

## U.S. Poet Laureate Author Visit

April is National Poetry Month and we're excited to host U.S. Poet Laureate [Joy Harjo](#) via Facebook Live on April 25 for a poetry reading and discussion. In addition, MLS will host a Youth Poetry Contest from March 15 to April 15. Harjo will announce the winners of this year's [Youth Poetry Contest](#) on April 25.

Want to learn more about our guest of honor? Here are five things to know about this literary powerhouse.

**1** She grew up right here in Oklahoma. Harjo was born in Tulsa, and is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. However, she's lived other places too, including New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Hawaii. She currently lives in Tulsa.

**2** Harjo is a huge part of the second wave of the literary Native American Renaissance as an internationally renowned performer and writer of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Her work has captured the hearts and minds of so many that the Library of Congress asked Harjo to serve a third term as U.S. Poet Laureate, which isn't common. She will be only the second person to ever serve three terms, and the first female to serve three terms.

**3** Harjo is the author of nine books of poetry, including the highly acclaimed "An American Sunrise," several plays and children's books, and two memoirs, "Crazy Brave" and "Poet Warrior: A Call for Love and Justice."


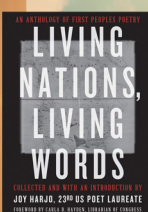
**4** Her many honors include the Ruth Lilly Prize for Lifetime Achievement from the Poetry Foundation, the Academy of American Poets Wallace Stevens Award, two NEA fellowships, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. She will also be inducted into the [National Women's Hall of Fame](#) later this year.

**5** Harjo is a musician, and her poetry has a rhythm all its own. Harjo is a woman of many talents, including music. She incorporates her poetry into her music and vice versa. She learned saxophone as a way to further express herself and her poetry. She has produced six award-winning music albums, including her newest, "I Pray for My Enemies" (Sunyata Records).

Author and Poet Visit with:

### U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo

Sunday, April 25  
2 - 3:30pm


Metropolitan  
LIBRARY SYSTEM

"An American Sunrise" will be available with no holds or waiting on OverDrive/Libby from March 24-April 30.

# Lynda.com Becomes LinkedIn Learning

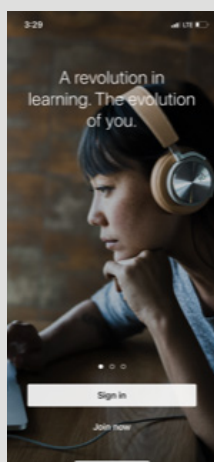
On Feb. 25 Lynda.com officially became LinkedIn Learning. Customers can now access over 13,000 courses! All courses available in Lynda.com will still be available in LinkedIn Learning with an added 9,000 new courses. Courses include language learning, software tutorials, leadership courses, computer programming courses and more.

Certificates and learning history will migrate to LinkedIn Learning when customers upgrade their account. A LinkedIn account is not required to use

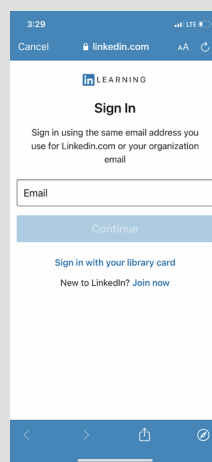
LinkedIn Learning. Customers simply use their library card number and last name to sign in.

LinkedIn wanted us to transition to LinkedIn Learning in 2019 but received pushback from the American Library Association (ALA) and the library community about their requirement for our customers to have a LinkedIn account to continue using the product. As a result, LinkedIn paused the transition while they worked to develop a product that would not require LinkedIn accounts from our customers.

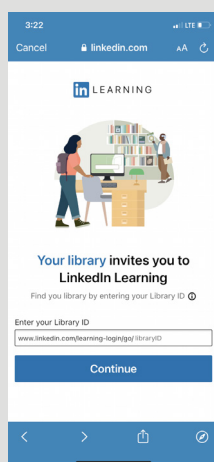
## Getting Set Up in the LinkedIn Learning App



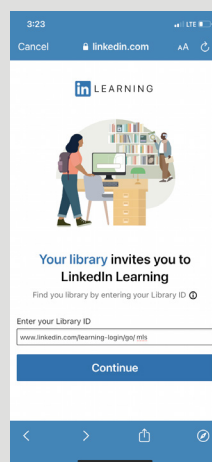
1 Customers need to click "Sign In."



2 Then choose "Sign in with your library card."



3 It will ask the customer to enter their library's ID: Our ID is mls. It is case-sensitive and needs to be all lowercase.



4 Then they can enter their library card number and last name.

# Summer Reading 2021 Volunteer Program

The summer volunteer program will look a bit different this year as we adjust our focus from in-person to virtual volunteer engagement for the safety of our staff, volunteers and library customers.

We will have openings for 119 summer volunteers this year and opportunities for teens to participate will be extended first to those who applied in spring 2020 and did not get to volunteer. Remaining opportunities will be open on the website no later than the first week of April.

The opportunities for teen volunteers will all include specific options for ways they can engage virtually including opportunities to post library promotions on their personal social media accounts, create book talk videos for the library's social feeds, create printables for customers and more.

We're excited to engage with our volunteers again virtually and offer them the opportunity to not only fulfill hours needed for school and extracurriculars but provide them valuable experience in a professional setting.

## HELLO!

**Kay Harris**  
*DC Library Aide*

## GOODBYE

**Loren Hinton**  
*RE Youth Engagement Specialist II*

## CONGRATULATIONS Promotions & Transfers

**Carmen Stoneking**  
*NW Access Specialist II to CL Access Manager II*

## Announcements

- RB Digital Magazines have officially [migrated to Libby](#).
- Place your [staff appreciation T-shirt](#) order by the end of the day Sunday, March 14.
- Watch Larry's [State of the Library](#) address on the Intranet.

## DIY Development

### Niche Academy Webinar Mental Health Awareness and COVID-19

Dealing with the recent pandemic is overwhelming for all of us. Niche Academy provides many resources to help you cope with COVID-19.

Enroll today to access resources on topics such as talking to children about COVID-19, expanded telehealth and rural America, and anxiety symptoms versus COVID-19 symptoms.

For additional resources visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

## Coming Up

**March 18**

Commission meeting

**April 4**

Library closed for Easter