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The Newsletter for MCC Reads

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Hello MCC Reads readers,

Today we have the pleasure of hearing the motivating words of Kyleigh Ritter, one of the MCC Writing Center's professional writing consultants, as she demonstrates the power of poetry to connect people and speak to our souls. Sharing her favorite poem and reflecting on the poetry that author Michelle Kuo uses in *Reading with Patrick*, Kyleigh presents an overview of poetry and poets, encouraging us to find our own poetic voice and sing out in words.

If you'd like to explore the poems or poets Kyleigh and Kuo discuss, the MCC Library has an extensive collection of poetry for you to enjoy, from the classics to contemporary. If you are looking for a beginner's poetry writing project, you may want to write an "I Am" poem as Kuo did with her students. An "I Am" poem is a way to write your own self-portrait, and you may pick up a fill-in-the blank "I Am" prompt in the library to get started or visit *Write an "I Am" Poem*

Kyleigh Ritter

Kyleigh is a professional writing consultant in the MCC Writing Center, where students of all skill levels work to become stronger, more confident writers. She believes that reading is the single most important thing we can do in life, even before we're old enough to know how—being read to and having the importance and joy of reading instilled in us from

the very beginning lays the foundation for a life rich with thought, imagination, and possibility.

View Kyleigh's presentation here.

MCC Reads in a Minute
Wondering what to read next? **_Enjoy favorite titles recommended by members of the MCC family._**

Our final presentation will be available on Wednesday, March 10, and features Former Educator, Claude Johnson, as he discusses Thoughts on Reading with Patrick & Compassion.

Everyone is invited to participate in MCC Reads and be challenged and changed by this powerful memoir.

MCC Reads Team