



Tuesday, July 23rd 2-3pm

**Digital live-stream chat and Q&A with
Elizabeth Acevedo**

Grades 8th-12th welcome to watch in the library OR via Zoom

**Rising 8th graders at SHMS: Write and edit a poem during
the program to turn in as an alternative to the summer
reading assignment (approved by SHMS ELA Department
Chair and Director of Secondary Curriculum)**



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viewing of
virtual author
talk**



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talk from
home or
vacation**





Watch this video
of Elizabeth Acevedo sharing tips on
writing poetry to perform out loud

✨ Poetry Open Mic at the Library

1. Find your inspiration: observe carefully and take note when you see something beautiful or hear interesting dialogue to describe to others through a poem.
2. Model your work after pieces of art (book, visual art, poem) that you currently appreciate. This will help you when you are stuck to spark your creative energy.
3. Show yourself a lot of grace. The first draft won't be your best work!
4. Think of questions you can respond to help get your feelings out.
5. Before performing: take a deep breath to calm your nerves and own your poem.



Adventure Begins at your Library

The Poet X

by
Elizabeth
Acevedo



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Handwriting practice area with 12 horizontal lines and decorative corner sparkles.