APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH!

Try something a little different during National Poetry Month, like one of these novels written in verse.

**The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows, on and off the court, as their father ignores his declining health.

**Full Cicada Moon** by Marilyn Hilton

In 1969 twelve-year-old Mimi and her family move to an all-white town in Vermont, where Mimi's mixed-race background and interest in "boyish" topics like astronomy make her feel like an outsider.

**Long Way Down** by Jason Reynolds

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

**Inside Out & Back Again** by Thanhha Lai

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

**FOOD FOR FINES**

During the week of April 8-14, 2018, all County of San Luis Obispo Public 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.
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Young Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin, embark on a journey through space and time, assisted by three eccentric women. They set out to find Meg’s father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel. The film adaptation of A Wrinkle in Time hit the big screen on March 9th.

If you liked A Wrinkle in Time, you might also like:

Once Was a Time by Leila Sales

In World War II England, ten-year-old Lottie is transported via a portal to present day Wisconsin, where she must find her way back to her family and her best friend, Kitty.

Reason: Although Once is set in World War II England and Wrinkle's location is ambiguous, each science fiction series includes travel through time and space, searches for lost loved ones, and strong, smart female heroines. Once includes subtle humor; Wrinkle is more philosophical. (from Novelist)

Time Traveling with a Hamster by Ross Welford

Twelve-year-old Al Chaudhury discovers his late dad's time machine and travels back to 1984 with his pet hamster to prevent the go-kart accident that killed his father.

Reason: Combining mind-bending science, quirky characters, and loving family bonds, both of these books will please readers looking for science fiction that’s attention-grabbing as well as thought-provoking. (from Novelist)

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

In the 1980s, as her mother prepares to be a contestant on a television game show, Miranda tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

Reason: Time is a key component in both of these compelling, coming-of-age fantasies with complex plots centered on girls who share absent fathers and the struggle to save the life of a boy near-and-dear to them. (from Novelist)