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Columbus Area Youth Are Invited To Speak Their Minds

The Fountain City Poetry Slam Offers A Voice To Tri-City Teens

Columbus, GA, January 22nd, 2015 – The Fountain City Slam is inviting area youth (9th – 12th grades) to come out and express their creativity. The Fountain City Teen Poetry slam season continues promoting youth empowerment in the arts on Saturday, January 24th at 5:30 PM at Fountain City Coffee (1007 Broadway). A poetry slam is a competitive event in which poets perform their work and are judged by members of the audience. Those interested in slamming should come prepared with at least 3 original poems, no longer than 3 minutes in length. The top 3 finishers from each monthly preliminary slam will advance to the finals to be held in April. The top finishers from the finals will represent the city at The 2015 Brave New Voices Festival.

The Fountain City Slam is open to youth of all backgrounds as a

safe house to use poetry as a means of self expression and exploration. Students have experienced the benefits of this auxiliary arts education in their intellectual, personal, and social development. Through weekly workshops, poetry slams, national/regional/local performance opportunities, and community service, we're watching the future take shape one word at a time. The Fountain City Slam is embarking on yet another fun-filled and enriching year of self expression. Please see the below upcoming events that the entire family can enjoy:

Fountain City Poetry Slam Competition and Open Mic
January 24th, this event is open to area youth (9th – 12 grades). A poetry slam is a competitive event in which poets perform their work and are judged by members of the audience. Those interested in slamming should come prepared with at least 3 original poems, no longer than 3 minutes in length. The first 12 slammers to sign up will be allowed to compete. The top 3 from each preliminary slam will advance to the finals to be held in March. Local young artists are also invited to take part in the open mic portion of the slam. Whether you're a poet, singer, comedian, or rapper, we welcome all talent to the mic. Sign-up for the open mic and poetry slam starts at 5 PM. Material must be 5 minutes or less. Please visit www.fountaincityslam.wordpress.com for official rules.

Saturday, January 24th @ 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Admission: FREE
Fountain City Coffee, 1007 Broadway, 31901