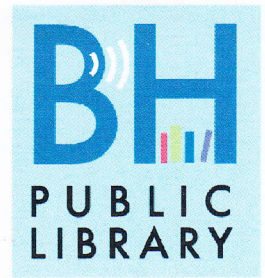


APRIL IS
NATIONAL POETRY MONTH



WHAT IS HAIKU?

HAIKU IS THE SHORTEST FORM OF POETRY IN THE WORLD!

**A HAIKU IS A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE POEM
MADE UP OF THREE SHORT LINES
THAT CAPTURE A MOMENT, IMAGE OR FEELING.**

THE TRADITIONAL FORM HAS 17 SYLLABLES:

**LINE 1 HAS 5 SYLLABLES.
LINE 2 HAS 7 SYLLABLES.
LINE 3 HAS 5 SYLLABLES.**

**A LENGTH OF 17 SYLLABLES IS NOT
AN ABSOLUTE RULE FOR HAIKU.
SOME HAIKU ARE EVEN SHORTER AND SOME HAVE
A FEW EXTRA SYLLABLES.
ALL HAIKU ARE BRIEF AND EXPRESSIVE.**

**HAIKU ARE DESCRIBED AS:
A SENSORY PASSING EXPERIENCE,
REFLECTING A MOMENT CONCISELY,
DISTILLING A HUMAN EXPERIENCE INTO A VERY SHORT
POEM, OR
A MOMENT TO REFLECT, A SENSE OF WONDER.**