



APRIL IS POETRY MONTH

CELEBRATE BY CREATING
"BLACKOUT POETRY" USING
OLD BOOK PAGES!

BE CREATIVE!

ASK A STAFF MEMBER FOR A KIT



BLACKOUT POETRY GUIDE:



1) START BY SKIMMING YOUR PAGE OF WORDS. DON'T READ TOO CAREFULLY

2) GO THROUGH AND LIGHTLY CIRCLE THE WORDS OR PHRASES YOU MIGHT WANT TO USE. GRAB A BLANK PIECE OF PAPER AND WRITE THEM DOWN IN ORDER, THEN READ THROUGH THEM. CROSS OUT WORDS YOU DON'T WANT. IF YOU NEED A FEW CONNECTING WORDS (LIKE, A, THE, IT, ETC.) THEN DIVE BACK IN AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THEM BETWEEN WORDS YOU WANT TO CONNECT

3) GO BACK THROUGH YOUR POEM AND BOLDY BOX THE WORDS YOU ARE KEEPING (ERASE ANY CIRCLES AROUND WORDS YOU DON'T WANT)

4) READ THROUGH YOUR FINAL POEM. SKETCH IN SOME DOODLES OR SYMBOLS ON THE PAGE THAT RELATE TO THE THEME OF YOUR POEM. THEN START BLACKENING. YOU CAN USE A SHARPIE, PENCIL, PEN, OR MARKERS. JUST MAKE SURE TO BLOCK OUT EVERYTHING THAT IS NOT A WORD IN YOUR POEM OR ON ONE OF YOUR DRAWINGS