

Rhyme* Around the Clock

*or not — free, formal, blank, rap, hip-hop, it's all good

A 24-HOUR POETRY EXPLOSION in Downtown Montgomery • April 18–19, 2012

In celebration of National Poetry Month and in anticipation of the 2013 Alabama Book Festival, a 24-hour poetry marathon will be held April 18–19 in downtown Montgomery. Any interested poet may participate by reading her/his own work or that of another poet, or both. Get on the list to read by calling 334-834-3556 or by sending an email to deric.sallas@newsouthbooks.com.

The event is co-sponsored by **NewSouth Books**, the **Village Gallery**, and **Smoothies 'n Things**, at 105–109 South Court Street, at the corner of Court and Washington, just one block south of Court Square Fountain, by the **Levi Watkins Learning Center** on the ASU campus, and by **Cool Beans at the Cafe d'Art**, a block west of the fountain at 115 Montgomery Street.

The event will begin Thursday, April 18th, at 6 P.M. at the Levi Watkins Learning Center. At 7:30 P.M. it will move to the Village Gallery. Around daybreak on Friday morning the reader for that time slot will move to the Court Square Fountain for reading as the sun rises over the Alabama Capitol. About 7 A.M. the event will move to Cool Beans for a caffeine jolt, then to Smoothies 'n Things from 9–10:30 A.M., then back to the NewSouth Bookstore, and the last reader will end at 6 P.M.

On Friday evening, April 19th, the Alabama Book Festival will have its opening reception for the writers who will be on the program Saturday, April 20th. A full poetry track will be featured at the Festival, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. (gates open at 9 A.M.), at Old Alabama Town (Hull and Jefferson streets, six blocks northeast of the fountain).

For more information, contact:

The NewSouth Bookstore, 334-834-3556, www.newsouthbooks.com

The Levi Watkins Learning Center, 334-229-4109, www.lib.alasu.edu

Village Gallery, 334-538-0680, www.villageartgallery.org

Cool Beans, 334-269-3302, www.coolbeansmgm.blogspot.com

Smoothies 'n Things, 334-241-0770, www.smoothiesnthingscafe.com

The Alabama Book Festival — www.alabamabookfestival.org