# FAMILY POETRY

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Email photos of your poems to
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Fun for the whole family!



Pick a few activities, or try them all!



#### 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!



### UPCYCLED POETRY

- 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.
- 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.
- Take a picture of your upcycled poetry and email it to YouthServicesDesk@dppl.org

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!

Have you tried Tumblebooks yet? Use your web browser to go to this address:

#### HTTPS://WWW.DPPL.ORG/EBOOKS-MORE/KIDS

You can watch and read along to hundreds of books!

3 Use our LIBBY APP to find other poetry e-books!



## 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 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

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

#### Print and cut out these words!

elephant	game	stars
hair	game	sky
nails	computer	bottle
football	tiger	danger
paint	fish	shoe
hope	butterfly	blanket
book	sun	wood
juice	moon	pencil

#### Print & cut out these words!

like	or	and
the	for	as
like	or	and
the	for	as
like	or	and
like	or	and
the	why	who
where	when	what

#### Print & cut out these words!

jumped	start	fight
grew	stop	play
joined	tipped	spin
connect	spill	read
smile	painted	laugh
survive	twist	trip
live	light	went
watch	help	go

Print, cut and write your own words!