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2012 marks the 75th Anniversary of her disappearance
Broward County project goes national!

Broward County Poet-In-Residence Anastasia Clark announces the public debut of **Our Poetic Tribute to Amelia Earhart**- a yearlong project to inspire people to create poetry inspired by the life and legend of **Amelia Earhart**- famed lost pilot- who also wrote poetry herself. Forty two poets from mostly Broward County, Florida, contributed to the collection which will be on display at **Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum** in Atchison, KS during April National Poetry Month.

The public is invited to a free, public reading of the poems on April 20, 2012 (6:00-8:00pm) at **Studio 18 in the Pines**, an art gallery located at 1101 Poinciana Dr., Pembroke Pines, FL 33025. The event will be videographed by **Samm Cooper**.

Clark conducted free workshops at local libraries and used the internet to reach out to emerging and established poets to create the diverse collection. Original artwork was provided by **Shae Leighland-Pence**. The poems and artwork were compiled into a hand-crafted heirloom quality leather album which was shared with the public at a free reception hosted by The **Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum** on March 20, 2012.

Several museums and libraries, including **San Diego Air and Space Museum, 1941 Historical Aircraft Group Museum** (Geneseo, NY), **International Women's Air & Space Museum** (Cleveland, OH) and **Purdue University Libraries System** (West Lafayette, IN) will also be displaying the collection during April 2012.

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Numerous individual contributions (via a Kickstarter campaign) funded the printing and distribution of additional copies of the collection which were donated to the various museums and libraries for display.

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