



THE CARLSBAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

# PATRON

April 2024

## Touch A Truck

By Sarah Jones, Director

Take the kids out to explore Carlsbad's biggest trucks. From 10 a.m. to 1 pm on Saturday, April 27th, Carlsbad Public Library is hosting its annual Touch A Truck event at the Civic Center. Children of all ages are invited to visit, sit in and touch big vehicles like a dump truck, fire truck, police cruiser, ambulance and many more. Drivers will be on site to talk with children, parents and other caregivers about the vehicles and what they do. For those who would like a quieter Touch

A Truck experience, "Quiet Hour," when no horns will be blared, will occur from 10-11 a.m.

This will be our 3rd annual event. From big rigs to emergency response vehicles, Touch A Truck is a family-friendly event designed to allow children to explore, climb, and touch vehicles of all shapes and sizes. There will be fun for everyone in the family— meet the people who build, protect and serve Eddy County. Our

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## National Poetry Month

By Alexis Ramirez



April is National Poetry Month, every year there are various events to celebrate poets and their works. It was organized by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, as a way to increase awareness and appreciation for the poetic arts. Poetry can take many forms and seems to stand between music and the narrative arts. Poetry can have rhythms and meters like music does or it can be novels, such as Beowulf. Poetry is a great way for people to express themselves, since it

has a great focus on symbolism and imagery. If one thinks about how poetry can invoke emotion while hiding meanings within meanings, one can come to the conclusion that poetry, and writing in general, is a good therapeutic practice.

Poetry offers some unique benefits compared to the other forms of writings. With the emphasis on symbolism, metaphors, and imagery, poetry writing promotes creative thinking while also providing a

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 11 AM Toddler Time 4 PM Stitchers Anonymous	3 10 AM Preschool Storytime 4 PM LEGO TIME	4 10 AM Baby Time	5 10 AM Toddler Time	6 10 AM ASL Sign Time
7	8	9 11 AM Toddler Time	10 10 AM Preschool Storytime 4 PM LEGO TIME	11 10 AM Baby Time	12 10 AM Toddler Time	13 10 AM Dungeons & Dragons 2 PM STEM Club
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28	29	30	1	2	3	4 10 AM ASL Sign Time



**Book Club Readings:**

**Brews & Books –**  
*Much Ado About Nada*, by Uzma Jalaluddin



Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 8 pm | Fri - Sat: 9 am - 6 pm  
101. S. Halagueno, Carlsbad, NM | 575-885-6776



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### ◆ Truck

event helps to raise awareness of the hard work you do for our community. We are looking for trucks, cars, boats, tractors, and rigs of every shape and size to help us bring children up close and personal with the machines that build their world and the men and women who serve and protect them. Touch A Truck offers exhibitors the opportunity to interact with parents, children, volunteers, and the community at large. Our goal is that children and families will receive an exceptional experience with vehicles of all types: construction, public service, emergency, utility, landscaping, transportation, delivery, and more. Children will interact with their favorite vehicles, learn about the importance of safety, and meet the men and women who serve and protect our community.

The great thing about this event is it lets children meet important people in our community in a fun way. Often when they see one of these vehicles they are responding to an emergency, it can be a scary situation. With the lights and sounds children can be scared and not want the police or firefighter help them. But this event lets them meet our first responders in a fun way. They get to explore the vehicle

and learn about the jobs that go with them. Last year children were amazed at how many buttons and levels were in the trash trucks. Found out that the SWAT vehicle were hard to drive since there is low visibility. And enjoyed snacks provided by officers that greeted them with smiles. Eddy County Sheriff's office gave them badge stickers and talked to them about their safety vests, and equipment. They shared candy with truck drivers and learned what it was like to keep the country running during the pandemic.

Do you have a big cool vehicle that families would enjoy? Let us know if you want to bring your vehicle. There is still time to get added to our event. If you are interested in participating, please let us know by confirming your spot with the library. Parking space assignments will be made and someone will be there the day of the event to direct you and your vehicles. Vehicles will need to be in place by 8:30 a.m. To reserve your spot reach out to Scotti Janway at 575-885-6776 or email her at [bjvoorhis@cityofcarlsbadnm.com](mailto:bjvoorhis@cityofcarlsbadnm.com)

Make sure to stop by the Civic Center April 27th to explore all the new vehicles we will have and meet new first responders. Thank them for all their hard work and make sure to honk the horn on the coolest trucks in town! ◆

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safe way to vent and examine a person's feelings. With the raw expression of a person's thoughts and feelings out in the open, poetry helps a person become more attuned to their thoughts and feelings.



The act of creating the poetry can also be a cathartic experience while also pushing a person to challenge themselves intellectually. Poetry writing strengthens language, writing, and speaking skills because the steps involved in crafting poetry can strengthen the cognitive processes and engage the right hemisphere of the brain (the creative part of the brain). It can also prompt us to look at the world from a variety of perspectives which increases empathy and can connect us to other people. If the poetry is shared with other people, this also helps a person connect with other people and forges deeper connections with them.

Writing poetry can be hard but here are a few prompts to get started:

1. Write a poem using 'I'. Write about your day so far (feel free to exaggerate and embellish).
2. If you were an animal what would you be? Write from an animal's perspective.
3. Write a poem about the weather.
4. Open any book. Write a poem based on the first word which draws your attention.
5. Listen. What's the most prominent sound you hear? Write about it.
6. Write a poem from the perspective of someone sullen and sitting alone on a park bench.
7. Write a poem made of ten metaphors
8. Has there ever been a time when you felt like the hero of your life? How about the villain? Write yourself as the hero, then write yourself as the villain. Paint the perspectives of each and explore the different aspects of the story from each lens.
9. Write a poem about a criminal who's always on the run. Highlight how you've managed to avoid numerous police traps and why you think the boys in blue may never catch up with you.
10. Write about love. (Familial, romantic, platonic, any kind). ◆



# KID'S CORNER



## Stained Glass Butterfly

[typicallysimple.com/stained-glass-butterfly](http://typicallysimple.com/stained-glass-butterfly)



### SUPPLIES

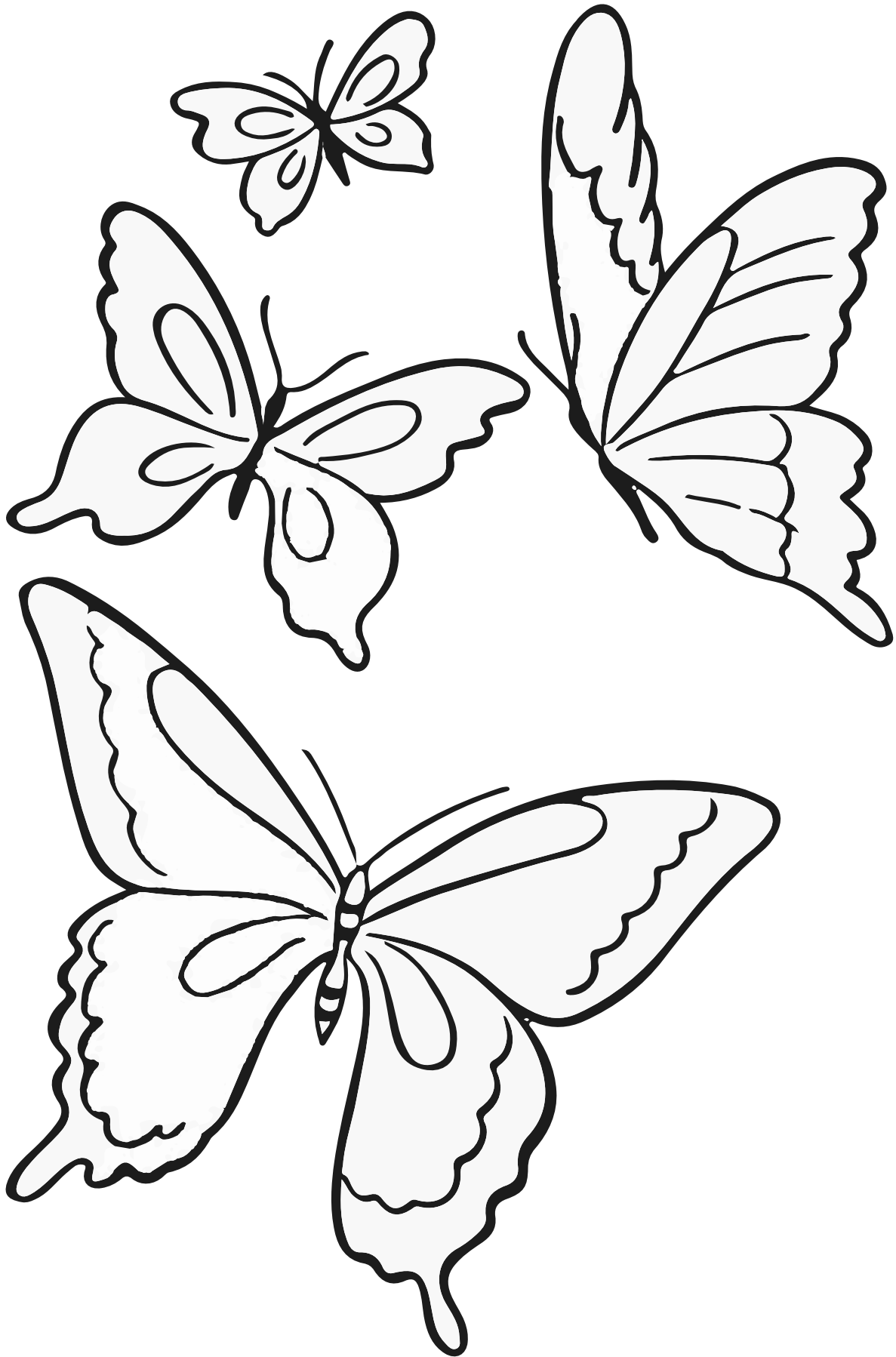
- contact paper
- black construction paper
- butterfly template
- tissue paper
- scissors
- yarn or twine



This stained glass butterfly is simple to make and adds some color to your windows! A fun and colorful craft to welcome spring!

### DIRECTIONS

- Trace the butterfly template onto a piece of black construction paper and cut it out. I just did a quick Google search to find a butterfly shape that I could use as a template.
- Fold the butterfly shape in half and cut about half an inch to an inch from the outside following the outline of the shape. This will create the stained glass frame.
- Cut a piece of contact paper slightly larger than the butterfly. Peel the backing off and stick the stained glass frame to the sticky side.
- Cut a variety of colors of tissue paper into small squares and place on the contact paper, overlapping a little to cover completely.
- Take a second piece of contact paper, peel off the backing, and place it sticky side down on top of the butterfly. Trim the excess contact paper off around it.
- Finally, snip a little hole into one of the butterfly wings, string the yarn through and tie in a knot. And that's it! Now your stained glass butterfly is ready to hang in the window. ♦





Tianjin Binhai Library, China. / TPG/Getty Images Entertainment/Getty Images

# 10 Unusual Libraries From Around the World

By Lorna Wallace,  
[mentalfloss.com/posts/most-unusual-libraries](https://mentalfloss.com/posts/most-unusual-libraries)

In the words of Stephen King, “books are a uniquely portable magic.” They have to be stored somewhere—and the buildings created to house them can be equally as magical. There are 2.7 million libraries scattered across the globe, and while there are many beautiful ones, there are also a number of more unique ones. Here are 10 of the most unusual libraries—ranging from creative architectural wonders to libraries that aren’t housed within buildings at all.

## 1. Seikei University Library / Tokyo, Japan

The main atrium of Seikei University Library features five elevated glass study pods that are fashioned in a slick, sci-fi style. It was designed by Shigeru Ban and completed in 2006. One wall of the five-story library is made almost entirely of glass, giving those outside the building a brilliant view of the raised meeting rooms that are scattered

across the different levels. The futuristic domed pods are aptly known as “planets.”

## 2. The Haskell Free Library & Opera House / Quebec, Canada and Derby Line, Vermont

The Haskell Free Library straddles the border between Canada and the United States and serves patrons from both countries. The main entrance is on the American side, but the majority of the books reside in Canada. There’s even a line on the floor to mark the border. While Canadians are not required to show their passport to enter the library, it is strongly encouraged that they bring identification in case U.S. Border Patrol or the RCMP decide to do checks.

## 3. Future Library Project / Oslo, Norway

Each year the Future Library—described by The Guardian as

“the world’s most secretive library”—sees a different author add a manuscript to a collection that will not be available for reading until 2114. The project was started in 2014 by Scottish artist Katie Paterson, and the stories involved are being stored in the Silent Room at Oslo Public Library. Once the 100 books have been gathered, they will be printed on paper made from a specially grown forest.

A Future Library committee has been established to choose which author should be invited to contribute each year. The decision is made based on “outstanding contributions to literature or poetry, and for their work’s ability to capture the imagination of this and future generations.”

## 4. Beach Library / Balchik Municipality, Bulgaria

The Albena vacation resort has the perfect solution for guests

who want to read by the sea but don’t want to lug around physical books or risk getting sand in their devices: An open-air library on the beach. The massive resort, located on the coast of the Black Sea, features the expected amenities like luxurious spas and sports facilities. The real draw for readers is the beach library outside Hotel Kaliakra. The library has around 6000 books in 15 languages, which are housed on 140 weather-resistant shelves. A plastic cover protects the shelves during inclement weather.

## 5. Bibliotheca Alexandrina / Alexandria, Egypt

Bibliotheca Alexandrina stands in commemoration of the ancient Library of Alexandria that was sadly lost to antiquity. Designed by Norwegian architectural firm Snøhetta, the library is a cylindrical building that looks as though its top has been sliced off diagonally and rises out of a pool of water. Construction was completed in 2001, near the location of the original library.

According to Snøhetta’s website, “Its vast circular form alongside the circular Alexandrian harbor recalls the cyclical nature of knowledge, fluid throughout time.” The tilted roof, which glistens in the sun, was designed to recall the ancient Lighthouse of Alexandria.

As well as the library facilities, the building is also home to a planetarium, a conference center, four museums, and a number of art galleries.

To read more about unusual libraries around the world go to [mentalfloss.com/posts/most-unusual-libraries](https://mentalfloss.com/posts/most-unusual-libraries). ♦

APRIL 27 | 10 AM



# 2024 FAMILY EVENT

Come learn about the dozens of emergency vehicles, transport vehicles, tow trucks, public health and safety trucks, buses and more!



Flash the Lights



Honk the Horns

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# You too, can be a poet

by Laura Hughes

Almost all of my life  
People had not  
Read my poetry because  
I never thought I wanted to  
Let anyone read my  
Poems, until  
One day in 2014, I was determined,  
Encouraged and  
Motivated to self-publish *Pieces of Me*



April is National Poetry Month. It's amazing what can happen when you set your mind to accomplish something. I began writing poetry as a teenager. I liked having a creative outlet to express myself, but I wanted to do it in private. Many years and more poems later, I discovered I had written enough poems to put into a book format. Realizing I'd shed most of my adolescent insecurities, I felt ready for others to read my poems.

With research, I found a self-publishing website through Amazon called CreateSpace, now Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) ([https://kdp.amazon.com/en\\_US/](https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/)). It was fun, not too costly, but time-consuming. Our library has a similar electronic resource: Biblioboard!

If you are interested in sharing your poetic or literary talent, and you have a library card account, check on Biblioboard. All you need to do is log onto our website and click on Biblioboard which takes you to (<https://library.biblioboard.com/home/>). At the bottom of the webpage, under INDIE AUTHOR PROJECT is a link to Create Your eBook. You do not have to create your book all at one time. While you are working on your book, you have the option to keep it private until you are ready to share.

To see for myself how Biblioboard works, I've started working on a book. If self-publishing interests you, enjoy the process and take your time. So, you too, can be a poet and you don't have to rhyme.