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Poetry Slam Winner

A lively and vocal crowd packed into the Northern Territory Library to hear locals perform their own poetic masterpieces in a battle of the words last Monday evening, 29 September 2008.

Northern Territory Library Director Jo McGill said 13 very talented entrants stood up to the challenge during the first Northern Territory heat in the Australian Poetry Slam '08.

"There were contestants singing and rapping their poem, others entertained us with bush poetry and a sonnet, while some shouted out parts for emphasis," Ms McGill said.

"Jessie Watson was crowned 'Top End' Regional Winner taking home \$300 in cash and complimentary airfares to Sydney to compete in the national final on 4 December 2008.

"Jessie's poem about the Royal Show was a favourite amongst the five judges randomly selected from the audience that night.

"Other topics covered in the poems were politics, Inpex, family and the bush.

"The evening was even more entertaining thanks to spoken word artist Andrew Finnegan, who did an outstanding job of hosting the event.

"Thanks to everyone involved in putting on this fantastic night, we look forward to the opportunity to host the Poetry Slam again next year."

Territorians also have another chance to test their verbal skills with a second Northern Territory heat scheduled for Alice Springs to determine the 'Central Australia' Regional Winner.

The winner of the next heat, to be held at the Alice Springs Library at 6.30pm on Thursday 16 October 2008, will also head to the finals in Sydney to represent the Territory.

For more information about upcoming events at the Northern Territory Library go to www.ntl.nt.gov.au.

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Image – Poetry Slam 2008 being held at the Northern Territory Library

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