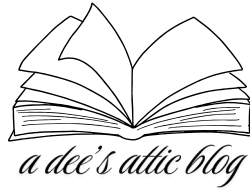


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Just in case you haven't heard, WE WON! "What?", you say. Well, as of May 1st Dee's Attic Bookstore would like to share our news!! So to our community at-large we so appreciate your overwhelming support of our employees and volunteers alike the honor of winning Virginia Living's Best Of for the Eastern Region of Virginia for Best Bookstore!! Thank you one and all!! Wasn't the form just a little challenging? Though you each persevered; some, not just once either so we heard. Thank you!!

In light of firsts, this happening brought to my mind, the news recently of another great happening in the life of a dear friend, who has fulfilled a long term goal of hers and published a book of poetry. This journey was not a short one, it's been in the making for at least the 30+ years I've known her. She has shared her poems in her many classes and with friends and kept at it and now, she's elated with "Come! Write a Poem With Me – My Adventure into Poetry" by Marilyn L. Brodhurst. It's a great read and for those aspiring poets, I recommend highly. Here's a quote from the back of her book, "Open this book and take the first step down your personal path of creativity. If you give yourself the time and space and patience to explore, you will surprise yourself."

And then while I was listening to NPR one day this last week, I heard this marvelous story about a young man of 18. "The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation are pleased to share that Isavel Mendoza, a 12th-grade student at Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is the 2025 Poetry Out Loud® National Champion. After reciting poems by Keith S. Wilson, Kabir, and E.E. Cummings, Mendoza was named champion during last night's National Finals (May 8), hosted by National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Mac Barnett in Washington, DC. As National Champion, Mendoza receives a cash prize of \$20,000." You can check out this event on Instagram, Facebook and of course, Google.

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These all are events that allow us to celebrate 'firsts' – so we're wondering if you'd like to try a 'first' for YOU – how about a Beginner's Poetry Class in the early fall at the Lancaster Community Library for six-weeks? Please don't say you 'can't write a poem,' because as my friend, Marilyn says, "Oh, but you can. You've been reading and listening to all kinds of poetry practically from the moment you were born." And for examples, all the commercials we are subjected to if you watch TV, and what about the lyrics in the songs we love to play over and over and the list goes on and on. There just may be a budding Marilyn and Isavel out there yearning for an ear to listen/read to YOUR poetry! Let us know your interest by emailing us at deesatticbookstore@lancasterlibrary.org

**AUTHOR EXPO, SATURDAY, JULY 5TH, 1:00 P.M. TO 4 P.M.
REGISTER BY MAY 31ST.**

Register online at www.lancasterlibrary.org or in-person at Lancaster Community Library.

For questions email: authorexpo@lancasterlibrary.org.

Until we blog again, ladies and gentlemen, thanks again for voting Dee's Attic Bookstore the winner of Virginia Living's Best Of for the Eastern Region of Virginia!

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