

This Month in Media

Announcements:

- On Thursday, April 6th Mr. Levin and Michael Stone will be recognized by Barnes and Noble (Glades Rd. branch) at 6:30pm. Michael is the local winner of the My Favorite Teacher contest. Come out and support them!
- Don't forget to have your AP students utilize the Testing and Education Reference Center. Email me for more information.
- Last day for seniors to check out books will be Thursday, April 13th.
- During testing, please don't send students down when the media center is in use. We will do our best to keep you updated via email.
- If you are sending students to the media center make sure to send them with a media pass and their school ID. Thank you!
- Make sure to follow us on [Pinterest](#) and Twitter @wboca_media

Total Visits:

31,183



April is National Poetry Month. Below are some resources for your convenience.

Homepage:

<https://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/home>

Teach This Poem:

<https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/sign-our-newsletters>

A weekly series featuring a poem accompanied by interdisciplinary resources and activities for K-12 teachers.

Dear Poet Project:

<https://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/dear-poet-project>

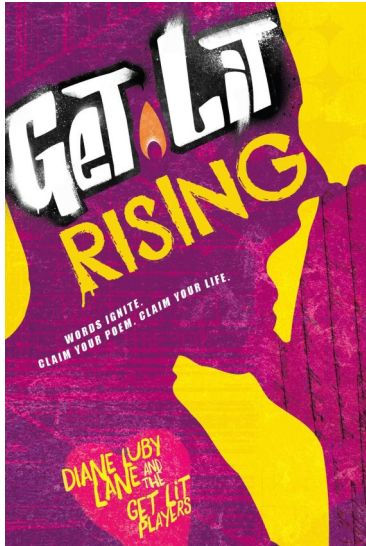
Show students videos of award-winning poetry and have them write a response to their favorite one. Letters will be considered for publication on Poets.org. Lesson plans aligned to standards are available.

10 spoken word performances folded like lyrical origami:

<http://blog.ted.com/10-spoken-word-performances-folded-like-lyrical-origami/>

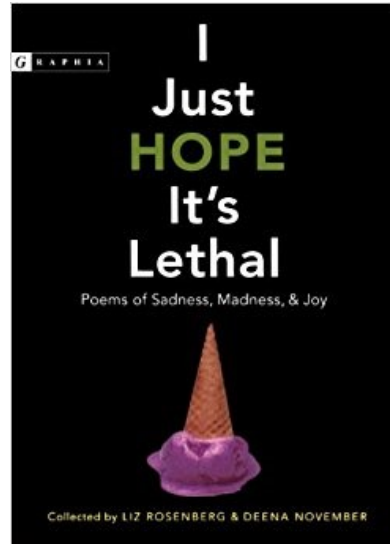
Featured Books

Below are some of our latest poetry acquisitions, which will be on display throughout the month.

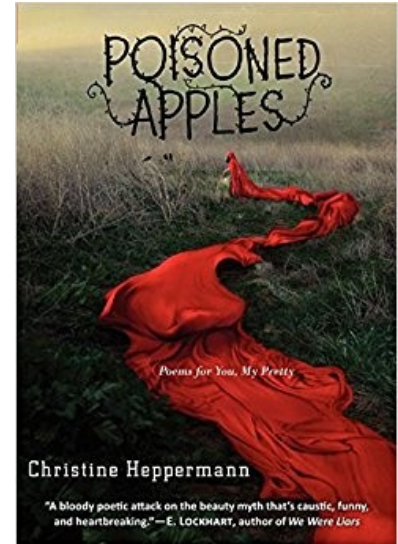


Get Lit Rising brings to life the true story of 19 teen poets (the Get Lit Players) who are inspiring thousands of teens across the country through their award-winning performances of classic & spoken word poems. The Get Lit Players include teens who struggle with homelessness, autism, incarceration, body image, depression, & more. But they use the power of poetry to reclaim their lives & influence their friends, families, and communities.

This uplifting book also offers the classic poems that have most inspired the Players, along with their own personal response poems. Each chapter offers questions, writing prompts, & how-to's for readers to set their own inner poet free. Ending with a section for parents and educators featuring the curriculum that's already in schools throughout California, this slam-dunk shows how to get teens excited about poetry.



The teenage years are a time filled with sadness, madness, joy, and all the messy stuff in between. Sometimes it feels that every day brings a new struggle, a new concern, a new reason to stay in bed with the shades drawn. But between moments of despair and confusion often come times of great clarity and insight, when you might think, like the poet Rumi, "Whoever's calm and sensible is insane!" It is moments like these that have inspired the touching, honest, and gripping poems found in *I Just Hope It's Lethal: Poems of Sadness, Madness, and Joy*. After all, what's normal anyway? This collection includes poems by Charles Bukowski, Sylvia Plath, Anne Sexton, T. S. Eliot, Edgar Allan Poe, W. B. Yeats, Dorothy Parker, Jane Kenyon, and many more, including teenage writers and up-and-coming poets.



Heppermann's collection of 50 poems puts the ideals of fairy tales right beside the life of the modern teenage girl. With piercing truths reminiscent of Laurie Halse Anderson & Ellen Hopkins, this is a powerful & provocative book for every young woman.

Cruelties come not just from wicked stepmothers, but also from ourselves. There are expectations, pressures, judgment, & criticism. Self-doubt and self-confidence. But there are also friends, sisters, & a whole hell of a lot of power there for the taking. In fifty poems, Heppermann confronts society head on. Using fairy tale characters & tropes, *Poisoned Apples* explores how girls are taught to think about themselves, their bodies, & their friends. The poems range from contemporary retellings to 1st person accounts set within the original tales, & from deadly funny to deadly serious. Complemented throughout with black-and-white photographs from up-and-coming artists, this is a stunning and sophisticated book to be treasured, shared, and paged through again and again.

Tech Tools



<http://www.breakoutedu.com/>

Want to bring the latest escape room craze into your classroom? Try Breakout EDU, “an immersive games platform for learners of all ages. In Breakout EDU games, players work collaboratively to solve a series of critical thinking puzzles in order to open a locked box. Each Breakout EDU kit can be used to play hundreds of games.”

I am willing to purchase sets for checkout in the media center, and would love to collaborate with you. There are predesigned games for history, math, science, technology, English, media, French and Spanish. You can also design your own game. Please let me know if you’d be interested in bringing this into your curriculum!

What comes in the Breakout EDU kit?



Breakout EDU Box



Small Lock Box



Invisible Ink Pen



UV Light



Word Lock



Hasp



Directional Lock



Key Lock



Three-Digit Lock



Four-Digit Lock



USB Drive



2 Hint Cards