



What if all of **MALDEN READS** the same book?



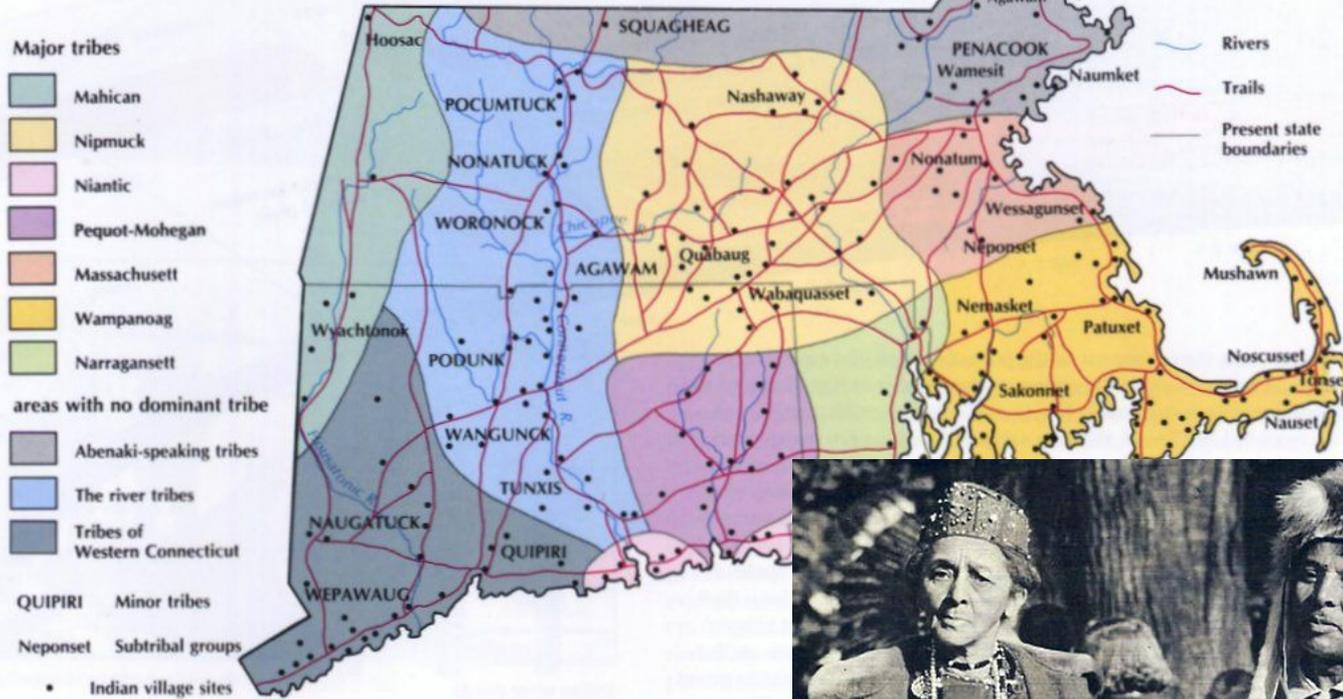
2022 Book Selection is . . .



“An American Sunrise” - a collection of poetry by Joy Harjo

What is a land acknowledgement?

NATIVE SETTLEMENTS AND TRAILS c.1600–1650



Native Americans that lived in the Malden area were called the Massachusetts



AN AMERICAN SUNRISE

POEMS

JOY HARJO

POET LAUREATE
OF THE UNITED STATES



- 3 term Poet Laureate of the United States
- member of the Mvskoke Nation and belongs to Oce Vpofv (Hickory Ground)
- Author of 9 books of poetry
- Musician and artist with 7 award winning albums
- Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets



2022 Malden Reads Companion Books

Why Poetry?

What is Poetry?

Look, if you had, one shot,
or one opportunity to seize everything you ever wanted,
in one moment,
would you capture it, or just let it slip?

– Eminem, *Lose Yourself*



this morning
i told the flowers
what i'd do for you
and they blossomed - rupi kaur



Stopping by Woods on a
Snowy Evening
by Robert Frost

The woods are lovely,
dark and deep,
But I have promises to
keep,
And miles to go before
I sleep,
And miles to go before
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Joy Harjo talks to Oprah Winfrey about her path to poetry



Remember the plants, trees, animal life who all have their families, their histories too. Talk to them, listen to them. They are alive poems.

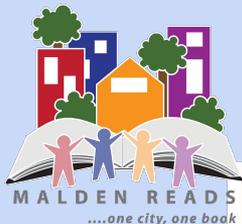
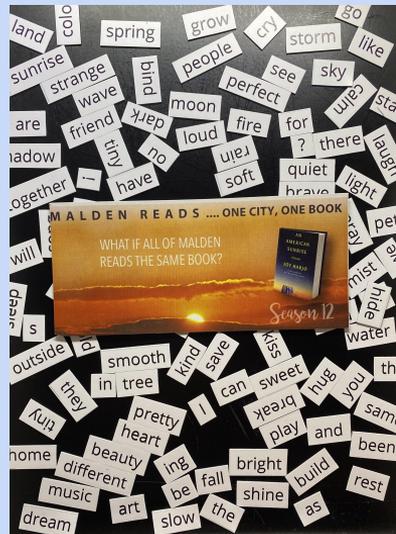
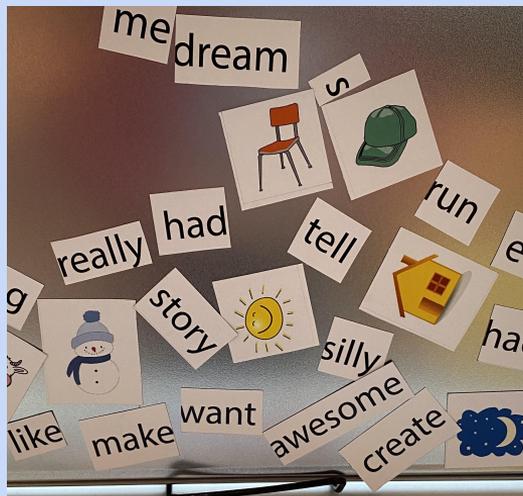
— *Joy Harjo* —

AZ QUOTES

“DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT
A POEM MEANS. DO YOU
ASK WHAT A SONG MEANS
BEFORE YOU LISTEN?
JUST LISTEN.”

JOY HARJO

“Let’s Play with Poetry” Refrigerator Magnetic Poetry Sets

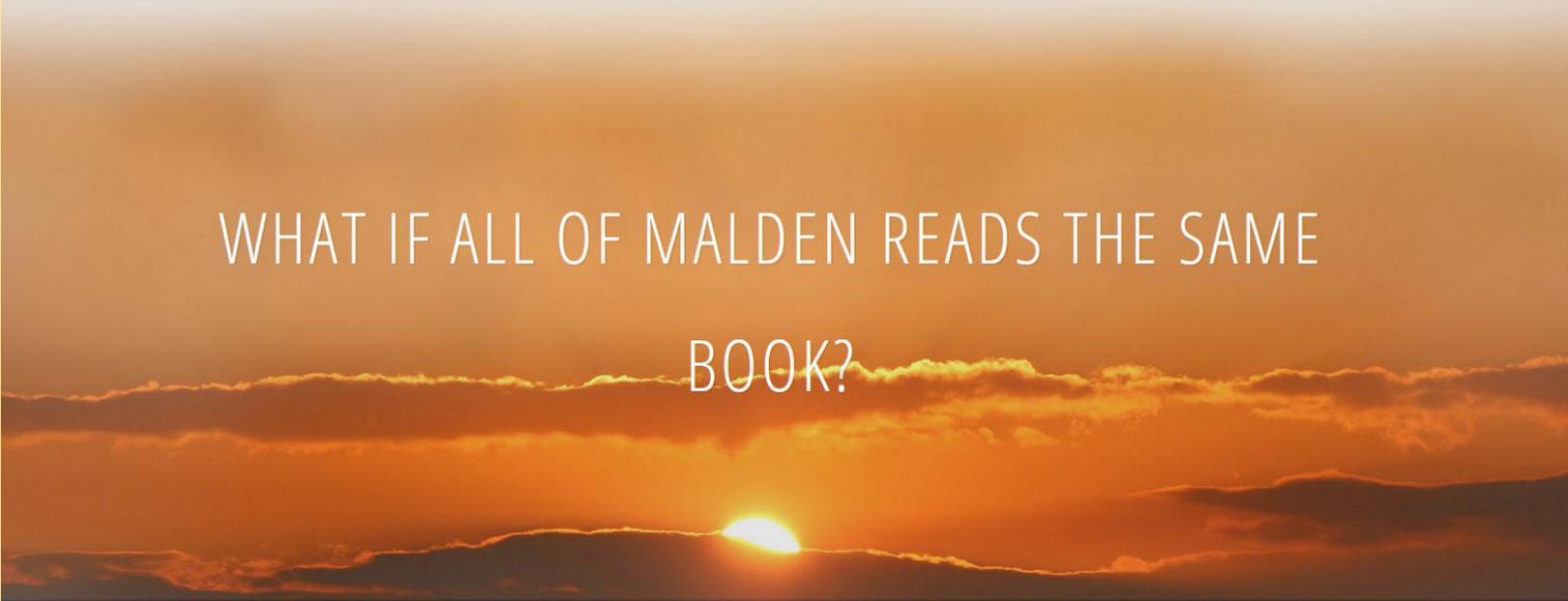


Season 12
2021-2022



PROMOTING READING ENHANCING LITERACY BUILDING COMMUNITY

Created by Elena Martinez



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2022 Upcoming Selection of Events & Programming



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Understanding Poetry Workshop
March 10th, 2022 @ 7-8:30PM
Via Zoom

The Malden Writers Collaborative will offer a workshop/discussion that aims to deepen one's understanding and appreciation of poetry, using excerpted poems from Joy Harjo's book "An American Sunrise."

Open to all community members via Zoom



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“Courageous Poetry” Workshop & Final Presentation March 2022



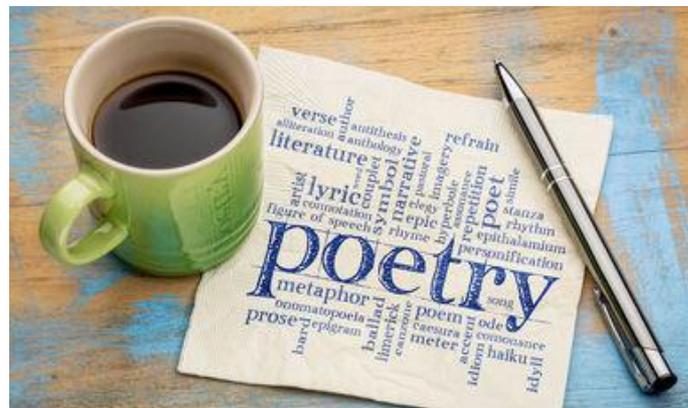
You don't need to be a poet to take this class in writing poetry. Through in-class exercises, we'll write and share poetry with a final presentation open to the community.

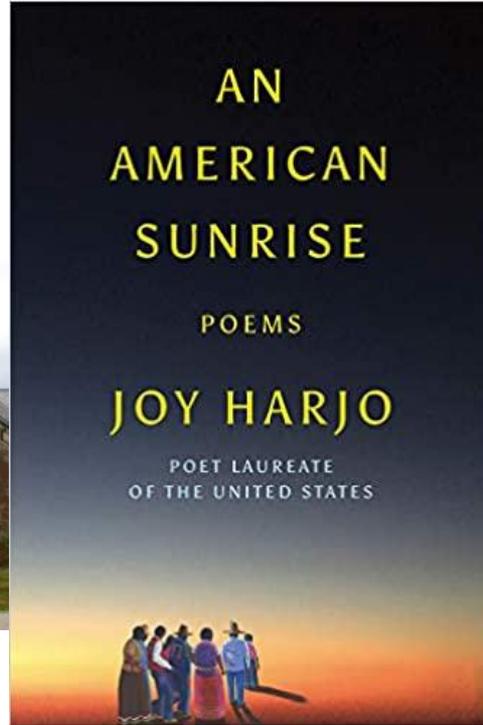
**What are you struggling with right now?
What are the challenges?**

What is a portal of joy to you, a source of strength?

CD Collins
Poet, Author, Storyteller

Like Joy Harjo's poetry, this workshop will explore themes of identity, courage, family history, personal challenges, and hope.





Rev. Otto O'Connor

First Parish Interfaith Worship Service





August 2022



"Ode to the Stars" Stargazing on Waitt's Mount





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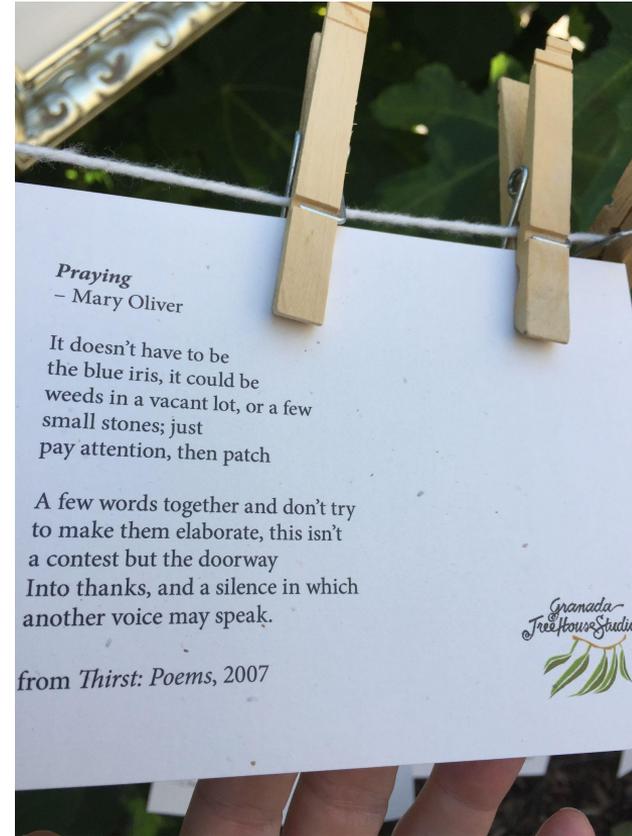




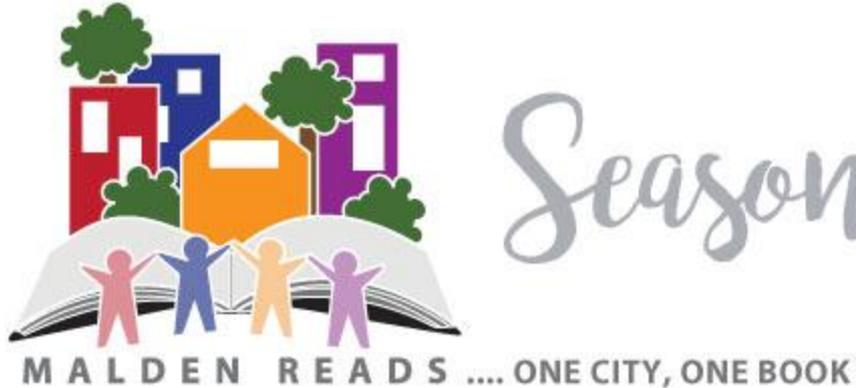
**Youth Poet Laureate
City of Malden**



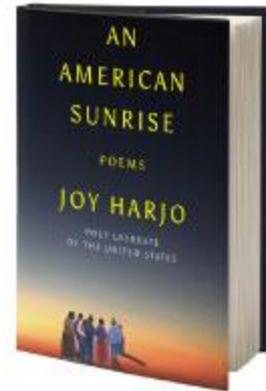
Sharing Poetry Project



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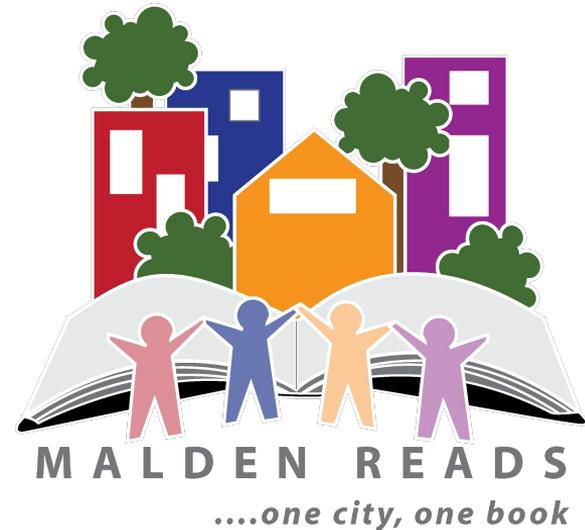
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Poem “Seven Generations” - from An American Sunrise by Joy Harjo

