

## Creative Writing and Poetry Workshops

*November 7, 2008* - At Seat Pleasant Activity Center in Maryland, Raising Expectations Inc.'s Founder and CEO, Ms. Abeo Anderson, taught poetry writing techniques and the importance of creative writing and poetry to middle and high school age youth. Sponsored by the Mission of Love Charities, Inc., this poetry workshop and youth open mic was full of individual and group poetry learning exercises including a Rhyme Battle!

*April 2009* - In preparation for this symposium, R.E. youth poets participated in a poetry prep workshop where they practiced reciting their poems and received feedback from Montana Ray, one of our Board members and founder of artBeat Collective, Inc. As the coordinator of the Spread the Word symposium, Montana worked with the youth to develop their teaching them how to project their voices and practice repeating tongue-twisters in their poems. At the closing of the symposium, students received a copy of *Pocket Poems*, a Youth Literary Magazine, funded by Lannan Literary Programs at Georgetown University. Visit <http://artbeatcollective.blogspot.com/> for more information on artBeat Collective.

Other pictures include youth performances at Crescent Moon Open Mics held every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at Mocha Hut on U Street, NW.





