

THE CONSTANCE LAIBE HAYS  
Children's Room at Poets House

The Constance Laibe Hays Children's Room is a creative space filled with the best of children's poetry books, old-fashioned typewriters and a card catalog packed with poetic objects to trigger inspiration. Children and their adults are invited to visit during Children's Room hours (see below). A special thanks to Con Edison, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, and the Whistler Trust for support of children's programs at Poets House.

**CHILDREN'S ROOM HOURS:**  
Thursday-Saturday,  
11:00AM-5:00PM

**FREE ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:**

- **Tiny Poets Time.** a weekly poetry reading for toddlers, Thursdays at 10:00AM
- **Class trips (by appointment only).** For details, contact Children's Room Director Mike Romanos at (212) 431-7920 x2825 or mike@poetshouse.org.

## Special Poetry Programs for Children and Teens

All children's programs are \$5, unless otherwise noted. Children under 4 are free.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 11:00AM

### Holding Up The Sky: Haiku Poetry Workshop

Join us outside in our beautiful backyard to learn about the ancient art form of haiku. With Bashō and Issa as our guides, we'll write our own haiku poems and then paint them on stones to take home.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 11:00AM



Edgar Allan Poe

### Tell-Tale Tales: An Introduction to Edgar Allan Poe

Spinner of such classics as "The Tell-Tale Heart" and "The Raven," Edgar Allan Poe's works frighten delightfully, even today. We'll learn about his life and work in the 1800s and re-tell some of his most famous

tales and poems. Finally, using some very dark (arts and crafts) materials, we'll create our own sinister ravens.

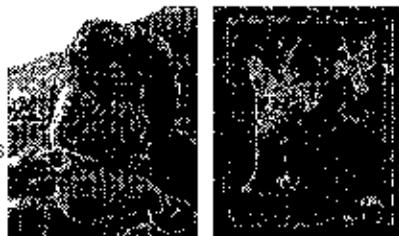
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 11:00AM

### Diorama-Ramal with Carin Berger

In this diorama-making workshop, hosted by writer and artist Carin Berger, we'll build marvelous miniature worlds using plastic boxes and ephemera.

We'll then fill our dreamscapes with poetry to make them come alive.

**Carin Berger** is the author and illustrator of award-winning children's books including *A Perfect Day* and *The Little Yellow Leaf*.



Carin Berger and her work

## Special Event for Teens This Winter!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 11:00AM

### "I am your own way of looking at things" The Poetic Practice of William Stafford: A Workshop for Young Writers



Naomi Shihab Nye



Kim Stafford

For fifty years, William Stafford wrote every morning before others were awake, welcoming whatever his imagination offered, and using this attitude as the

basis of his poems. In a workshop led by poets Naomi Shihab Nye and Kim Stafford, we will look at William Stafford poems that exemplify this process and try on some of his writing techniques.

For writers aged 12-18.

ADMISSION FREE.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!  
CALL (212) 431-7920 x2832  
OR EMAIL CLASSES@POETSHOUSE.ORG

Naomi Shihab Nye is the author and editor of many books of poetry and prose, including *Transier*, *Habibi*, and *A Maze Me: Poems for Girls*. She lives and works in San Antonio, Texas.

Kim Stafford is the author of *The Muses Among Us: Eloquent Listening and Other Pleasures of the Writer's Craft*, a book for writers and teachers, and *Early Morning: Remembering My Father, William Stafford*. He teaches writing at Lewis & Clark College and lives in Portland, Oregon.

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