

Air Force Space Command, Vandenberg AFB
Cultural of Responsible Choices (CoRC) Best Practices

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Malmstrom's Airmen Council created a Poetry Night to offer young troops other avenues to enjoy themselves rather than going out and drinking. Description of program is as follows:

- Poetry Nights are once a month
- Attendances averages 30-35 people every month
- attendance is steady, however we see at least 10 new faces every month in the crowd
- There's free food and non-alcoholic drinks (including Italian Sodas, Cappuccino and Frappuccino, etc.)
- The atmosphere is relaxing and the microphone is open to anyone who wants to get up and express themselves
- People read poetry they've written or something someone else has written. We've even had people get up and sing
- The idea of Poetry Night came from two Airmen: A1C Audrey Hopgood, A1C Oren Walker and Lori Muzzana
- A lot of poetry is written, but there was no where to read it to others, which is good way of relieving every day stresses and/or getting out an important message to society
- With the help of the Detour Coordinator, Mrs. VonEnde Coleman, ideas for Poetry Night were put together to come up with a name for the group, Lyrically Inclined Poets (LIP), and menu ideas for every night
- Every detail was planned from the setup of the Detour, to advertisement, to the music. Started planning in August 2007 and the first Poetry Night was in November 2007
- The purpose of the Grant used, which is called the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) Grant, is to eliminate underage drinking
 - This would help to minimize MIP's and/or DUI's
 - Poetry Nights started on Thursday nights for the first few months, but just recently moved to Friday to give underage people more to do than what would be considered self-destructive behavior
 - Grant application was completed to fund event; funding approved