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NAT'L POETRY MONTH – LEARN HAIKU

Traditional Haiku (俳句) is a very short form of Japanese poetry typically characterized by three qualities:

- The essence of haiku is the comparison of two images or ideas and a verbal moment of separation that shows how the elements are related.
- Traditional haiku consist of 17 syllables in three lines (or phrases) of 5, 7 and 5 syllables.
- A seasonal reference is often used. The majority of seasonal references, but not all, are drawn from the natural world. This has led to the inaccurate impression that haiku are nature poems.

Modern gendai (現代) haiku is increasingly unlikely to follow the tradition of 17 syllables or to take nature as its subject, but the use of comparison continues in both traditional haiku and gendai.

A traditional haiku by Basho:

clouds now and again
give a soul some respite from
moon-gazing—behold

(5) clouds now and a-gain
(7) give a soul some res-pite from
(5) moon-gaz-ing—be-hold

A gendai haiku by Ōnishi Yasuyo

from a blind alley
tumbling to a scene
of the sea

(5) from a blind al-ley
(5) tum-bling to a scene
(3) of the sea

Try creating your own traditional haiku below:

Try creating your own gendai haiku below:

UPCOMING @ YOUR LIBRARY

DIY Beach Terrarium

Sat., April 2nd, 2-3pm

Arroyo Grande Library

(805) 473-7163

Create your own mini beach scene under glass. Just bring your imagination, we will supply all materials. Free for teens 10-17. Pre-registration required.

Youth Book Club

Sat., April 2nd, 4-5pm

Santa Margarita Library

(805) 438-5622

Bring a favorite book and join in one of our fun book club games! Ages 11-16. Pizza!

Cinema Masters

Wed., April 6th, 6-8pm

San Luis Obispo Library

(805) 781-1215

Join us for a FREE film presentation of the classic anime *Princess Mononoke*. Prof. Mark Devendorf of CalPoly will introduce and discuss this epic, animated film by Hayao Miyazaki. Teens & Adults

2nd Thursday Matinee

Thur., April 14th, 3:30pm

Nipomo Library

(805) 929-3994

Enjoy a popular, or educational film on the 2nd Thursday each month at 3:30pm.

Teen Book Group

Fri., April 15th, 10-11am

San Luis Obispo Library

Teens, please join us to read, talk, share and snack!

One Cool Earth

Wed., April 27th, 3:30pm

Atascadero Library

(805) 461-6163

Learn how to care for our earth this spring at this presentation on basic gardening and home composting. Be an environmental hero in your own backyard!

NOT SURE WHAT TO READ? TRY ONE OF THESE!

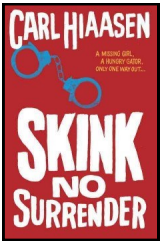
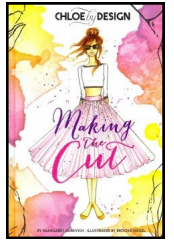


Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard

Mare Barrow's world is divided by blood—those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare is a Red, scraping by as a thief, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court. Before the king, princes, and all the nobles, she discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. One wrong move can lead to her death, but in the dangerous game she plays, the only certainty is betrayal.

Chloe by Design: Making the Cut by Margaret Gurevich

Project Runway meets Mean Girls in this fashion-inspired first volume of the Chloe by Design series. Chloe Montgomery has always dreamed of becoming a fashion designer, so when her favorite reality show, Design Diva, offers up a teen version of the show, Chloe knows she has to audition—the show's wild challenges will push her creatively. She gets in, but can she overcome her shy instincts and handle criticism from both the judges and her fashion nemesis?

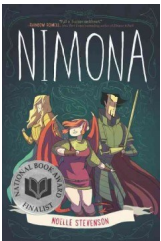
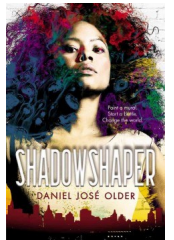


Skink No Surrender by Carl Hiaasen

When your cousin goes missing under suspicious circumstances, who do you call? There's only one man for the job: a half-crazed, half-feral, one-eyed ex-governor named Skink. Skink joins 14-year-old Richard on a breakneck chase across Florida, undaunted by lightning storms, poisonous snakes, flying bullets, and giant gators. There are a million places cousin Malley could be, a million unpleasant fates that might have befallen her, but one thing is certain: in the Florida swamp, justice is best served wild.

Shadowshaper by Daniel José Older

When the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change and fade in front of her, Sierra Santiago realizes that something strange is going on—then she discovers her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers and finds herself in a battle with an evil anthropologist for the lives of her family and friends.



Nimona by Noelle Stevenson

Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc. Their mission: prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are.

FOOD OF FINES APRIL 11-16 —NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK—

During the week of April 11-16, 2016, all San Luis Obispo County Libraries will waive up to \$1.00 of late fines for each non-perishable food item you bring in. All items will be donated to the **Food Bank Coalition of SLO County**.

Fines are not required to donate to the food drive!

NOTE: Does not apply to fees for lost or damaged Library materials—overdue fees only.

