



## Blackout Poetry

**Ask a staff member  
for this month's craft kit.**

Kits will be handed out one per person  
while supplies last at each branch

*Supplies are limited and kits can't be reserved.*

*Pick yours up today!*

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***Every April is national Poetry month. To celebrate, you can craft your own poem!***

## **SUPPLIES:**

1 book page, use either side

1 sheet colored construction paper to use as a background for your poem

1 glue stick, to affix poem to background sheet

1 black pen, to cross out the words you don't need

1 small pack of colored pencils, to decorate your poem

## Directions:

1. Look over your book page and identify a word which will spark your creativity. Circle that word and look over the rest of the page for words that strike you as part of your poem. Circle those words as you go along.
2. Read through your circled words and assess your poem. Once you are satisfied, use the pen to cross out all the words you don't need in the poem.
3. If you like, decorate the poetry page with your black pen or the colored pencils provided.
4. Once you are satisfied with your work, use the glue stick to affix your poem page to the colored sheet provided.

For video instructions, check out this edition of our YouTube series In the Stacks:

[In the Stacks - Episode 33: Citizen Science Month & Blackout Poetry](#)

Blackout poetry is the second half of the video.

For more inspiration, check the library for poetry books in the nonfiction section in the 800s of the Dewey Decimal Classification.