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## In Praise of Verse at GOPA

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One of the hidden treasures of the School of Government and Public Administration (GOPA) is the school's Poetry Club, which meets every Monday afternoon after school. Headed by GOPA ELA Teachers Mrs. Monica Rogich and Ms. Ashley Crater, the Poetry Club encourages poetry-loving students to hone their creative skills, as well as explore other poets who may not be familiar to them. From Shakespeare sonnets to rap lyrics, the Poetry Club serves as a haven for students who love to write, read and appreciate verse. Andy Martinez, a newcomer to the club explains, "I believe that our students represent the future, and the world is ultimately depending on us. In addition to our regular school routines, we are busy getting involved in the many clubs and other activities available to us. One for me is Poetry Club. I look forward to every Monday because of its concept and like-minded members."

While GOPA's English department touches upon writing and expressing one's self in verse, the Poetry Club picks up and runs with that concept. It enables its members to articulate vividly without fear of judgment. A favorite of this writer and the group has been Edgar Allen Poe's classic poem (among other Poe works), "The Raven." You can check out the [GOPA English Language Arts page](#), under POETRY FAVORITES, to access a link that will bring you to Poe's famous poem. The club will be sharing their own works there in the near future, as well.

The club is not limited to GOPA students exclusively - anyone can join. Come visit Eastside Campus room 22 on Monday afternoons and connect with the wonderful, meaningful world of poetry. As GOPA Principal Mike Ollo commented, "It means so much to us when our students love our school experiences. This is what we do here!"



Students from all three Eastside Campus academies recently spent a full day at William Paterson University's Cheng Library, preparing for upcoming National History Day competitions. Richard Kearney, Electronic Resources Librarian instructed them in the detailed research procedures needed for success.

## New PPS Saturday Academy Program Is Here!

The brand new PPS Saturday Academy Program begins tomorrow, January 20<sup>th</sup>! All students who are enrolled should report to their assigned school - which may be different than your usual school. The program runs from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. [Click here to check out the full list of dates for the Saturday program.](#) Have fun and study hard!

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