



## Anna Yin

On June 17, the Culture Division introduced Anna Yin as the inaugural Poet Laureate of Mississauga. Anna will serve a two year term (2015-2017) as the City of Mississauga's Poet Laureate. The honorary position recognizes a poet who writes poetry or spoken word and has written on themes that are relevant to the citizens of Mississauga. The position holds four key objectives:

- \* Serve as a literary ambassador for the City of Mississauga to audiences both within and outside of the City;
- \* Promote poetry and literary arts within the City;
- \* Raise the profile of writers in Mississauga; and
- \* Create an artistic legacy through public readings and civic interactions.

**For more information on the Poet Laureate Program please contact Kathryn Garland at [Kathryn.garland@mississauga.ca](mailto:Kathryn.garland@mississauga.ca) (mailto:Kathryn.garland@mississauga.ca) or 905-615-3200 x4063.**

### About Anna Yin

Anna Yin is the author of five books of poetry including *Wings Toward Sunlight* and *Inhaling the Silence*. She is the Ontario representative for the League of Canadian Poets, been featured on CBC radio and has read her poetry on Parliament Hill. She is the recipient of several awards including the Ted Plantos Memorial Award, two MARTY Literary Arts Awards and the Chinese Professionals Association of Canada Professional Achievement Award.

Her poem "Still Life" was part of the Poetry in Transit project featured on buses across Canada in 2013. Anna has actively promoted poetry and hosted many events in Mississauga and across Ontario. Her new poetry collection *Seven Nights with the Chinese Zodiac* will be published in 2015. Anna Yin was born in China and immigrated to Canada in 1999. She currently lives and works in Mississauga

## – Past Events

Past events and their poems

### **June 17, 2015 -- Poetry Reading at General Committee**

Life Jars ([http://www7.mississauga.ca/Departments/Rec/celebration-square/poetlaureate/AnnaYin\\_LifeJars\\_Poem.pdf](http://www7.mississauga.ca/Departments/Rec/celebration-square/poetlaureate/AnnaYin_LifeJars_Poem.pdf)) read at General Committee to announce the Inaugural Poet Laureate

### **July 1, 2015 -- Mississauga Celebration Square**

Hello, Canada ([http://www7.mississauga.ca/Departments/Rec/celebration-square/poetlaureate/AnnaYin\\_HelloCanada\\_Poem.pdf](http://www7.mississauga.ca/Departments/Rec/celebration-square/poetlaureate/AnnaYin_HelloCanada_Poem.pdf)) written for and read at Canada Day Celebrations

### **August 5, 2015 -- Lakeside Park**

Light Through Fogs ([http://www7.mississauga.ca/Departments/Rec/celebration-square/poetlaureate/AnnaYin\\_LightThrough%20Fogs\\_Poem.pdf](http://www7.mississauga.ca/Departments/Rec/celebration-square/poetlaureate/AnnaYin_LightThrough%20Fogs_Poem.pdf)) written for and read at Parapan Am Torch Relay

### **November 11, 2015 -- Mississauga Celebration Square**

Reading of "Flanders Fields" at Remembrance Day Ceremony

### **November 6, 2015 -- Art Gallery of Mississauga**

Seven Nights with the Chinese Zodiac Book Launch

### **September 19, 2015 -- Mississauga Celebration Square**

Haiku Walking Tour and Postcard Poetry, MAC Arts Festival

### **January 3, 2016 -- City of Mississauga Council Chambers**

New Year written for and read at Mayor's New Year's Levee

### **April 3, 2016 -- Mississauga Central Library**

The Power of Poetry - Poetry Readings, Workshop and Open Mic Session celebrating National Poetry Month

### **April 6, 2016 -- Poetry Reading at General Committee**

The Power of Poetry read at General Committee to participate in the Mayor's Poetry City Challenge and to celebrate National Poetry Month

### **May 2, 2016 -- Mississauga Central Library**

Haiku workshop as part of National Youth Arts Week

### **July 1, 2016 -- Mississauga Celebration Square**

The Red Maple written for and read at Canada Day Celebrations

### **September 14, 2016 -- Mississauga Central Library**

Poetry Night - Readings with Canadian Poets Laureate

### **November 5, 2016 -- Meadowvale Theatre**

Birds written for and read at Earth Market opening ceremonies

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## – Poet Laureate News

A collection of media stories and news

### **Poet Laureates coming to Mississauga for spoken word and readings**

([https://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/culture/publicart/Mississauga\\_News\\_Aug\\_24.pdf](https://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/culture/publicart/Mississauga_News_Aug_24.pdf))  
Mississauga News -- August 24, 2016

### **George Elliott Clarke crashes local poetry party**

(<https://www.mississauga.com/blogs/post/6439600-george-elliott-clarke-crashes-local-poetry-party/>)  
Mississauga News -- April 4, 2016

### **The 'Underground' Poetry Network of Mississauga**

([http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/culture/main/Mississauga\\_News\\_Dec\\_15\\_2015.pdf](http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/culture/main/Mississauga_News_Dec_15_2015.pdf))  
Mississauga News -- December 15, 2015

### **All sorts of artistic expression on tap at free AGM event**

([http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/culture/main/Mississauga\\_News\\_Nov\\_25\\_2015.pdf](http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/culture/main/Mississauga_News_Nov_25_2015.pdf))  
Mississauga News -- November 25, 2015

### **New Book of poetry from Mississauga's poet laureate**

([http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/culture/main/Mississauga\\_News\\_Nov\\_2015.pdf](http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/culture/main/Mississauga_News_Nov_2015.pdf))  
Mississauga News -- November 6, 2015

### **Mississauga's first poet Laureate pens poems to city**

([http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/culture/main/Toronto\\_Star\\_Aug\\_2015.pdf](http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/culture/main/Toronto_Star_Aug_2015.pdf))  
Toronto Star -- August 17, 2015

### **Laureate's mission is to bring poetry to the people**

([http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/culture/main/Mississauga\\_News\\_Aug\\_2015.pdf](http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/culture/main/Mississauga_News_Aug_2015.pdf))  
Mississauga News -- August 11, 2015

### **City of Mississauga Introduces First Poet Laureate**

([http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/pressreleases?paf\\_gear\\_id=9700020&itemId=4900622q](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/pressreleases?paf_gear_id=9700020&itemId=4900622q))  
City of Mississauga -- June 17, 2015

## Contact Us

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# Here's what's hot



(/event/celebration-square/daily-food-trucks-  
celebration-square)

The food trucks are back at Celebration Square this summer! Open 7-days per week; enjoy delicious take-away options from 11am-8pm. In an abundance of caution for our patrons at Celebration Square, cash payments will not be accepted at the food trucks.



(/event/celebration-square/mclc-lion%E2%80%99s-  
farmers%E2%80%99-market)

Eat fresh and shop local this summer at Celebration Square. This favourite central market offers a broad variety of items including homemade preserves and honey, baked goods, locally produced wine and Ontario-grown fruits and vegetables.



(/event/celebration-square/canada-day-virtual-  
celebration-2020)

Join Global News' Farah Nasser and ET Canada's Sangita Patel for an online show featuring interviews and musical performances by some of the biggest names to come from Mississauga. This online experience will be the perfect way to kick-off the nation's 153rd birthday.

(<http://mississauga.ca/>)

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