



# Milwaukee High School Slam League

## 2011-2012

Welcome to the 2011-2012 season for the Milwaukee High School Slam League! We still have a VERY limited number of spaces for new schools! If you think this program should be brought to your school, we will work together to get it there! Return the Site Scheduling Form by **September 15** to be considered for this year's league. If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to call or email us.

### :: WHAT IS IT?

The purpose of poetry slam is to make poetry accessible by turning the craft into an entertaining and competitive game for the students. The student poets read and perform original works and earn scores for style, content and originality. As the host organization, our goals are to encourage your young people to think, create and connect. To this end, we will provide a weekly curriculum of writing lessons, discussion topics, performance coaching and community building. We will create a calendar, staff the sites, coordinate event logistics and provide communication for you and your students. As the site coordinator, your primary responsibilities are to arrange a suitable meeting space for your students on a weekly basis and transportation to and from competition and/or kickoff events.

### :: CURRICULUM

The lesson plan will still be a mix of craft, current events, and conceptual challenges. All students will be asked to submit six-eight pieces from a checklist of assignments.

### :: SLAM COMPETITIONS

To advance from the Fall instructional series to the Spring slam series, your site simply must maintain a regular attendance of at least four students. Once we confirm the advancing schools in December, we will prepare a competition schedule to run from January to April. All sites will participate in 4-5 competitions ("bouts") during the season. All sites will face one another at least once, and host at least one bout at their location. Top four sites will advance to the City Finals in April. Each site will host at least one bout during the season.

### :: EXPENSES

A Site Fee of \$500 for the year, which will include weekly lessons during the fall, biweekly coaching during the spring, priority registration for SWC citywide special events, and entry into the slam league competition.

### ::NEW THIS YEAR:

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPONENT

Through a partnership with Arts @ Large, we are now offering a Middle School Slam League! The program is a 6-week series ending in a day multi-school slam competition (Fall and Spring). Curriculum and expectations are similar to the High School Slam League, with a few exceptions. The Middle School Slam League will meet during the school day for teachers and after school for CLC sites. Interested? Contact Dasha Kelly at [dasha@stillwaterscollective.com](mailto:dasha@stillwaterscollective.com) for more information.