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DMC celebrating National Poetry Month and Earth Day during “Nature’s Voices: Poetry and Planet” to recognize creative expression and environment on April 21

Del Mar College’s Languages Program, Center for Mexican American Studies and DMC Libraries organizing morning of sessions, workshop and other activities during free event on Heritage Campus

It’s a celebration of creative expression and Mother Earth! On **Tuesday, April 21**, the Del Mar College Communications, Languages and Reading Department’s Languages Program, the Center for Mexican American Studies and the DMC Libraries will host “**Nature’s Voices: Poetry and Planet**” for a morning of exploration of both Spanish and English poetry and the environment as part of National Poetry Month and Earth Day 2026.

During the FREE three-hour celebration, participants can discover the beauty of the Spanish language, poetry and the natural environment during readings, panel presentations and an interactive poetry translation workshop. Activities include student-led discussions connecting Earth Day (April 22), language and community action to make our planet a better place to live.

Additionally, local artist Kaleigh Glover Ardoin, whose paintings reflect her fascination with the creatures and colors found in nature, will display some of her work during “Nature’s Voices.” You can learn more about the Bay City, Texas native who now lives in Corpus Christi by visiting her website at www.kaleighglover.com/.

“Poets, translators, students and local environmental groups are coming together to inspire and connect through language, art and performance,” says DMC Professor of Spanish Javier Morin, who is moderating the event program. “Nature’s Voices” is a way to experience the beauty of expression and our connection to the Earth, and the event celebrates the creativity and voices of our community.”

“**Nature’s Voices: Poetry and Planet**” runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 218 of White Library on the Heritage Campus, 101 Baldwin Blvd. (78404). [Get online directions and campus map](#). Questions can be directed to Morin at jmorin@delmar.edu or 361-698-1582.

Programming for the event is as follows:

- 9:30-9:40 a.m. - Welcome
- 9:40-10:05 a.m. - Featured poetry and translation
- 10:05-10:20 a.m. - Student poetry
- 10:20-10:45 a.m. - Panel 1: Poetry & Nature
- 10:45-11 a.m. - Refreshment break
- 11-11:30 a.m. - Panel II: Earth Day & Community
- 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. - Translation Workshop
- 12:15-13:20 p.m. - Closing remarks

So, whether you appreciate poetry and art or feel the forces of Mother Earth, “Nature’s Voices: Poetry and Planet” promises a morning of connection and celebration of both.

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