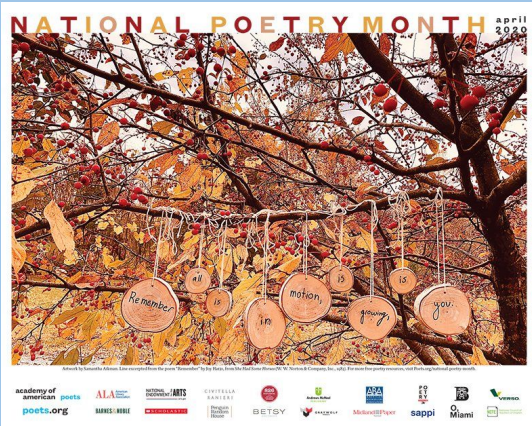


April is...

National Poetry Month



Blackout Poems

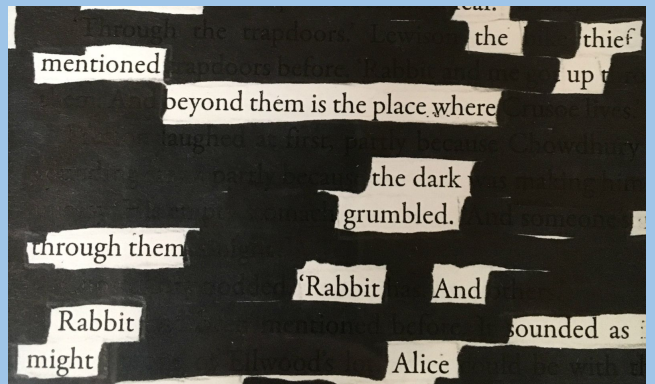
Blackout Poems are made by blacking out, or coloring over, all the words on a page that you don't want in your poem. Here's how:

Supplies:

- Any page with words from something you don't need; for example, newspapers, magazines, old books
- Sharpie, marker, crayon, pen, or pencil
- Paper

Directions:

- Scan the page you are using, looking for words that are interesting to you
- Read the page more carefully, circling in pencil any words you may want to include in your poem
- Write down the words you circled on the paper, in the order they appear
- Decide which words on your list will make up your poem
- Using a sharpie (or whatever you have on hand) color over all the words you do not want in your poem
- All the words left uncovered are your poem



We'd love to see what you create. Share with us by posting a photo of your poem on the library's [Facebook page](#).