

New poetry program at Orange H.S.

Elijah Brown, who has been a fixture at the East Orange Public Library for years, has begun a program for student poets at Orange High School.

Brown, a paraprofessional at the school and a published poet, has started the Read Write Poetry Club open-mic series. Members hosted guest poet J-Skillz when they met Jan. 18 for a session of presentations.

Brown, who has provided poetry classes at the East Orange library, said the poetry readings were "cathartic and entertaining," called the session "informative and educational."

"Our students definitely need to be exposed to positivity, and spoken word is a form of communication through the arts," said Brown.

The next open-mic session is scheduled for Feb. 22 at Orange High School. Brown has encouraged staff and students to attend.