Getting Started with Nebraska Poetry at the UNL Libraries

Not sure where to begin? Here are some notable poets and anthologies to start with!

**Nebraska State Poets**
Twyla Hansen (2013-present)
William Kloefkorn (1982-2013)
John G. Neihardt – Poet Laureate of Nebraska in perpetuity

**UNL Faculty & Staff**
Grace Bauer
Stephen Behrendt
Allison Hedge Coke
Kwame Dawes
Ted Kooser

*U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006; Pulitzer Prize Winner, 2005*

Greg Kuzma
Patrick T. Randolph
Hilda Raz
Karl Shapiro
Stacey Waite
Laura Madeline Wiseman

**UNL Graduates**
Weldon Kees
Glenna Luschei
James Magorian
Robert (R.F.) McEwen

Charles Peek
Amil Quayle
Todd Robinson
Marjorie Saiser
Mark Sanders
Daniel Simon
Christine Starr Davis
Mary K. Stillwell
Nebraska Book Award Winners
Susan Aizenberg (2016 & 2003)
Charles Peek (2016)
Ted Kooser (2015 & 2001)
Don Welch (2015)
Barbara Schmitz (2015 & 2005)
Sarah McKinstry-Brown (2011)
Dwaine Spieker (2010)
James Magorian (2009)
J.V. Brummels (2008)
Matt Mason (2007)
Ted Genoways (2002)

Multi-poet anthologies that won the Nebraska Book Award:
The Untidy Season: An Anthology of Nebraska Women Poets (2014)
Slamma Lamma Ding Dong: An Anthology of Nebraska’s Slam Poets (2006)

You can find these poets’ works in the UNL Libraries by searching for their names or their book titles in the library catalog. Most of the poetry in our collection is located at Love Library, either in the regular stacks (most will have call numbers starting with P, which are located in the basement of Love North) or in the Portrait of Nebraska collection, housed in the Mezzanine Room on the 2nd floor of Love South.

Some books will be located in other campus libraries, including C.Y. Thompson Library and the UNL Women’s Center. The library catalog will tell you which collection a book is located in, and whether it is currently available.

Particularly rare and/or valuable books are found in Archives & Special Collections (labeled as SPEC in the library catalog). Archives & Special Collections is located in the basement of Love Library South, and they are open from 9-4 Monday-Friday.

The Lincoln City Libraries also have many books by Nebraska writers. Of particular note is the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors in the Bennett Martin Library.

Also, many writers have published some of their poems online—just find their website or do a web search for their name.

For a more in-depth exploration of Nebraska poetry, visit unl.libguides.com/nebraskapoets.