

The Word Collector

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Synopsis: Jerome enjoys collecting and using words that he hears, reads, or sees, and then decides to share his collection with others.

Suggested Reading Date: April – National Poetry Month. National Poem in your Pocket Day in April.

Activity Descriptions:

- Collect words throughout the year with all nominated books
- Have students collect words and create a class poem
- Lego Poetry – glue words to blocks and create poems using blocks
- Magnet Poetry – glue words to magnets and have students create poems using cookie sheets & word magnets
- Collect items as a class to make a class collection

Related Websites:

- National Poem in your Pocket Day <https://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/poem-your-pocket-day>
- National Poetry Month <https://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/home>
- Artist-created (Fouhy) website of words collected around cities <http://collectingwords.com/>
- Book trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8jhyId12Qw>

Text to Text Connections: *he Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus* by Jen Bryant
After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again by Dan Santat

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