# ...and furthermore... poetry resources to keep you creating

#### ~Books: Teen Voices~

All of these are in the YA Nonfiction section of the Melton Public Library.

#### Movin': Teen Poets Take Voice

Poetry by members of the New York Public Library Teen Link and Poetry-in-the-Branches programs, edited by Dave Johnson. Find it @ YA 811 MOV.

# The Pain Tree, and Other Teenage Angst-Ridden Poetry

Each poem has its own dramatic illustration in this stir-you-up collection edited by Esther Pearl Watson and Mark Todd. Find it @ YA 811 PAI.

#### Teen Ink: Our Voices, Our Visions

Stories and poems by, um, teens, organized in categories like "Friends", "Challenges", "Loss", and "Family". Also see their bursting-at-the-seams website (listed below), and Teen Ink 2. Find it @ YA 810.8 TEE.

# Things I Have to Tell You: Poems and Writing by Teenage Girls

Like the title says. Collected by Betsy Franco. You'll find it @ YA 810.8 THI.

#### You Hear Me? Poems and Writing by Teenage Boys

Another good one from Betsy Franco. It's @ YA 810.8 YOU.

## ~Books: On Writing Poetry~

We don't have these titles at Melton (yet), but they're worth looking up.

# In the Palm of Your Hand: The Poet's Portable Workshop

By Steve Kowit (Tilbury House, 1995). Keeps you in poetic shape.

#### Poemcrazv: Freeing Your Life with Words

By Susan Goldsmith Wooldridge (Crown Publishers, 1997). Just go to amazon.com and check out what people have said about this book. Trust me.

#### A Poetry Handbook

A guide to understanding and writing poetry, by Pulitzer-winning poet Mary Oliver (Harcourt Brace, 1994).

### ~On the Web~

**Teen Ink** www.teenink.com. A showcase of writing, art, photography, reviews and opinions, by and for teens. Look for "Poetry" in the top navigation buttons, and "Resources" in the left-hand navigation column.

Volume www.nocommentweb.com Website for the Ann Arbor after-school creative writing program and magazine. Some of the content hasn't been updated in a while, but check the online poetry forum to get feedback on your writing and critique others.

**The Albany Poetry Workshop** www.sonic.net/poetry/albany An interactive forum for poets and writers. Launched in 1995 and still looks it, but you can get terrific support here. Free feedback on your work, plus paid online workshops.

**Poetry Magic** www.poetrymagic.co.uk A very well-organized, thorough site of writing helps—Beginning and Advanced, Traditional and Modern (based in Britain).

**Poetry Express** www.poetryexpress.org Colorful, uncluttered site with excellent practical guides to feed your creativity. Sections to "make", "share", "revise", and "publish" your poetry, plus "tips and techniques", and "15 poems you can write now".