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POETRY FOR EVERY SEASON: HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW® TEACHER'S GUIDE



ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

The *Holiday Train Show*® is a dynamic winter display at The New York Botanical Garden. The exhibition features model trains in a miniature landscape of New York landmarks recreated in plant material.

The accompanying Poetry Walk displays poems by Billy Collins, a former U.S. Poet Laureate and New York native. The featured poems capture his impressions of the landscape and New York architecture, as well as the enchanting nature of train travel.

As a pre-visit or post-visit activity, school groups are invited to read and react to one of Collins' poems from the Poetry Walk, to examine the attached photographs of the Holiday Train Show® sculptures and the New York City landmarks that inspired them, and to use their impressions to create their own original poetry.

Grand Central Billy Collins

The city orbits around eight million
centers of the universe

and turns around the golden clock
at the still point of this place.

Lift up your eyes from the moving hive
and you will see time circling

under a vault of stars and know
just when and where you are.

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Grand Central Terminal recreated in the *Holiday Train Show*®



Grand Central Terminal, New York City

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One World Trade model in the *Holiday Train Show*®



Overlooking the City from The New York Botanical Garden in Fall



Model Train in the *Holiday Train Show*®

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The Chrysler Building model in the *Holiday Train Show*®



New York Botanical Garden's Enid A. Haupt Conservatory recreated in the *Holiday Train Show*®



The New York Botanical Garden's Enid A. Haupt Conservatory in Winter