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NEH funds second "Poets in Person" pilot project in libraries

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded \$314,366 to the Modern Poetry Association to conduct a pilot program of "Poets in Person": Reading, Hearing, and Talking About Contemporary Poetry in America's Libraries in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA). Thirty libraries will be selected to take part in the project during 1993-94.

This is the second library-based "Poets in Person" pilot program to be funded by the NEH. The first, conducted during 1991-92 in 20 demonstration libraries in 18 states, drew more than 2,000 people to libraries and other sites to discuss contemporary American poetry.

Libraries that have not participated in previous projects of this kind and those in geographical areas with limited access to public programs are encouraged to apply. Applications are available from: ALA Public Programs Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: 800-545-2433, ext. 5053, 5055. **Applications must be postmarked no later than July 30.**

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Joseph Parisi, editor of Poetry magazine, will conduct a demonstration "Poets in Person" program featuring the work of Rita Dove on June 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., during the 1993 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

A listener's guide and cassette may be purchased for \$10 before the conference. A free list of the poems to be discussed is also available. To receive the listener's guide, cassette, or free list contact Mara Karduck, ALA Public Programs.