

## Program Guide for Natyre Boy by Derek R. King

- Open Mic Poetry Night - have a selection of poetry books, including Natyre Boy, out for patrons to use if they don't want to read their own work.
- Poetry and Nature Challenge - similar to summer reading, but for poetry and nature. Complete challenges related to both poetry reading/writing and experiencing nature. Can have a prize at the end or not, depending on library resources. Great for April Poetry Month, or any other time you'd like to highlight your poetry collection.
- Host a poetry writing and nature collage workshop. Read a handful of nature poems from Natyre Boy to get patrons in the right frame of mind. Inspiration can come from anywhere, such as King's poems on the beauty of nature. Play soft, inspiring music and let patrons try their hand at crafting their own nature poem. They can mount their finished poems amidst a collage of nature photos. Supplies needed: poster boards (not full sized) to adhere pictures of the natural world. Patrons can bring their own photos or cut out pictures from old magazines to glue to the boards. If they like their poem, they can set that in the collage too, or keep separate. Glue, tape, scissors, old magazines. Depending on the time of year, you could also have dried flowers, leaves, pine cones, bark, etc. to enhance the collages.
- Poetry and Nature Walk - lead your patrons on a nature walk during any season. Walk the grounds of the library, or meet at a local park and walk together. Pre-plan your route and find natural stopping points where you can share a poem from Natyre Boy that fits with your area and season. Take a few moments to enjoy the scenery before moving to the next stopping point and sharing another poem.
- Seasonal Beauty - is there a season your region doesn't really experience? Wishing for a warmer or cooler season? Celebrate your favorite season with a Seasonal Beauty program. Decorate your meeting space to reflect the season you've selected. Serve snacks appropriate to that season. Plan seasonal activities/games and read some of your favorite poems from that season.
- Natyre Boy Photography Contest - Poet, Derek R. King, is also an avid photographer. Four of his photographs appear in Natyre Boy. Offer your patrons a nature photography contest. You can display mounted prints in your library, if space allows, or do a virtual art exhibit on your website or social media. Allow other patrons to vote for their favorite photo. Winners can earn a prize or bragging rights, whatever fits into your budget.