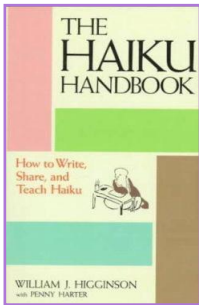


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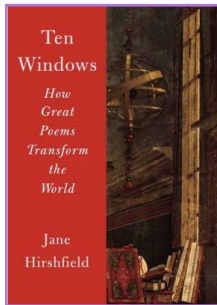
Ever wanted to write a poem but didn't know where to start?

It's easier than you think! Here are some suggestions to help you begin:

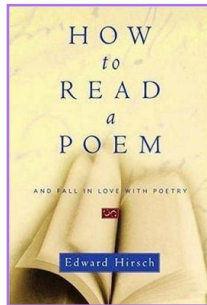
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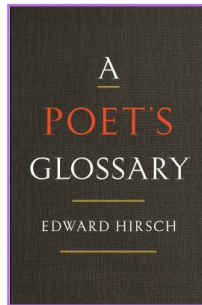
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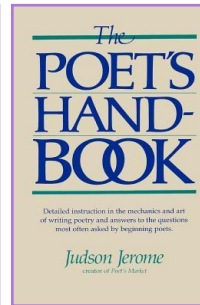
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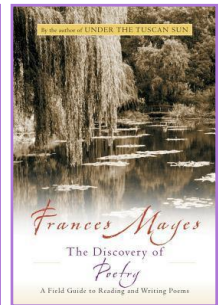
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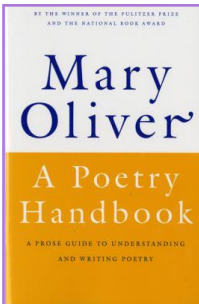
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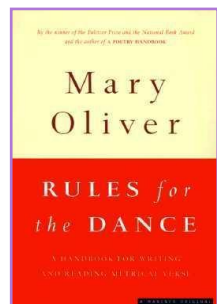
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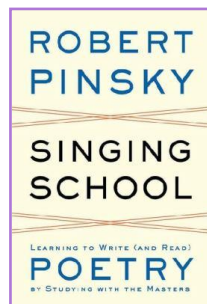
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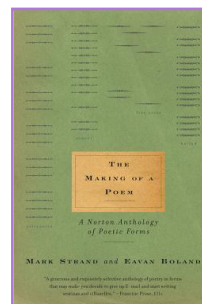
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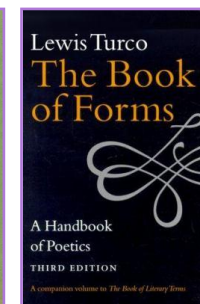
Rules for the Dance
- Mary Oliver



Singing School
- Robert Pinsky



The Making of a Poem
- Mark Strand, Eavan Boland



The Book of Forms
- Lewis Turco

Even more books exist under these subjects in the library catalog:

- Creative Writing
- Poetics
- Poetry – Authorship
- Versification

Need some help with rhyming? Rhyming dictionaries also exist!

You can always ask a librarian about any of these topics!

Some Websites You Can Visit *to Learn More about Poetry...*

- The Academy of American Poets: www.poets.org
- The Poetry Foundation: www.poetryfoundation.org
- Poetry Resources Online: www.thrall.org/poetry

Some Helpful Tips *for Your Consideration...*

- **Learning to write poetry** can be fun, educational, even therapeutic and inspiring!
- Poetry can help us **explore, express, and understand the world** (and even ourselves) in **new ways!**
- A **librarian** can help you locate **poetry collections** (also known as **poetry anthologies**), and these can enable you to learn more about **popular and classic poems** as well as to help you gain a better sense of **what kinds of poetic styles and topics you might like to explore in your own poetry.**
- Always be **ready to write.** Keep some paper and a pen or pencil handy so, when **inspiration** strikes, you're prepared! When it does, quickly write whatever thoughts come to mind. You can always **revise** later.
- If you have a **computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone**, you might be able to download **software** or "**app**" which can let you **type or record your ideas and observations** as they occur to you.
- Learning **basic poetry concepts** can help you understand **how poems work** and what makes "good poem."
- You can download our **free poetry guides** at www.thrall.org/poetry and begin to see how various **poetic techniques** can **transform ordinary words into moving and memorable passages.**
- For **more possibilities**, we invite you to visit our **National Poetry Month** website: www.thrall.org/npm