

POETRY

Teen Activity: Blackout Poetry Get ready to deface a book!

1. Tear a page out of a book (ouch!). Don't have a book that you are prepared to deface? Use a newspaper or magazine article or print off a page of text instead.
2. Read the page in its entirety and circle words you like and might use in a poem in pencil.
3. Copy your circled words in order from top to bottom and right to left (which is how your readers will "read" your poem) onto a different sheet of paper. Use these words in order to create your poem.
4. Erase circles around words you won't be using in your poem. Now, color over all of the other words except for the ones in your poem! You can be as creative (or not) as you want when coloring the rest of the page. Google "blackout poetry" and look at the images for inspiration.

Please do not deface a library book!



Education Resource Center: A Hidden Gem
Discover PPLD's Educational Resource Center (ERC) on the second floor of East Library! When you walk through the door, expect the unexpected: a treasure trove of kits, tools, and activities that will especially engage the curiosity of children ages 18 months to high school, nourishing interests and expanding knowledge.

Today, the ERC houses an expanding collection of helpful homeschooling tools that includes kits and activities covering all curriculum areas: Science, mathematics, language arts, fine arts, creative arts and play, history, social studies, and foreign language. The ERC seeks to provide for homeschool families even beyond the resources available six afternoons a week in the center. To that end, we provide meaningful programming for students ages 7 - 14, offering Make-a-Masterpiece and STEAM sessions four times a month, on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Additionally, we provide a drop-in Idea Lab program, offering creative opportunities (bookmark making, cardboard sculpture, Snap Circuits) two Mondays a month from 3 - 6 p.m.

Database Focus

Is your family learning about different countries or cultures? If so, check out this amazing resource for foods and recipes! Through **Gate Virtual Reference Library**, you can access the **Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of Foods and Recipes of the World**. Recipes range from appetizers to vegetables, with a wide variety in between featuring 70 countries. Are you learning about Guatemala? Check out the recipes for Pepinos Rellenos and Cucumber Soup. Interested in Morocco? Explore Chickpea, Feta, and Olive Salad, or Fried Baby Carrots. Planning a visit to Czech Republic? Try Knedlíky and Kure Na Paprice.

While you're at it, learn about the geographical setting, environment, history, food for holidays, mealtime customs, and nutrition of the region. With the exception of Antarctica, all continents are represented in the 70 countries and cultures covered. Explore this resource and learn about a new culture today! Access is through ppld.org/kids/databases/all.

Poetry and Books in Verse

Borrowed Names: Poems about Laura Ingalls Wilder, Madam C. J. Walker, Marie Curie, and Their Daughters by Jeannine Atkins **811.6 A873B**

Booked by Kwame Alexander

Caminar by Skila Brown

Unbound by Ann E. Burg

Audacity by Melanie Crowder

Bull by David Elliot

Poisoned Apples: Poems for You, My Pretty by Christine Heppermann **811.6 H529P**

Loving vs. Virginia: a Documentary Novel of the Landmark Civil Rights Case by Patricia Hruby Powell

My Seneca Village by Marilyn Nelson **811.54 NELS**

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

Tell us what you think! We welcome topical ideas to enhance your educational endeavors. Contact jfleishhacker@ppld.org.

Word Bank

Try this sensory activity to create a word bank for writing poetry.

- Put a variety of objects into a box.
- Have students pull out one item.
- For each object describe its taste, smell, touch, sound, and sight.
- Keep a list of the descriptive words and use them to create a poem together.



Kids Books • Poetry Meets Science

J-Nonfiction

304.2 K29Y

You Are Stardust by Elin Kelsey

551.5784 SAYR

Best in Snow by April Pulley Sayre

590 ALEX

Animal Ark: Celebrating our Wild World in Poetry and Pictures by Kwame Alexander

590 S399W

Where in the Wild?: Camouflaged Creatures Concealed—and Revealed by David M. Schwartz and Yael Schy

591.472 HARR

Now You See Them, Now You Don't: Poems about Creatures that Hide by David L. Harrison

594.58 FLEM

Giant Squid by Candace Fleming

793.74 T164G

The Grapes of Math: Mind Stretching Math Riddles by Greg Tang

808.81936 NATI

National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry

811.54 F939S

Step Gently Out by Helen Frost

811.54 L674E

Edgar Allan Poe's Pie: Math Puzzlers in Classic Poems by J. Patrick Lewis

J-Nonfiction

811.54 L674S

Scien-trickery: Riddles in Science by J. Patrick Lewis

811.54 SIDM

Winter Bees & Other Poems of the Cold by Joyce Sidman

811.54 S568SW

Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature by Joyce Sidman

811.54 S568U

Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors by Joyce Sidman

811.54 YOLE

Thunder Underground by Jane Yolen

811.6 R914W

A Whiff of Pine, a Hint of Skunk: A Forest of Poems by Deborah Ruddell

811.6 S6280

Out of this World: Poems and Facts about Space by Amy E. Sklansky

J-Easy

FRAN Mathematickles! by Betsy Franco

SCIE Science Verse by Jon Scieszka

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HOMESCHOOL CONNECTIONS

An Educational Resource Tool

Spring 2018

LOCATION KEY

EA East Library
(719) 531-6333
5550 N. Union Blvd.

PE Penrose Library
(719) 531-6333
20 N. Cascade Ave.

LI Library 21c
(719) 884-9800
1175 Chapel Hills Dr.

CH Cheyenne Mountain Library
(719) 633-6278
1785 S. 8th St.

CyberShelf
cybershelf.ppld.org
Open 24 hours a day,
7 days a week

FO Fountain Library
(719) 382-5347
230 S. Main St.
Fountain

HI High Prairie Library
(719) 260-3650
7035 Old Meridian Rd.
Falcon

MA Manitou Springs Library
(719) 685-5206
701 Manitou Ave.
Manitou Springs

MO Monument Library
(719) 488-2370
1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr.
Monument

OL Old Colorado City Library
(719) 634-1698
2418 W. Pikes Peak Ave.

PA Palmer Lake Library
(719) 481-2587
66 Lower Glenway St.
Palmer Lake

RO Rockrimmon Library
(719) 593-8000
832 Village Center Dr.

HO Ruth Holley Library
(719) 597-5377
685 N. Murray Blvd.

SA Sand Creek Library
(719) 597-7070
1821 S. Academy Blvd.

UT Ute Pass Library
(719) 684-9342
8010 Severy Rd., Cascade

April is National Poetry Month! by Joy Fleishhacker

In addition to exploring traditional poetry, celebrate by sampling an array of notable novels for young people written in verse. Incorporating a variety of poetic types and styles, this inviting literary format captivates readers with fast-paced plots, accessible storytelling, and lyrical writing. The enchanting offerings featured here make perfect choices for reading aloud, initiating discussion of plot elements and themes, and generating enthusiasm for poetry. Looking for more? Search the PPLD Catalog for "novels in verse" or stop by your location's information desk.

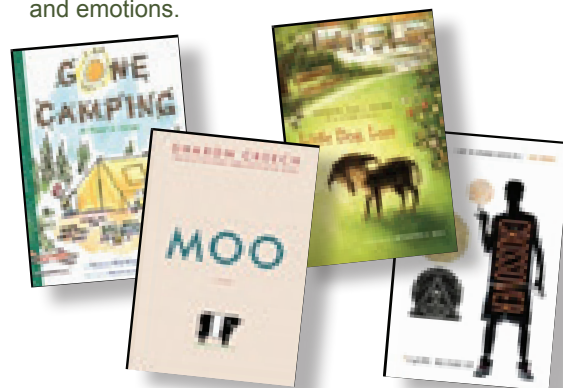
Contemporary and Family Tales

Tamera Will Wissinger's **Gone Camping** (Grade 1 - 5; J-FIC) utilizes a variety of poetic styles (introduced in a helpful appendix) to relate Sam and Lucy's fun-filled excursion with Grandpa. Readers can enjoy the siblings' humorous antics, and then try penning different types of poems.

In **Little Dog, Lost** (Grades 2 - 6; J- FIC), Marion Dane Bauer describes how a lonely boy who longs for a pet and a suddenly homeless pooch find each another—and together make their small town a better place.

After 12-year-old Reena and her younger brother move from the city to a small town in Maine, their parents volunteer them to do barnyard chores for a persnickety neighbor. Sharon Creech's **MOO** (Grades 3 - 6; J- FIC) tells a heartfelt tale about family life, the importance of kindness, and an "ornery" cow named Zora.

Kwame Alexander's Newbery-Medal-winning **The Crossover**, about basketball phenom Josh, and **Booked** (both Grades 6 - 10; Teen-FIC), featuring 12-year-old soccer star Nick, blend vividly described sports action with relatable coming-of-age themes and emotions.



Historical Fiction



and astronomer Maria Mitchell. These sparkling biographical vignettes will inform and inspire budding scientists.

Grace, a nine-year-old who has grown up in slavery on a Virginia plantation, has been called to work in the Big House, where she learns that her Mama and two baby brothers will be sold away. Filled with impossible choices and unceasing danger, Ann E. Burg's **Unbound** (Grades 4 - 8; J-FIC) is both heart-wrenching and hope-filled.

Carole Boston Weatherford's **You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen** (Grades 5 - 9; J 811.6 WHEAT) traces the experiences of a young African American man who enrolls in a rigorous pilot training program, faces daunting instances of racial prejudice, and soars into battle over Europe during World War II.

As the 1969 **Apollo 11** mission prepares for launch, 12-year-old Mimi moves from California to a small town in Vermont, where she's ostracized because of her skin color (her father is African American and her mother Japanese) and "unladylike" interests (she excels at science and wants to be an astronaut). Marilyn Hilton's **Full Cicada Moon** (Grades 5 - 8; Teen-FIC) describes Mimi's challenges and determination to hold tight to her dreams.

To contact PPLD's Homeschool Committee, please email jfleishhacker@ppld.org

not new
The BookShelf

The Pleasure of Poetry

Homeschool families can enjoy poetry every day. Poetry is just playing with words, rhythm, rhyme, and ideas expressed in different ways. When you are at the library, browse the **811.54 section** in the Children's area – these are all books of poetry. But wait, wait! Poetry is a frequent element in picture books. There are even chapter books that are written as free verse.

Here is a smattering of poetry treasures to get you started.



Love That Dog
by Sharon Creech (2001)

This book is about a school classroom that is studying poetry. I think it is a good book for homeschool families too. It is written as journal writing/free prose, as the child is responding to poetry studied in class. The beauty of this little book is that the classroom poems are included at the back of the book.

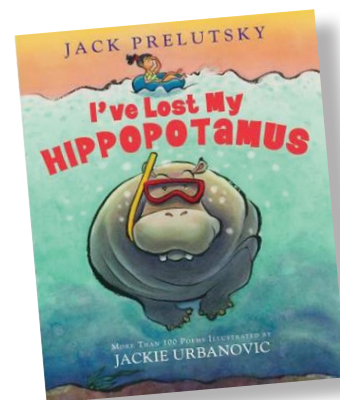
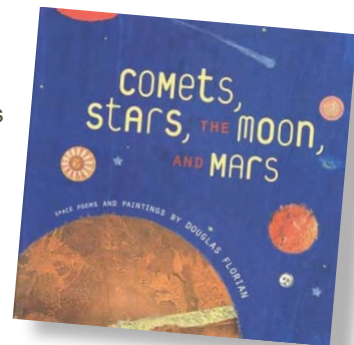
Ages 8 - 12; chapter book [find more by using NoveList K-8 Plus using search term 'free verse']

Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars

by Douglas Florian (2007)

I love everything that Douglas Florian has written. His poetry is rich in vocabulary, unique art, and his poems never, ever make me feel like I cannot understand what he is writing about. I am often happily surprised when I turn the page and find a poem spread out across the page in a very unusual way. Make a point to read at least two of his poetry books.

Ages 9 - 12; straight from the poetry shelf: **811.54**



I've Lost My Hippopotamus
by Jack Prelutsky (2012)

And here is my other favorite poetry author, but for a different reason. His poems are funny; humor is an excellent way to meet poetry. Kids who can read to themselves will be tickled from the start with the title poem.

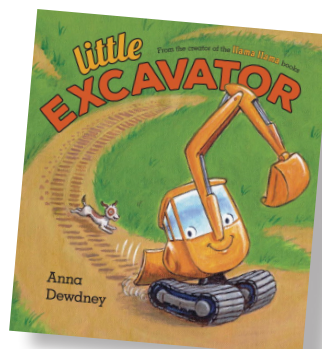
Ages 6 - 12; straight from the poetry shelf **811.54**

The Little Excavator

by Anna Dewdney (2017)

Fabulous rhythm and rhyme that will thrill young listeners who love, love, love diggers, cranes, dump trucks and more – you could dance to this poetry.

Ages 3 - 8; picture book



Little-Known Secrets

CyberShelf

Pikes Peak Library District offers many services and resources that are available to anyone with a **free PPLD library card**. Many of these resources are found beyond the **ppld.org** homepage. Patrons can click one tab and find materials to check out on their devices!

Let's find out how.

Go to:

1. **ppld.org**
2. **CyberShelf**
3. Choose any one of the options and explore or choose **New to CyberShelf!**

Did you know?

With your **free PPLD library card** you and your family can access

books
videos
music

and **magazines** on your devices?

Many of the options include **tutorials** on how to use the resource and **step by step instructions** to logging in and utilizing the materials.

For example...

OverDrive provides

eBooks
eAudios
and **eVideos**

that you can check out and get automatically returned to the library when due!

Freegal provides
free music downloads

RBdigital provides
free magazines
and **recorded books**

The magazines a patron chooses are instantly placed on the library account when new issues come out. The best news is that the magazines do not need to be returned.

These resources are helpful to homeschooling families that enjoy books, videos, music, and audio books for both pleasure and education. Families may also find some of the educational resources they require are only available through CyberShelf; therefore, the options for abundant materials to provide an excellent educational experience once again can be maximized with just a **free PPLD library card**.

Homeschool Events

April 2018 • Spring Homeschool Art Show @ East

It's time to get creative! Homeschooled students of all ages can submit one drawing, painting, photo, sculpture, or other artwork during the **last week of March 2018**. All artwork will be on display throughout the month of April and we will celebrate with a reception for friends and families. The art show will not be juried.

Contact Joy at jfleishhacker@ppld.org or (719) 531-6333, x1407 for more information.

Homeschool Science @ East Fridays • 1 p.m. • EA March 23 • April 20 • May 18

These awesome monthly programs, each featuring a different science topic, will offer kids an engaging variety of learning experiences. Homeschooled students and their parents are encouraged to participate.

Contact jfleishhacker@ppld.org or check ppld.org for more information.

Homeschool @ Rockrimmon and High Prairie 2nd Thursdays of each month 1:30 p.m. • RO, HI

Enjoy activities with other homeschool families.

Study Buddies

Teen volunteers help students in kindergarten through fifth grade with homework or reading practice. Study Buddies begins the first week of September.
Tuesdays • 6:30 - 8 p.m. • EA

Family Fun

Enjoy performers, animals, crafts and much more at monthly programs. Fun for the whole family! Check online at ppld.org or at your local library for upcoming events.

Tween Twist

Cool Crafts for Tweens, ages 9 - 12.
1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
4:30 - 5:15 p.m. • LI
6:30 - 8 p.m. • EA

Make Art!

Kids in grades 1 - 5 can create a unique work of art one Saturday afternoon a month at East Library.
Call (719) 531-6333, x1403 for dates and themes.

AfterMath (all ages)

Free math tutoring for all ages and all levels.

Mondays

3 - 5 p.m. • MA

3:30 - 7 p.m. • MO

6 - 7 p.m. • HI

Wednesdays • 3:30 - 6 p.m. • LI

Thursdays • 4 - 6 p.m. • EA

Saturdays • 10 a.m. - noon • SA

Other Events & Programs

Volunteers Needed

for Summer Adventure

Is your child looking for a volunteer opportunity? **Kids 12 and older** are needed to help with both the **Children's** and **Teen's 2018 Summer Adventure** which runs throughout **June** and **July**. Applications will be available at all locations and on the PPLD website beginning the **last week of March**.

Marvelous Monday (Ages 12 - 18)

Stop by Penrose each week for a different fun activity! We'll watch movies, do crafts, eat snacks, and make every Monday Marvelous!
Mondays • 3:30 - 5 p.m. • PE

3FT (3rd Friday Teens)

Make something, do something, learn something at a fun event for teens ages 12 - 18, more details to come!
3rd Friday of each month • 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. • CH

Spring Break Movie Marathon (Ages 9 - 18)

We'll be watching the entire Chronicles of Narnia series over Spring Break week! Come join us for one or all of them. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. No registration necessary.

Mon., March 19 • Thu., March 22 • Fri., March 23
1 - 4 p.m. • CH

Monument Teen Creative Writing Group (Ages 12 - 18)

A writing group led by a teen volunteer. Join us for writing exercises, snacks, and conversation!

1st Tuesday of each month • 6 - 7:30 p.m. • MO

Teen Arts and Crafts (Ages 12 - 18)

Hey Teens! We have a new craft or art project the last Wednesday of every month. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

Last Wednesday of each month
4 - 5:30 p.m. • MO

Monument Library Anime Club

(Recommended for ages 13+)

Share anime with other people who love it, too! Eat snacks. Help shape the anime club for future months/generations.

Last Thursday of each month • 5 - 6:30 p.m. • MO

Teen Hangouts

Make something, do something, learn something at a fun event for teens. We do neat activities like teen movies, breakout kits, teen trivia, board games, video games, and more! Check back to see what we are doing each month! March we will build Lego Robots.

Sat., March 3 • 2 - 4 p.m. • HO

Teens and Tweens MAKE at East

(Ages 9 - 18)

Come make something using the laser cutter, die-cutters, 3d printers or your own creativity in the MAKE @ East. Each month features a different project; see ppld.org for details. Registration required.

4th Thursday of each month • 4:30 - 6 p.m. • EA

Teen Tech Thursdays: Learn to Code

(ages 9 - 18)

Completely new to coding? Great! Start with block coding projects in Scratch. Have some coding experience? Learn to Python by completing prescribed projects!

3rd Thursday of each month • 5 - 6 p.m. • EA

Teens Events