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Clermont County Public Library

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April Is National Poetry Month
Celebrate @ your Library!

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The Clermont County Public Library (CCPL) is celebrating National Poetry Month with a variety of events and special programs planned throughout the month of April at all ten of our branches. CCPL hopes to encourage Americans to enjoy the pleasures and benefits of poetry and make poetry an important part of their lives.

The Hands Up! Puppet Troupe will perform A Puppet Poetry Slam featuring the fabulously baa-d jokes of Chris the Sheep. Everyone is invited to watch and cheer their favorite puppet poet on to victory. Call or visit one of the following branch locations to make a reservation.

Hands Up! Puppet Troupe Performance Schedule:

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| Amelia (752-5580): | April 22, 2 p.m. |
| Batavia (732-2128): | April 18, 2 p.m. |
| Bethel (734-2619): | April 12, 2 p.m. |
| Felicity (876-4134): | April 1, 2 p.m. |
| Milford-Miami Twp. (248-0700): | April 18, 7 p.m. |
| New Richmond (553-0570): | April 22, 10:30 a.m. |
| Owensville (732-6084): | April 8, 2p.m. |

At the Bethel, Goshen, Milford-Miami Twp., and New Richmond branches, library users can write poems on papers leaves and display them on the PoeTrees at the library.

Some of the other fun and exciting events include the Clerihew Contest running all month long at the Felicity branch. Learn about Clerihew poems then write your own and enter to win a magnetic poetry kit donated by the Felicity Friends of the Library.

The Milford-Miami Township branch is hosting a Poetry Beat night for teens on April 27 at 6 p.m. Teens will have the chance to discover and explore Beat poets like William Burroughs as well as the opportunity to share their own poetry.

The Williamsburg branch is hosting a Poetry Writing and Reading workshop for those 10 years of age and up on April 1; the workshop runs from 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Different types of poetry will be discussed with time set aside for writing and sharing poetry of your own.

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National Poetry Month was created by the American Academy of Poets as acknowledgment of the pleasures and benefits from experiencing poetry as both a reader and as a creator. Poetry helps build literacy skills and encourages a love for reading. It also provides an outlet for creativity and expression.

Visit our website at www.clermont.lib.oh.us to learn about other activities at our branches and for more information about poetry and National Poetry Month.

The Clermont County Public Library strives to provide innovative access to information and services that stimulate the diverse educational, informational, and recreational needs and interests of the community. Further, the library seeks to be an integral part of the community in cooperation with other community organizations.

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