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### **The Newmarket Public Library to Host Poet Mimi White**

The Newmarket Public Library is pleased to host former Portsmouth Poet Laureate, Mimi White on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 12:00pm. The workshop will take place at the library which is located at 1 Elm Street, Newmarket, New Hampshire. This program is part of the Oyster River Community Read based on Eric Klinenberg's book *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life*, which is taking place from September 13 through November 13, 2022.

In this interactive workshop Mimi White will share her daily practice of writing a nine-lined poem known as a nonagon. A fellow poet friend came up with the word nonagon, a nine-sided figure for these small poems. Inspired by the poem, "[Gift](#)" by Czeslaw Milosz which begins "A day so happy," White realized her own unhappiness during the height of the pandemic due to the isolation and lack of human contact. From that day forward, she now begins each day on her garden bench with notebook in hand where she records something from the day before, brings it to the page and honors each moment of happiness. Through this powerful exercise of gratitude all one needs to do is reflect on the day before and memory does the rest. Please join us and try your hand at writing a nine-lined poem that gathers in that small space recollections and musings about the day before. Participants are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy during the session. Space is limited. Register at the library's website [www.newmarketlibrary.org](http://www.newmarketlibrary.org)

To access the full calendar of events, visit the Oyster River Community Read website at <https://www.orcread.org/>

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