

2022 Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant Report
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November 2021

In November 2021, a proposal was submitted to YALSA's Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant titled *Promoting Poetry to Help Secondary Students Express Themselves Through Another Challenging Year*. The proposal outlined how the \$1,000 grant funds would be used to purchase materials to celebrate poetry in a public secondary school library that serves students in grades 7-12. It was hoped that the focus on poetry would excite, motivate, inspire, and encourage students to both read poetry and express themselves through poetry.

January 2022

On January 20, 2022 secondary librarian Rebecca Cauffman was notified that she was the recipient of the 2022 grant.

February 2022

With the grant awarded, Rebecca contacted English teachers to share the prospective list of new poetry books to be purchased, requested additional titles, and asked for names of student leaders who could provide support in implementing the grant objectives.

On February 18th the ALA check arrived at Radford High School and an Amazon order was placed on February 19th totaling \$999.64. What follows is a receipt for the items purchased.

In addition, Poetry for Neanderthals was purchased at Target for \$19.99, composition books were purchased (\$20) for each club member, black table clothes were purchased (\$4), and contact paper to update the poetry shelving (\$20).

One book ordered: Paint Like I Am (\$19.65) has still not arrived.

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Order Placed: February 19, 2022
Amazon.com order number: 112-6740290-0929820
Order Total: \$984.93

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Items Ordered	Price
1 of: Paint Me Like I Am (Turtleback School & Library Binding Edition), WritersCorps Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC Condition: New	\$19.65

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Items Ordered	Price
1 of: BLOVE Brochure Display Stand Floor Standing Literature Magazine Rack Holder Newspaper Stand with 6 Pockets(Shelves) for Products Exhibition Fairs Show Sold by: KELINER (seller profile) Product question? Ask Seller Condition: New	\$105.99

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1 of: Essential Songwriter's Rhyming Dictionary: Pocket Size Book, Mitchell, Kevin M.	\$7.02

Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC

Condition: New

1 of: *My Thoughts Are Clouds: Poems for Mindfulness*, Heard, Georgia \$14.99
Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC

Condition: New

1 of: *If My Body Could Speak (Button Poetry)*, Baird, Blythe \$16.00
Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC

Condition: New

1 of: *You Don't Have to Be Everything: Poems for Girls Becoming Themselves*, Whitney, Diana \$12.95
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1 of: *Hard-Boiled Bugs for Breakfast: And Other Tasty Poems*, Prelutsky, Jack \$15.79
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1 of: *EXPO Whiteboard/Dry Erase Board Liquid Cleaner, 22-ounce* \$12.45
Sold by: The Mega Deals ([seller profile](#))

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1 of: *TONOR Dynamic Karaoke Microphone for Singing with 16.4ft XLR Cable, Metal Handheld Mic Compatible with Karaoke Machine/Speaker/Amp/Mixer for Karaoke Singing, Speech, Wedding and Outdoor Activity* \$29.99
Sold by: Toner Direct ([seller profile](#)) | Product question? [Ask Seller](#)

Condition: New

1 of: *Paint Chip Poetry: A Game of Color and Wordplay (Poetry Game, Unique Poem Gift for Teachers)*, Redmond, Lea \$17.68
Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC

Condition: New

1 of: *Z ZICOME 4 Pack Magnetic White Board Eraser for Home, School and Office - 4 X 2.3 X 0.8 Inch* \$8.99
Sold by: Z ZICOME ([seller profile](#))

Condition: New

1 of: *WXJ13 3 Pack Magnetic Marker Holder Magnetic Dry Erase Marker Holder Whiteboard Marker Holder with 3 Pieces Marker Pen Magnetic Marker Pen Organizer for Whiteboard or Refrigerator* \$8.99
Sold by: WXJ13 ([seller profile](#))

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1 of: *Amazon Basics Microphone Clip - Large Barrel Style - Single Part 2 of 2 - Amazon Basics Tripod Boom Microphone Stand with Large Barrel Style Microphone Clip* \$7.87
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1 of: *The Complete Rhyming Dictionary: Including The Poet's Craft Book*, Clement Wood \$8.99
Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC

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1 of: *EsOffice Desk Drawer Organizer, Mesh Desk Organizer Tray, Office File Organizer, High-grade Metal Desk Organizer Storage Basket, Multi-use Large Storage Box Set for Office Home Supplies, 13 x 9 inches* \$23.99
Sold by: EsOffice ([seller profile](#))

Condition: New

1 of: *No Gravity*, Francisco, Rudy K \$8.00
Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC

Condition: New

1 of: *Devotions: The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver*, Oliver, Mary \$25.49
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1 of: *Sorry I Haven't Texted You Back*, Cook, Alicia \$11.29
Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC

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1 of: *Hello, Earth!: Poems to Our Planet*, Sidman, Joyce \$15.47

1 of: *The Original Buddha Board Art Set: Water Painting w/ Bamboo Brush & Stand for \$37.95 Mindfulness Meditation - Inkless Drawing Board - Painting & Art Supplies - Ideal Relaxation Gifts for Women or Men* \$37.95
Sold by: Buddha Board Inc. ([seller profile](#))

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1 of: *Goldenrod: Poems*, Smith, Maggie \$13.60
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1 of: *A Socially Acceptable Breakdown (Button Poetry)*, Roche, Patrick \$16.39
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1 of: *No Matter the Wreckage*, Kay, Sarah \$24.95
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1 of: *IMPERFECT: poems about mistakes: an anthology for middle schoolers*, Yeatts, Tabatha \$11.90
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1 of: *A Light Bulb Symphony: Poems by Phil Kaye*, Kaye, Phil \$9.79
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Condition: New

1 of: *the princess saves herself in this one (Women Are Some Kind of Magic)*, Lovelace, Amanda \$9.57
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1 of: *Pillow Thoughts*, Peppernell, Courtney \$8.75
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1 of: *Milk and Honey*, Rupri Kaur \$7.38
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1 of: *Crafty Croc Liquid Chalk Markers, 10 Pack of Neon Chalk Pens, For Nonporous Chalkboards, Bistro Boards, Glass and Windows* \$16.47
Sold by: Crafty Croc ([seller profile](#))

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1 of: *Poetry Tiles - 797 Essential Word Magnets Starter Kit for Refrigerator Poems and Stories - Includes Alphabet Headers, Punctuation, and Blank Tiles* \$25.99
Sold by: Good Odds ([seller profile](#))

Condition: New

1 of: *Magnetic Poetry Educational Products - Metal Easel Board - 11x13 Inches* \$24.95
Sold by: Magnetic Poetry, Inc. ([seller profile](#))

Condition: New

1 of: *Fight Evil With Poetry - Anthology Volume One*, Bournes, Micah \$18.65
Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC

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1 of: *Date & Time (Button Poetry)*, Kaye, Phil \$14.49
Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC

Condition: New

1 of: *I'll Fly Away (Button Poetry)*, Francisco, Rudy \$15.41
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1 of: *Nothing Is Okay (Button Poetry)*, Wiley, Rachel \$16.00

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1 of: Pyle Wireless Portable PA System-400W Bluetooth Compatible Rechargeable Battery Powered Outdoor Sound Stereo Speaker Microphone Set w/Handle, Wheels-1/4 to AUX, RCA Cable (PWWA230BT) Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC	\$148.99
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1 of: Respect the Mic: Celebrating 20 Years of Poetry from a Chicagoland High School, Kahn, Peter Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC	\$16.99
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1 of: a fire like you, Chisala, Upile Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC	\$16.99
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1 of: Helium (Button Poetry), Francisco, Rudy Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC	\$13.60
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1 of: It's Not Magic (National Poetry Series), Sands, Jon Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC	\$16.00
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1 of: Space Struck, Lewis, Paige Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC	\$14.49
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Items Ordered	Price
1 of: Hanging/Standing Magnet Board/Bulletin Board/Chalkboard - Remove/Adjust Legs to Hang on Wall or Vertically and Horizontally - Perfect for Kitchen Countertop, Weddings, Home Decor - 5 Sizes, 4 Colors Sold by: TenXVI Designs (seller profile)	\$21.99
Condition: New	
1 of: Mini Buddha Board Art Set: Water Drawing Writing Board w/ Mini Water Brush for Mindfulness & Meditation - Zen Based Drawing Board - Painting & Art Supplies - Ideal Relaxation Gifts (5" x 5", Black) Sold by: MSDesigns (seller profile)	\$17.90
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1 of: The Sun and Her Flowers, Rupl Kaur Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC	\$9.00
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1 of: Amazon Basics Adjustable Boom Height Microphone Stand with Tripod Base, Up to 85.75 Inches - Black Part 1 of 2 - Amazon Basics Tripod Boom Microphone Stand with Large Barrel Style Microphone Clip Sold by: Amazon.com Services LLC	\$25.21
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1 of: Magnetic Poetry Educational Products - Metal Easel Board - 11x13 Inches Sold by: Magnetic Poetry, Inc (seller profile)	\$24.95
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Payment information

Payment Method: Amazon Business Line of Credit	Item(s) Subtotal: \$984.93
Billing address	Shipping & Handling: \$38.66
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Total before tax: \$984.93
Estimated tax to be collected: \$0.00

Grand Total: \$984.93

Credit Card transactions

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Order Placed: February 19, 2022
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The names of two students from our State Champion Forensics Team were recommended as student leaders. They both competed in the poetry section. I extended an invitation to them to help me plan the activities for the month and they both agreed.

March 2022

I met with these two student leaders each Friday in March during lunch.

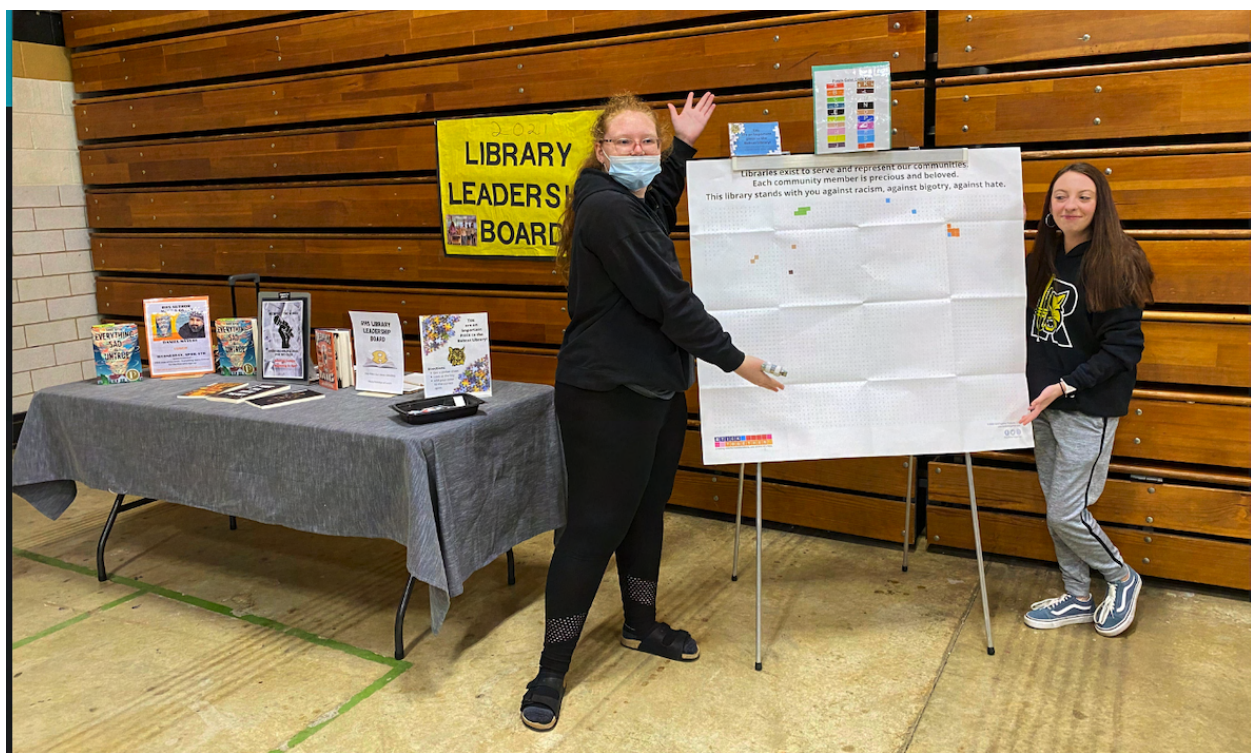


Here is a summary of what we did at each planning session:

- **Session One, March 4th** - I shared the grant proposal, idea, and materials purchased. We created a name for our poetry club - RESPECT THE WORD - discussed recruiting, the poetry bracket, and decorations. After this meeting we designed fliers, invitations, and a signup sheet for the student club. This is what the flier looked like:



We promoted the club meeting on our morning news show and at our Curriculum Showcase:



- **Session Two, March 11th** - the poetry leaders hand delivered invitations to interested students inviting them to attend our club meetings.
- **Session Three, March 18th** - we discussed decorations and the poetry bracket. The girls really wanted to provide a hot chocolate bar during our club meetings and that would have been really cool but unfortunately I had used the entire budget already. If afforded another grant opportunity for secondary students I will always remember to budget some money for food!
- **Session Five, March 25th** - we planned out the first club meeting

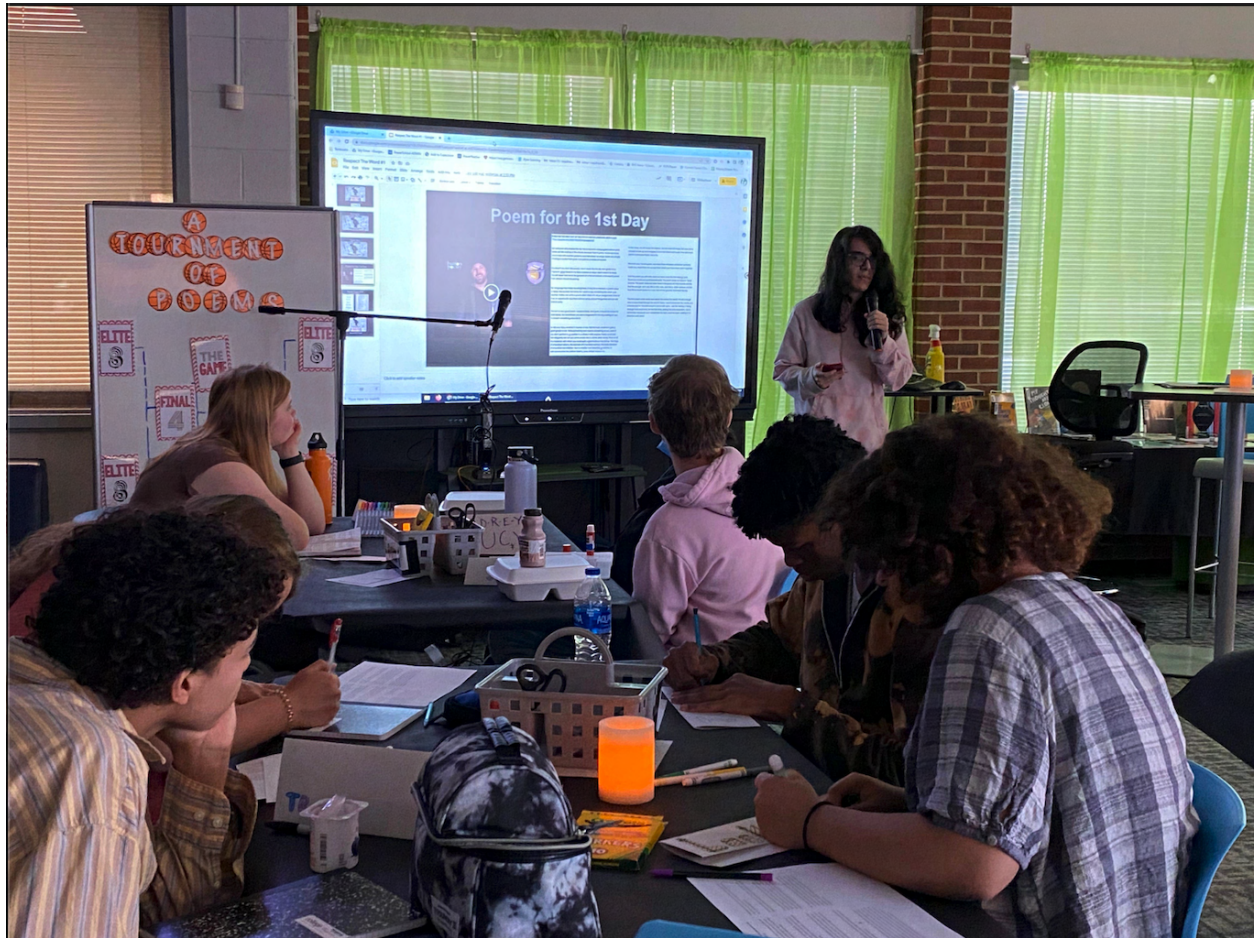
Event - Respect the Word Poetry Club

We had 26 students sign up to attend our Poetry Club.

Club Meeting #1: On April 1st we cleared out the library, turned off the lights, lit battery powered candles, and opened the doors to those who signed up. We had 15 students attend this meeting. Students made name tags, created a poetry notebook, learned about the purpose of the club, and participated in our first open mic opportunity:

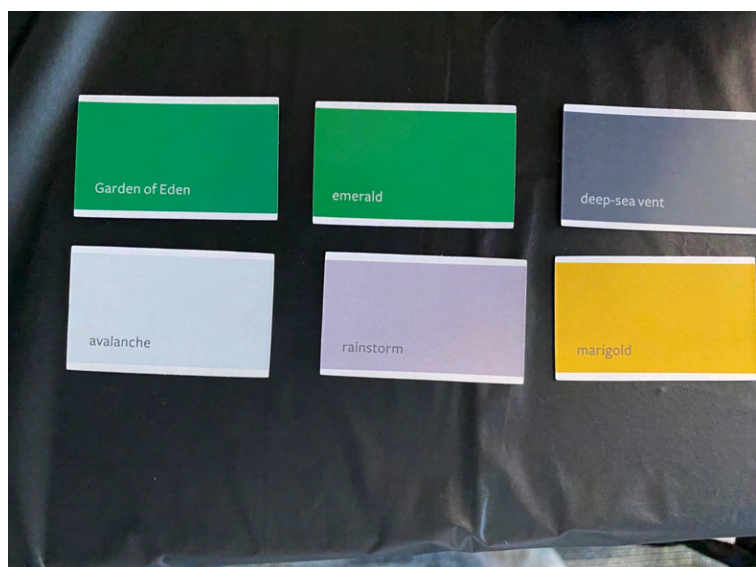


Club leaders using our new microphone system we got from the grant!



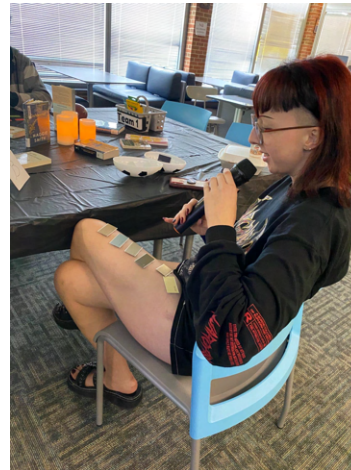
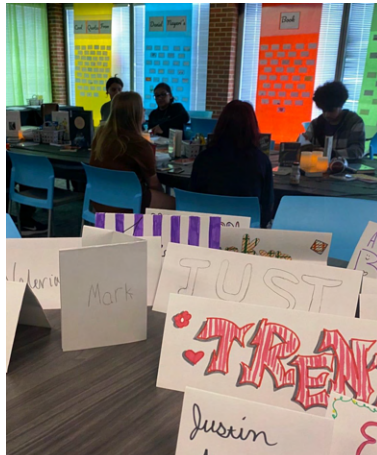
Brave student sharing a poem HE wrote at our first meeting.

Club Meeting #2 took place on Friday, April 8th. We had twelve students attend this meeting. We discussed our first poetry Face-Offs and played Paint Chip Poetry: A Game of Color and Wordplay purchased with grant funds. Students used the microphone to share out some of the poems they came up with:



Club Meeting #3 took place on Friday, April 29th. There were nine students who attended. We discussed more of the Poetry Face Offs that had been unveiled on the morning news show. They glued a copy of each poem in their notebook and then shared why they preferred one poem over the other. (I forgot to take pictures...sorry)!

Our final Club Meeting was held on Friday, May 6th with eight students attending. We looked at the new poetry books added to the collection, played Paint Chip Poetry, and played Poetry for Neanderthals.



Reflection on the Poetry Club

I was excited to see so much interest in the poetry club prior to its launch. The club connected me with students that previously had not visited the library. Who attended the club fluctuated and I think having spring break in the middle hurt the flow and excitement. This club is something I will try again next year. I want to brainstorm with student leaders how to help GROW the attendance. In 2023 I plan to use the book "Respect the Mic" which was purchased with grant funds to build the club into a more workshop format where everyone is writing original poetry.

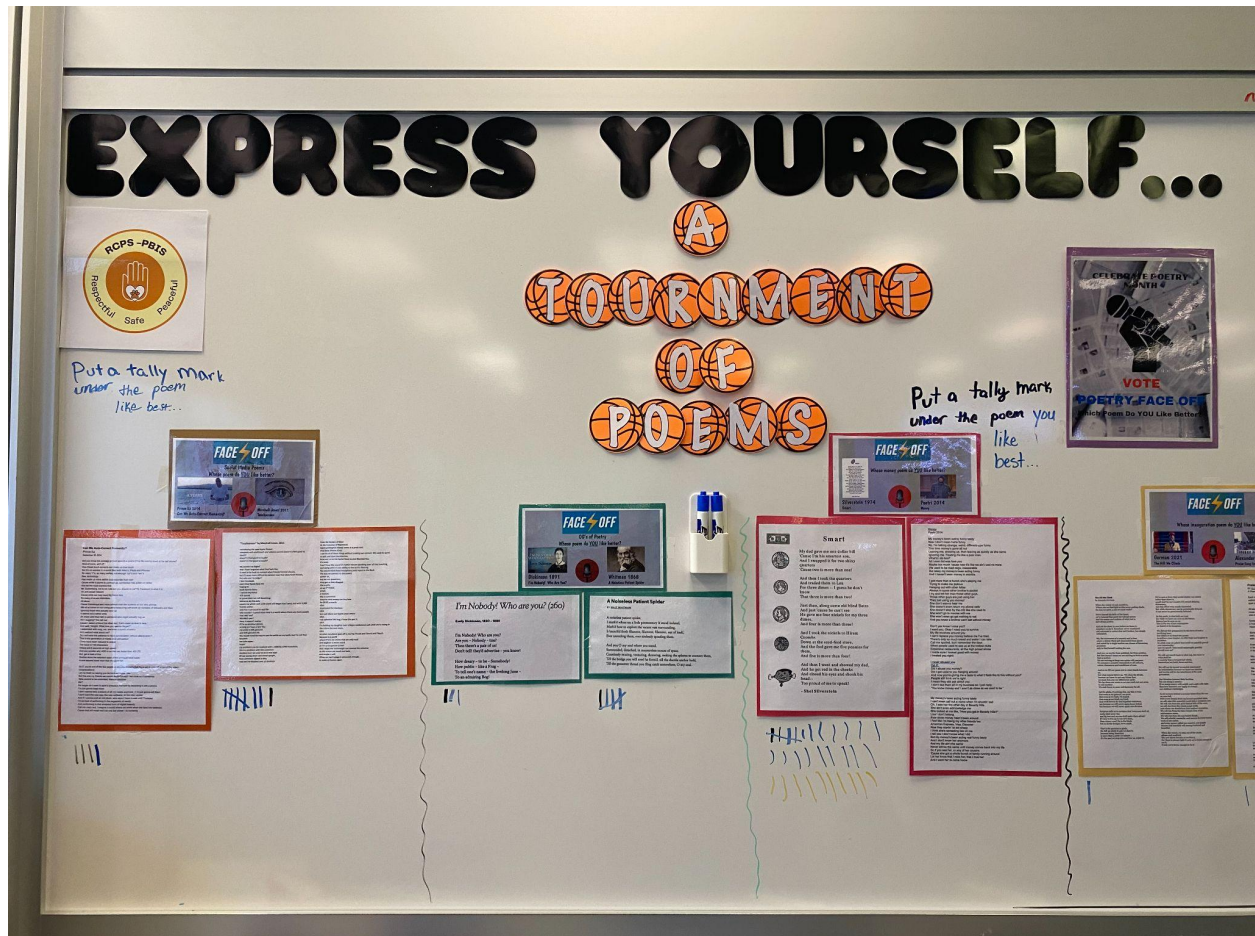
Event - Poetry Face Off

Although the plan initially was to do a poetry bracket, I ended up doing a poetry face off because of the difficulty of collecting votes to make the bracket successful. For the poetry face off two poems in the same genre went head to head and students were asked to vote on their favorite. A poem was revealed each morning on the news show. After watching both poems students were encouraged to visit the library to place their votes. Complete poems were displayed on a white board and students voted using tally marks. Here is the initial voting set up:

A photograph of a library bulletin board titled "TOURNAMENT OF POEMS". The board is white and mounted on a wall. At the top left, there is a large blue sign that reads "Put a tally mark under the poem you like best...". Below this, there are three framed sections. The first frame on the left contains a poem titled "Can We Arise Against Humanity?". The middle frame contains a poster for "FACE OFF Social Media Poems" with the text "Whose poems do YOU like better?". The right frame contains a list of poems. To the right of the frames, there are two markers (one green, one blue) in a white holder and a yellow sticky note that says "RHS Library". At the bottom of the board, the title "TOURNAMENT OF POEMS" is displayed in large, stylized letters that look like basketballs. The background of the board is white, and the text is in various colors and fonts. The board is located in a library, with bookshelves visible in the background.

A
TOURNAMENT
OF
POEMS

In order to get as many votes as possible this display was moved to the large white board in the library and stayed up all month. Here is an example of what that looked like:



In all we had 7 Face Offs highlighting 14 poems and poets. Here is the list of genres and poems:

- Social Media Poems:
 - Prince Ea (2014) Can We Auto-Correct Humanity vs. Marshall Jones (2011) Touchscreen
- Money Poems
 - Silverstein (1974) Smary vs. Poetri (2014) Money
- OG's of Poetry
 - Dickenson (1891) I'm Nobody! Who Are You? Vs. Whitman (1868) A Noiseless Patient Spider
- William Carlos Williams
 - The Red Wheelbarrow (1938) vs. This is Just to Say (1938)
- Spooky Poetry

- Edgar Allan Poe (1894) vs. Emily Dickinson (1890) Because I Could Not Stop for Death
- Inauguration Poems
 - Gorman (2021) The Hill We Climb vs. Alexander (2009) Praise Song for the Day
- Haiku
 - Genjiro (1665) vs. Mr. Dave (2018)

Reflection on the Face Off

The face off worked well this year. It allowed us to highlight more poems than a bracket and provided a longer window of time to collect votes. Using the morning news show to share the poems ensured that all students were exposed to them. The interactive display in the library encouraged discussion and voting. As the month progressed I noticed less voting taking place. Voting is still something to work out for the future. The grant helped us purchase the new Expo Marker holders that magnetically attach to the white boards, Expo Erasers that magnetically attach to the white boards, and white board spray to safely remove all marks made to our boards. These items have remained on the boards since April and continue to be used by our students.

Event - Open Mic

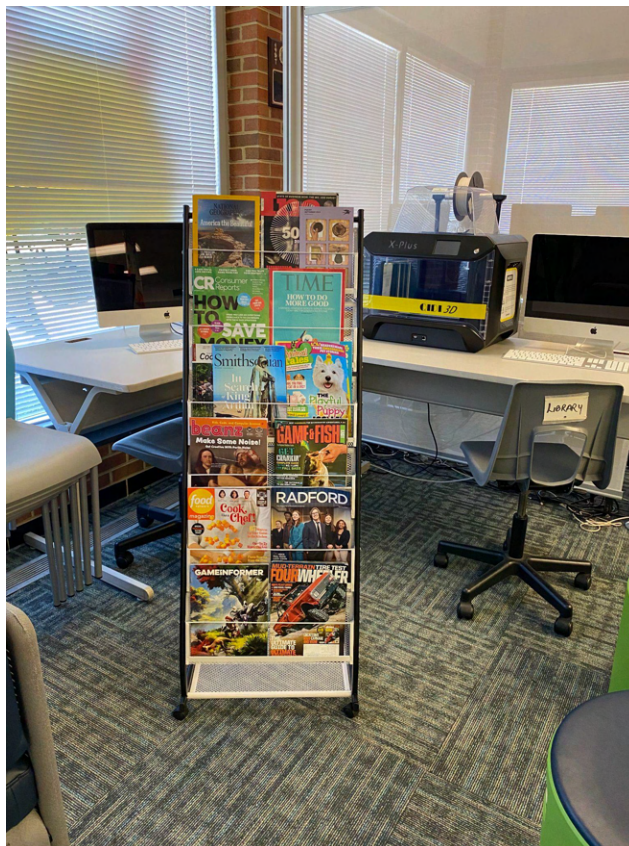
The grant helped us purchase a microphone system for our library and a display cart. Our new poetry books also purchased through the grant were displayed on the display cart near the microphone and students were encouraged to find a poem and read it to the room. Here is what the display looked like, followed by pictures of students and staff enjoying it.





Reflection on the Open Mic

The students really enjoyed using the microphone and it encouraged students to read a poem out loud. There was always a smile on the student's face who read the poem and they had the full attention of audience members. Some kinks needed to be worked out because the open mic did not work when people were in the room trying to study. It is so nice to have a microphone system in the library now for whatever need arises. We had an author visit and used the microphone for that event too! The display stand is also an amazing new addition to our library. It has been used to display new books, student work, and is currently being used to highlight our newest issues of magazines that the library subscribes to:



Event - Poetry Decor

To signify April as the poetry month a banner was made and hung up so that it was visible to patrons as they entered the library. A white board was also reserved to hang any poetry that students created throughout the month:



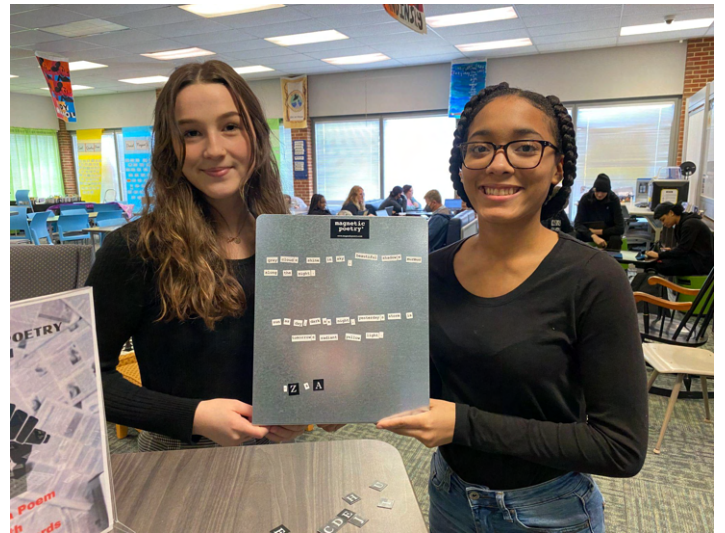
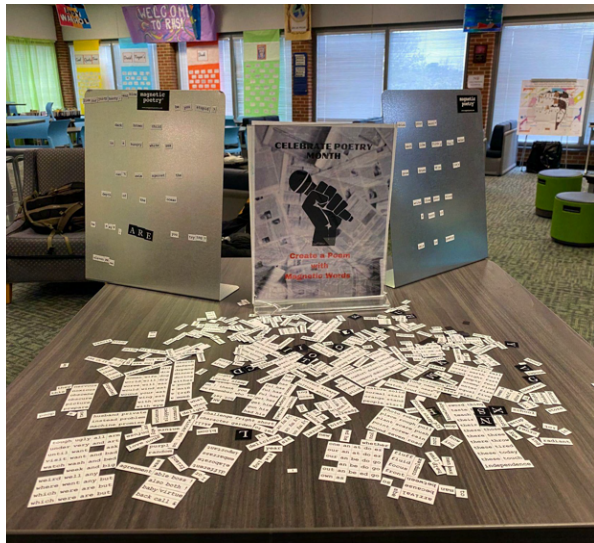
In addition the 2 Buddha Boards purchased with grant funds were put out for students to use throughout the month:



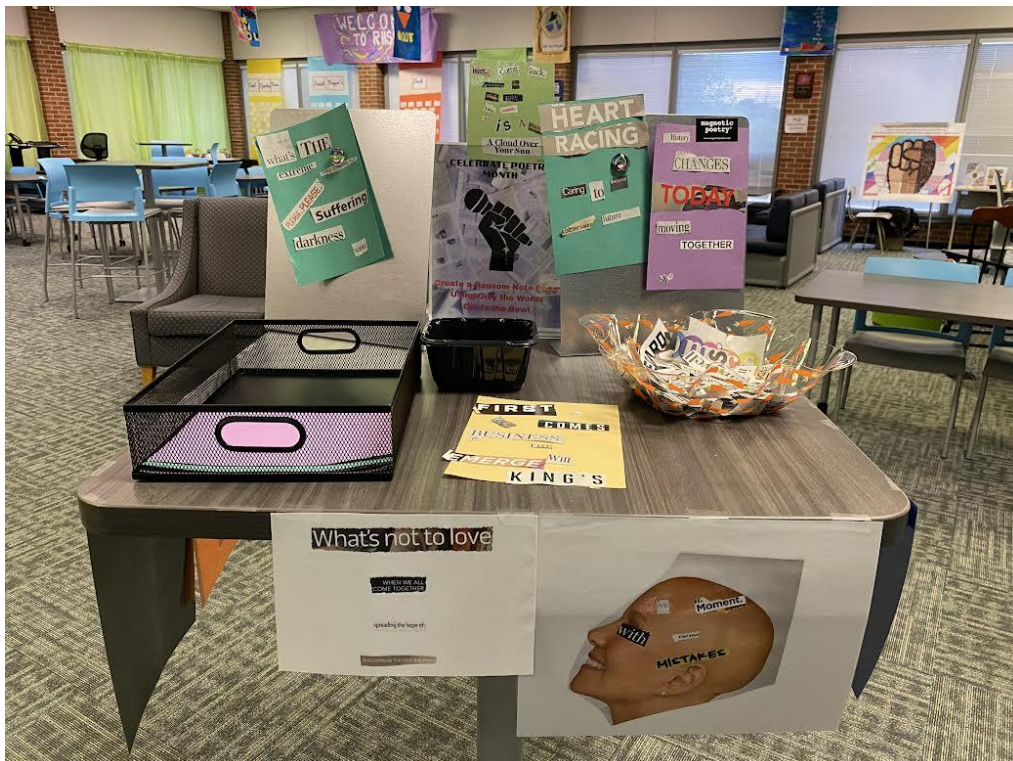
Event - MakerSpace Poetry

Each week in April a different activity was set up to encourage students to create poetry:

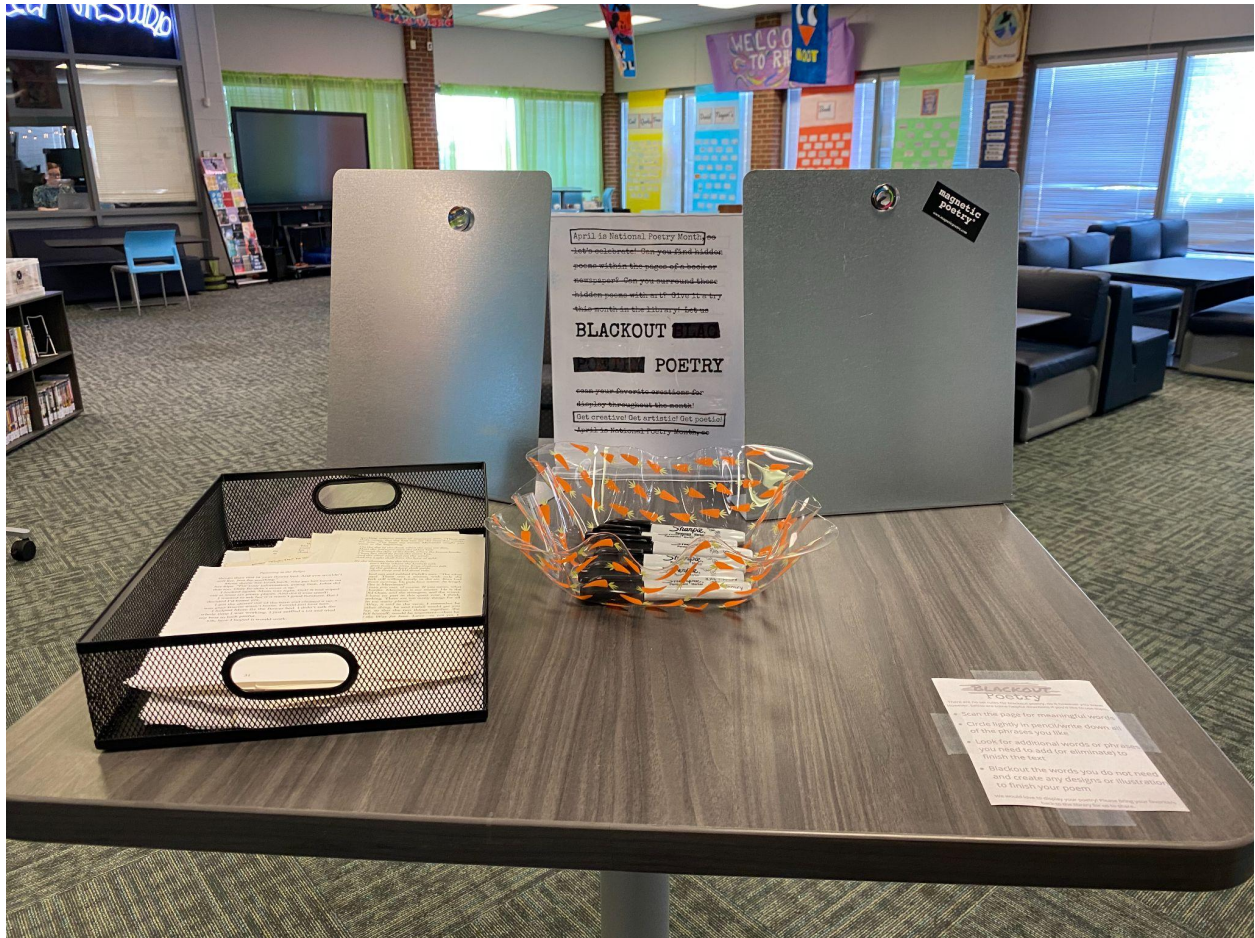
- **Week 1 - Magnetic Poetry** - The magnetic boards and magnetic words were all purchased with grant funds. This was so popular that I moved the words to one of our large magnetic boards for the rest of the month at the students request.



- **Week 2 - Ransom Poetry** - For this activity words were cut out of magazines and placed in a bowl. Students were challenged to create a poem using the words in the bowl. The magnetic boards were used again this week to showcase poems students made.



- **Week 3 - BlackOut Poetry** - For this station we used the Thick Sharpies purchased with grant funds and the magnetic boards. Old pages of books were placed in the black metal paper holder, also purchased with grant funds. Students were challenged to black out words to make a poem. This proved to be the hardest of all the Makerspace options this month:



- **Week 4 - Poem in Your Pocket** - Poems highlighted in our Face Offs were printed and tied with a ribbon. Students were encouraged to grab a poem at random and then take it with them:



NEW - Poetry Section

When the month was completed, I placed Contact Paper behind the Poetry section shelf to highlight the genre and then added all the new books that were purchased through the grant on the shelves. Here are the before and after pictures of this section of the library:

BEFORE



AFTER



A Million Thanks!

In closing I would like to thank the committee for choosing the Dalton Intermediate and Radford High School Library to be the recipient of the 2022 Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant. The funds gave me, a second year librarian, the motivation, encouragement, and materials to end the 2022 school year with exciting programming for our students. It allowed me to meet a new group of students and provided us with materials that have become a staple in our day-to-day operations such as our new: magazine rack, magnet displays, white board accessories, and microphone system. I always think of you and your generosity when using them. A million thanks for this opportunity!