Art Journaling for Older Adults: Poetry and Words

Thursday, April 15, 3:30 - 5:00 PM Mountain Time

Instruction for this program takes place over Zoom.

You can join this program individually over Zoom at this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/i/83583813279

Or you can tune in at the Ford-Warren library branch community room, where supplies will be provided.

Supplies

- Journal or mixed media paper
- Pencil and scrap paper
- Sharpie
- Any color tools Markers, crayons, paint markers, etc.
- Magazine photos or other collaging materials
- Upcycled book pages, newspaper or magazine articles
- Glue or modge podge
- Scissors or exacto knife (be careful!)

Blackout Poetry Basics:

- Find source material (a bookpage, newspaper article, etc.)
- Skim your page of writing and underline the phrases or words that jump out to you (no need to rush).
- If you'd like, you can write the phrases together on a scrap piece of paper to see how they flow.
- Once you've identified all of the words in your poem, you can stylistically black out the rest in whatever style you choose!

Technique 1: Blackout Poetry (traditional)

- Use a marker or thick color tool (sharpie is best) to black out all of the words around your chosen phrases/words.
- Experiment with different weights of lines and tools.

Ideas/examples:





^{*}Feel free to incorporate any other supplies you see fit.

 Consider blacking out the words with patterns, colors, or drawings.



Technique 2: Blackout Poetry (wordmap)

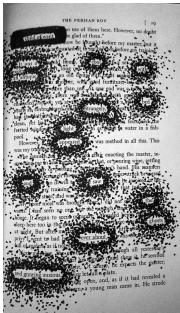
 Rather than blacking out all of the words around your poem, you can create a "word-map" by highlighting your chosen words but leaving the rest of the page legible.

Ideas/examples:









Technique #3: Word and photo collage

Use text source material (upcycled book pages and articles) and photo collage materials to creatively reframe the text.

- Experiment with rearranging words in a silhouette, or in a composition with an image.
- Experiment with collaging images onto the text page to highlight specific parts of the text.









If you have any questions or would like to share pictures of your journal, please email scrain@denverlibrary.org or call the library helpline: 720-865-1111.