

blackout poetry

April is Poetry Month! To celebrate – and to upcycle some pages from library books that fell apart – we’re offering a kit to make your own blackout poetry.

In this kit:

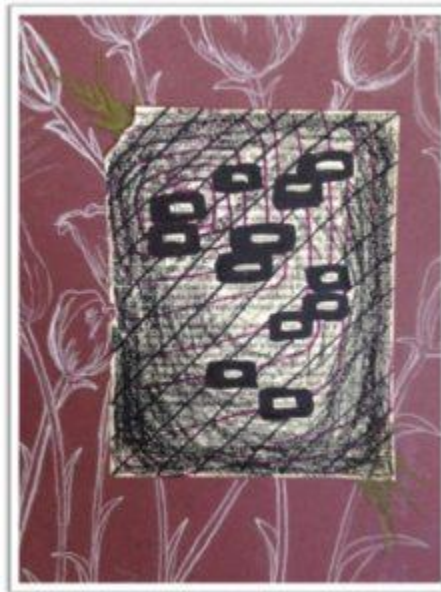
- Book pages
- Black marker

You will need:

- Creativity!

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1. Read through your pages to get inspired. Make a note of words and phrases you like on a separate sheet of paper.
2. Make edits or add additional connecting words to create a poem.
3. Directly on the page, boldly box the words you have selected with a black marker.
4. At this point, what you do next depends on the look you’re going for. You could simply black out everything that is not one of the selected words and call it a day! Your remaining readable text has created a brand new piece of poetry. If you’re a visual artist as well as a poet, you might try doing a funky design. You can “black out” the text that isn’t part of your poem using a pattern, an image, or other words that relate to your poem. Check out a couple examples below!
5. Share your work, if you feel like it! Email to Hannah at hkane@westbendlibrary.org, or tag the library on Facebook (WestBendCommunityMemorialLibrary) or Instagram (WestBendLibrary). We love seeing what you create! You can also save your poem to include in your take on next month’s craft kit, personalized DIY journals.



Instructions adapted from <https://www.mysticmuseumofart.org/2020/06/blackout-poetry>