

Flenniken Library

Newsletter

Coming Up

Book Club will **not** be meeting at the Library this month

May Read: It Starts With Us

Next Meeting: May 9 @ 6-8

There will be a Library Board meeting held Wednesday May 17th at 6

Open to the public.

The summer Reading program is fast approaching!

Come to the library and sign up now!

Tiny Tim's Tomatoes will be held on June 3rd.

Keep a look out for more information on our social media pages!



Upcoming:

The library will be closed

May 8 - 12

due to renovations.

Get your books ahead of time!

We will reopen on Saturday May 13, with a **free** Community Picnic from 11 - 1.

Come hang out and have some good food, rain or shine!

Then help us plant the community garden!



Story/Toddler Time

For April's Story and Toddler Times, we learned about the life cycle of frogs! The kids got to watercolor paint frogs in whatever colors they wanted. Then we celebrated Earth Day the week leading up to it (April 22nd). We had special guest reader from the Greene Country Farm Bureau read a book they donated to us called From Seed To Plant by Gail Gibbons. Afterward, the kids got to plant their own Marigold seeds to take home to prepare for any gardens they might plant.

Lastly, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo a week early. The kids got to learn a little Spanish while we read *Manana Iguana*, by Ann Paul. We danced around with maracas and even made our own maracas out of plastic spoons, left over Easter eggs, popcorn kernels and some pretty duct tape. And to end the Spring session of Story/Toddler Times, we had a pull-string pinata filled with candy!

We had an absolute blast! The kids told us it was the BEST DAY EVER!



Poetry Contest

This year's contest is over! Can you believe it? This April went by so fast for the Library.

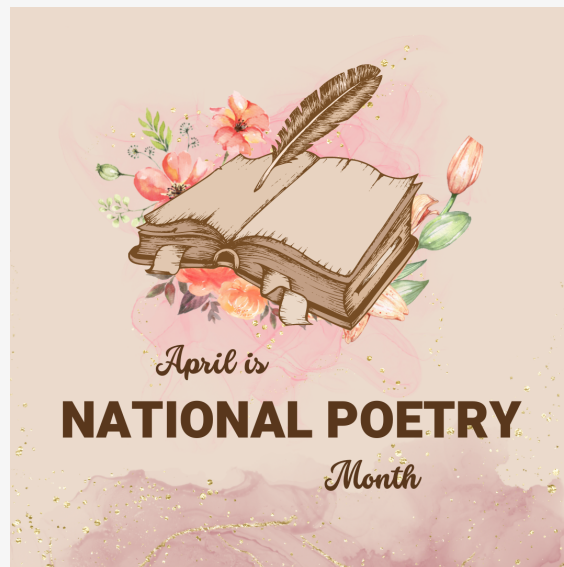
We had another great year of entries. Everyone did such an amazing job, and made our job of picking winners even harder. Your poems were so great, thank you so much for sharing them with us.

It was a wonderful thing, too, that the 6th - 12th grade group sent in all different kinds of poems: there were limericks, haikus, nonets, and acrostic poems!

It sure made our literary loving hearts happy.

We look forward to this every year, please come back again next year and tell your family and friends to enter, too!

Thank you for another great year!



Pre-K - 5th Grade

1

Over the moon, and under the sun, there are stars that
match everyone,

All different, none alike, many colors make up the sky,
Under the stars, and on the Earth, that is where it's
really worth.



Melody Orr - 4th Grade



6th - 12th Grade

By: Aubrey Lesnett - 10th Grade

Grief

Not enough people talk about
How it feels
To lose someone
And slowly forget life with them

Grief is like a drug
It takes over your body
And has thousands of possibilities for side effects

I either sit and cry
Until my whole body is numb,
Or stuff the tears inside
And carry the weight on my shoulders.

But the worst side effect of all
Is realizing that I have lived
More years without you,
Then I ever did with you.

Memories are beginning to fade,
Your laugh and smile
And the way you would say my name.

Losing you the first time was painful

And now I am losing you

All over again.



2

Brice Smith - 9th Grade

Johnny's March

In the Flanders fields,
Poppies bloom amidst the strife
Soldiers lay in peace



3

Lily Sisler - 7th Grade

When We Were Younger

Some chapters have to come to an end
You have to adapt to the style
You may feel trapped
But you will snap back
You might just want to nap
You might think it's crap
But it will hit you in the Spring
The flowers will bloom
While you're using a broom
You'll hear the car going up and down the street
The kids giggling wondering where your childhood went
As you hear your brother start to cry
You tell his friend goodbye
He sits there asking you to play
Of course, you agree
You play cars and have a blast
The next thing you know you're sixteen
And he's thirteen
Not asking to play cars
Asking to drop him off at his friend's house or the mall
Now it's Spring
He's off sweeping the leaves
While you're off with your friends partying
He hears the kids giggling
Now he's wondering where his childhood went





Adults

The Weight

I hate the person staring back at me:
Furrowed brow— a ghost that haunts me
It pulls at my skin, making it harder to see
I face a smile; I wait for it to leave
Like an albatross, it weighs me down
I take two steps, impossible to turn around
I can fight off these demons
I open my eyes, stare on through
These eyes that used to hold me
My own— a faded blue
Contradict my thoughts, won't let me move
It's a soundtrack of thought, a constant loop
Every angry word, every intrusive thought
Just a broken brain, telling me what I'm not
But I can't listen— No, not anymore

I pinch my arm
My perception askew
It finally lets go—
My dysmorphic view

Jessica A. Hathaway



Fall



I can smell the air.

The familiar scent of the season:

A combination of burning wood and falling leaves—

A smell that fills my soul with warmth.

The leaves remind me of myself.

I imagine colors of red, orange, and yellow bursting from the inside out.

We are in a period of change, you and me,

Evolving with time.

When I look out at the trees, I see beauty.

Seasons change, I know that.

People change, I know that.

There is beauty in it, too— I know that.

But do you remember the last time the leaves changed?

Do you remember the way that it smelled?

Do you remember the way that you felt?

Do you remember who was beside you?

Seasons— phases of life.

Some are beautiful and some are painful.



I see beauty in you, Fall.

I see your colors.

I smell your scents.

I feel your warmth.

But every time you come around, I'll take pause.

I'll take pause because I *do* remember.

I'll take pause because I *can't* forget.

I'll take pause because part of me still feels it.

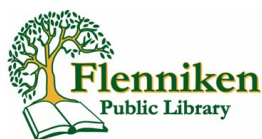
There is a part of you that lives within me, Fall—

A part that never really left.

I am reminded that the last time you were here,






























I fell with your every leaf.

Jessica Reeves



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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 1 Mother Goose Day  | 2 International Harry Potter Day  | 3 Sun Day  | 4 Star Wars Day  | 5  | 6 Kentucky Derby  |
| 8 Closed Iris Day  | 9 Closed National Moscato Day  | 10 Closed Mother Ocean Day  | 11 Closed National Twilight Zone Day  | 12 Closed Shades Day  | 13 Community Picnic At the Library Free Admission and Food 11a.m.—1 p.m. |
| 15 National Chocolate Chip Day  | 16 National Barbecue Day  | 17 National Bike to School Day  | 18 National Notebook Day  | 19 National Endangered Species Day  | 20 World Bee Day  |
| 22 National Solitaire Day  | 23 World Turtle Day  | 24 Tiara Day  | 25 Geek Pride Day  | 26 National Road Trip Day  | 27 National Sunscreen Day  |
| 29 Memorial Day  | 30 International Hug Your Cat Day  | 31 National Flip Flop Day  | | Follow Us: Flenniken Public Library    | Library Hours: Monday: 10am-6pm Tuesday: 10am-8pm Wednesday: 10am-6pm Thursday: 10am-8pm Friday: 10am-4pm Saturday: 10am-5pm |

Closings

Monday May 8th - Friday May 12th: Closed
Monday May 29th: Closed

Library Hours:

Monday: 10-6; Tuesday: 10-8; Wednesday: 10-6;
Thursday: 10-8; Friday: 10-5; Saturday: 10-5

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