

## Good poems for hard times

# Reads that Rhyme

We're into the second full week of "A Cool Book and a Cold Beverage," MCPL's Adult Summer Reading Program. Participants can read books from any of six categories and fill out entry forms [online](#) or in the library to win prizes. Last week, Andrea suggested books to read for the "Hoosier Connections" category. This week, I'm highlighting "Reads That Rhyme." All of these books can be found at the Ellettsville Branch. Happy reading--and I hope your entry is a winner!



*The Truro Bear and Other Adventures* by Mary Oliver

From the winner of the National Book Award and the Pulitzer prize for poetry comes a book of poems and essays about mammals, insects, reptiles and a disobedient little talking dog.



*Baseball Haiku* edited by Cor Van Den Heuvel and Nanae Tamura

Fans of NPR's *Only a Game* radio program which features an annual Super Bowl Haiku Challenge will enjoy these short poems capturing the sights, sounds, smells and emotions of the national pastime.



*Crank* by Ellen Hopkins

Have you ever read an entire book written in free verse? If not, here's one for you. This riveting young adult title details a girl's struggles with drug abuse.



*Good Poems for Hard Times* by Garrison Keillor

This anthology of 185 poems was selected by Garrison Keillor from those he has read on *The Writer's Almanac*, another NPR program.



*The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic* by Allan Wolf

Here's another young adult novel written in free verse that offers a glimpse into the lives of two dozen passengers and crew onboard the Titanic during it's last hours. It's amazing how much information and emotion can be conveyed in this format!

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