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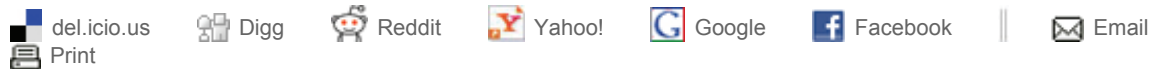
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### Fabu named third city poet laureate

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It isn't often that a city resolution employs prose as inspired as the one formally recognizing Madison's long-standing poet laureate position.

Then again, there may never have been a city-endorsed job that required as much creative spark.

On Tuesday, the City Council officially acknowledged the poet position, an honorary title that has existed since then Mayor Paul Soglin first appointed John Tuschen to the position in 1977.

The resolution, which creates a home for the poet as part of the Madison Arts Commission, begins with the phrase: "Whereas, poetry tells the history of human feeling and can sustain the emotional memory of a community."

"Poets can say things that need to be said that other people can't," said Karin Wolf, Madison art program administrator. "They can also express a certain truth."

Fabu Carter-Brisco, professionally known as Fabu, was named the city's third official bard of the city Wednesday. She replaced Andrea Musher, who is retiring after six years. Musher took over from Tuschen, who served in the role for more than 20 years.



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Poet Fabu Carter-Brisco, known professionally as Fabu, explains the story of Kwanzaa to a group of children during a celebration of the holiday at the south branch of the Madison Library on Dec. 28. Fabu was named the city's poet laureate on Wednesday. She is the third person to hold the title since it was created in 1977.

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Fabu has a long history in Madison 's literary arts community, as both teacher and artist. With a master 's degree from UW-Madison in African languages and literature and African-American studies, her stories and poems invoke a multicultural perspective, often from the eyes of women, children and blacks.

The formal adoption of the position does not mean City Council meeting agendas will now be reconstructed as haiku.

But the poet is called upon to write and recite poems at some city events, such as the upcoming free community dinner for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This will also include, Wolf hopes, the occasional City Council meeting.

"There could be certain occasions that the council needed it, " Wolfe said. "I 'm going to go the night that it does. "

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