FAMILY POETRY JAM

Fun for the whole family!

In your jammies!

Pick a few activities, or try them all!

Email photos of your poems to library-northmgr@cityofevanston.org
**PLAYER 1**
Without the other player seeing what you pick, find a (safe-to-touch) household or natural object such as a toy, stuffed animal, leaf, or pinecone.

Put it in a bag and tell Player 2 to close their eyes.

**PLAYER 2**
Close your eyes. Then put your hand in the bag and touch the object. Don't guess what it is right away, but tell Player 1 what you feel. What's the texture? Shape? What does it remind you of?

**PLAYER 1**
Write down what Player 2 says. Then ask Player 1 to guess what the object is. You have a poem!

**NOW SWITCH SO EACH PERSON HAS A CHANCE TO WRITE A POEM!**

We would love to see your poems! Email them to library-northmgr@cityofevanston.org

Be sure to put everything away when you're done!
UPCYCLED POETRY

1. Go on a word hunt! Search your recycling bin for words to cut out from old cereal or cracker boxes, catalogs, or magazines.

2. Cut out each word and spread all the words on a table.

3. Use the words to make a new sentence or mini poem.

4. Do you need more words? Write your own words on little scraps of paper. Or, print out the word lists in the back of this packet.

5. Take a picture of your upcycled poetry and email it to library-northmgr@cityofevanston.org
   We may feature it in our next newsletter!

Be sure to clean everything up when you're done!
READ SOME POETRY

It can be really fun to read poetry out loud! Here are some ideas of where to find poems.

1. Use your library card to log on to www.hoopladigital.com
   Type "poetry" in the search bar. You will see hundreds of poetry books you can check out. Choose a few to read out loud!

2. Have you tried Tumblebooks yet? Use your web browser to go to this address: https://www.epl.org/resources/tumblebooks/
   You can watch, read and listen to a huge selection of partially animated books!

3. Use our Libby App to find other poetry e-books!

Can a poem be a song?
It sure can! You can find a ton of music on hoopladigital.com
TRY THIS!

As you've seen already, poetry can take lots of different forms!

ONE FUN, EASY WAY TO MAKE A POEM IS TO USE A PATTERN.

Here's how to make a "Cinquain" (sin-kain) poem.

LINE 1

Pick a topic/subject

LINE 2

Write 2 words that describe your subject (adjectives)

LINE 3

Write 3 words that the subject does (verbs)

LINE 4

Write a 4-word sentence about the subject

LINE 5

End with the subject again (add adjectives if you wish)
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