



the project

PA Humanities' Rain Poetry project combines literacy development, creative placemaking, and joy to grow community and foster learning.

In 2023, children in five Philly neighborhoods explored the art of haiku through interactive workshops facilitated by local poets and Youth Poets Laureate. The students wrote poems inspired by the theme, "What helps you keep growing?"

Selected poems were installed in public spaces with a special water-activated solution that only appears when wet. With just a splash of water they sprout up all around as if by magic. Each of the five communities came together for a special unveiling event to celebrate their neighborhood's young poets.

Rain poetry delights people of all ages and reminds us that learning is everywhere.

“I loved working with emerging and established local poets to co-create curricula that inspired children across the city to write poetry in the form of haiku. It has been magical to witness how their poems have breathed life into public spaces in Philadelphia.”

Yolanda Wisher, Poet Mentor and Curriculum Development Consultant



**My kindness grows when
I am kind to someone
Being kind is awesome**

— Journey S, 4th Grade



Neighborhoods



Kids



Workshops



Partner Orgs

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Tiny WPA
Mighty Writers
Free Library of Philadelphia
Office of Parks and Recreation
ArtWell
Sunrise of Philadelphia

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LEGEND

- Workshop
- Installation

