take-home writing prompt, and then hear a reading from Parker.

She is a winner of the Kinereth Gensler Book Award for her poetry collection *Viral* (Alice James Books, 2013), which was a finalist for a Lambda Literary Award and is on the National Library Association's Over the Rainbow List of recommended books for 2013. Her poetry has appeared recently in *Bloom*, *Hunger Mountain*, *Barrow Street*, *Drunken Boat*, *2River*, *Cimarron Review*, *Sierra Nevada Review* and numerous other journals; she's a winner of the Alice M. Sellars Award from the Academy of American Poets and was a Poetry Fellow at the Prague Summer Seminars.

Parker's creative non-fiction is published in the travel anthology *Something to Declare: Good Lesbian Travel Writing* by the Univ. of Wisconsin Press. She is a poetry editor at *MEAD: The Journal of Literature and Libations* and is the director of the creative writing program at Brookdale Community College in NJ.

Ben Heins, Visiting Assistant Professor of Writing at Stockton University, will host the event at Dante Hall, 14 N. Mississippi Ave., Atlantic City, NJ. It is sponsored by Dante Hall, Stockton University's School of General Studies and the South Jersey Poets Collective

The public is invited to come and invite others to this event, join and share it on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sjpoets) (www.facebook.com/sjpoets), and share the [South Jersey Poets Collective](http://www.sjpoets.wordpress.com) website (www.sjpoets.wordpress.com) on social media.

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