



## OVERVIEW

Award-winning poet and author Katherine Gotthardt, M.Ed., writing concentration, has been writing, volunteering and teaching for more than 25 years. President and founding member of Write by the Rails (WbTR), the Prince William Chapter of the Virginia Writers Club, Katherine is also an active member of the Poetry Society of Virginia, NOVA Bards, Spilled Ink, the Prince William County Arts Council and other organizations dedicated to the development of poetry, writing and the arts. She uses proceeds from book sales to benefit community and giving-back initiatives.

## AWARDS (PARTIAL LIST)

2021 PW Perspectives, Best of DMV, Author (regional)

2021 Seefeldt Award for Arts Excellence, Individual Artist (regional)

2021 Silver Award, Nonfiction Writers Association, for *Get Happy, Dammit* (national)

2021 Second Place, Poetry Society of Virginia Annual Poetry Contest (national)

2020 Outstanding Poetry Project, Prince William Arts Council (regional)

2020 First Place, Loudoun County Library Foundation Poetry Contest, Free Verse (regional)

2020, 2019 Inside Nova, Best of Prince William, Author (regional)

# KATHERINE M. GOTTHARDT, M.ED.

## EDUCATION, WRITING AND TEACHING

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**M.Ed., Writing Concentration, Cambridge College**

**B.A. English, University of Massachusetts Lowell**

**A.A. General Studies, Middlesex Community College**

- Poet, Author and Freelance Writer
- Full-Time Writer for Government Contractor
- Former Instructor for Prince William County Public Schools Adult Education (traditional, international and incarcerated students), National American University, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Middlesex Community College

## VOLUNTEER WORK

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### **Write by the Rails**

#### **Founding Member, Current and Immediate Past President**

August 2011 – present

Plan and deliver innovative programs for aspiring and seasoned writers in the Prince William County and Manassas area. Plan and deliver workshops for membership and community. Market programs and collaborate with other area literary organizations. Oversee Poems Around Town poetry installation project. Coordinate anthology publications and contests. Work with board to maintain standing with parent organization, Virginia Writers Club.

### **ATW - All Things Writing, LLC**

#### **Founder**

November 2013 – present

As part of community service and outreach, donate and distribute books and art supplies to local disadvantaged communities and non-profits. Present readings and workshops for children and disadvantaged and at-risk youth. Speak to groups and organizations on the business of writing, marketing, publishing and more. Partner with non-profits to support the arts and arts communities. Beneficiaries include Prince William County Public Schools, Prince William County Foster Care Programs, Manassas East End Mobile Park Community, David J. Cobb Foundation and many others.

### **Rise Phoenix Rise, Inc.**

#### **Volunteer, Board Member**

January 2016 – present

To support mental health initiatives, provide content and marketing services, spearhead donation drives, collect donated materials and supplies for vulnerable mental health peers. Create learning materials for motivational book discussion groups and co-facilitate Zoom meetings based on *Get Happy, Dammit*.

## POETRY COLLECTIONS

- Thirty Years of Cardinals Calling
- D.C. Ekphrastic: Crisis of Faith
- Weaker Than Water
- Bury Me Under a Lilac
- Late April
- Poems from the Battlefield

## CHILDREN'S EPIC POEM BOOKS

- A Crane Named Steve
- Furbily-Furld Takes on the World

## MIXED GENRE POETRY BOOKS

Get Happy, Dammit

## FEATURED IN

- InsideNova
- Haymarket Gainesville Lifestyle
- Prince William Living
- BristowBeat
- PW Perspectives
- Bull Run Observer
- Potomac Local
- Manassas Patch
- Longmont Leader

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## POETRY PUBLICATIONS (PARTIAL LIST)

- 2022 Poetry Society of Virginia 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Anthology
- 2022 Riverside Writers Literary Journal
- 2022 North of Oxford Literary Journal
- 2022 YourFire Magazine
- 2021 Northern Virginia Review
- 2021 Confetti Anthology
- 2021 BristowBeat
- 2020 Mondo Anthology
- 2020 Spilled Ink Anthology
- 2020 Prince William Living Magazine
- 2019 Love Thy Neighboring Country Project
- 2019 NOVA Bards Anthology
- 2019 Prince William Bards Anthology
- 2019 Back on Track Anthology
- 2019 Potomac Local
- 2019 Prince William Living Magazine
- 2018 Prince William Living Magazine
- 2017 Piedmont Literary Journal
- 2015 Northern Virginia Literary Review
- 2012 New Departures Anthology
- 2011 Baytime Stories Anthology
- 2011 Eclectic Brew Anthology
- Prior: Yankee Magazine, ELF: Eclectic Literary Forum, Haight Ashbury Literary Review, Frogpond