

The Poetry of Politics / Politics of Poetry
presented by mp allison
Friday, November 21, 2025, 7 pm
Betty's Books, 8772 Big Bend Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri

POEMS & SONGS

"next to of course god america i" by e.e. cummings
"Political World" by Bob Dylan
"Epitaph" by mp allison
"Inauguration Poem" by Avery Arden
"To Michael Menson" by Benjamin Zephaniah, performed by Pádraig Ó Tuama
"We are Not Responsible" by Harryette Mullen, performed by Madison Harris
"ICE Troops Storm My Porch" by Maria Melendez Kelson
"Love Letter to My Undocumented People" by Yosimar Reyes
"Ozymandias" by Percy Bysshe Shelley
"Shine, Perishing Republic" by Robinson Jeffers
"Singularity (After Stephen Hawking)" by Marie Howe
"Kindness" by Naomi Shihab Nye
"A Brief for the Defense" by Jack Gilbert
"Democracy" by Leonard Cohen

POLITICAL/LITERARY RESOURCES

Civil Resistance: What Everyone Needs to Know by Erica Chenoweth
The Contrarian newsletter (Substack)
democracygps.org
How Democracies Die by Steven Levitsky & Daniel Ziblatt
Letters From an American by Heather Cox Richardson (Substack)
nokings.org
pen.org
poetryfoundation.org
uniteagainstbookbans.org
wagingnonviolence.org