

MONTHLY MEDIA DISPATCH

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New ELA Resource

Three fun ways to create poetry

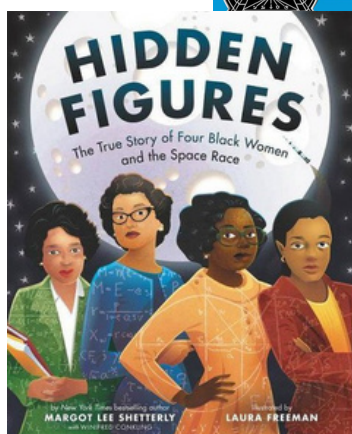
The Media Center has a new resource available for English Language Arts teachers: a kit filled with activities to spark poetic inspiration.

Students can learn how to turn found text into poetry using the book *Make Blackout Poetry* by John Carroll (10 copies). To put the blackout poetry technique into practice, 20 assorted books and 40 black markers are also included. Students are free to mark these books, crossing out lines of text to leave behind their own novel, unexpected, and visually engaging poetic creations.

For another approach, students can use the included Magnetic Poetry sets (10 total, with assorted themes) to mix and rearrange word magnets on metal stands.

Also included are 10 sets of Rory's Story Cubes. These are dice that display images and symbols: when rolled, students receive a random set of visual prompts for composing impromptu poetry or stories.

Your students are already poets, and now they'll know it, with our new [Student Poetry Kit](#)!



Now Available

New titles recently added

Gregor the Overlander, by Suzanne Collins
From the author of *The Hunger Games* comes a thrilling adventure set beneath New York City. Young Gregor finds himself thrust into the shadowy Underland, where humans, rats, and bugs live side-by-side. When he discovers clues to the whereabouts of his missing father, Gregor reluctantly takes up a heroic quest that will transform him forever.

Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks, by Jason Reynolds
A National Book Award finalist, this book presents ten stories—one for each city block—about what happens when school's out for the day. What different directions, and detours, will kids take as they walk home from school? These various paths are woven together into a cohesive tale that is as funny as it is poignant.

Hidden Figures (Picture Book Edition), by Margot Lee Shetterly
This book recounts the extraordinary true story of how four African American women contributed to America's space program as NASA mathematicians, overcoming both gender and racial barriers. Based on the New York Times bestseller, this is an adaptation for young readers, grades Pre-K to 5, illustrated by Laura Freeman.

Next Generation Module Books

A notice about recent changes

We recently changed the way that books for Next Generation Learning Standards modules are made available through our online catalog.

Previously, these titles were available through a separate search function and a separate booking process. Now, they are available to search and book alongside all of our other materials through the main search bar on our [front page](#).

Please note that the circulation period for module books, which previously had no set length, is now 90 days. Extensions for bookings, as always, may be granted upon request.

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