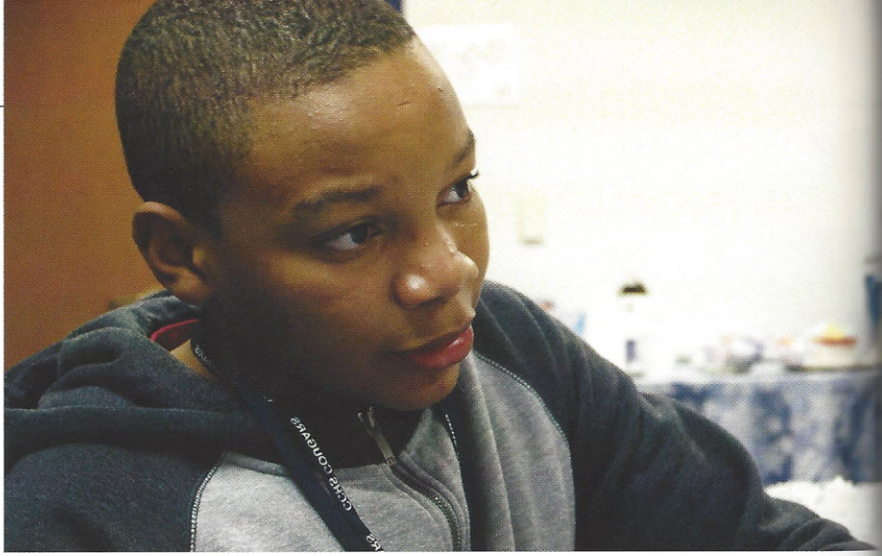


# POETRY & PIZZA

With a variety of poetic styles—and pizza, of course—the Poetry & Pizza members, or "Ninja Poets" as they call themselves, meet during the third Friday of every month in the library. During these meetings, students gather around a table, share their original poetry, and enjoy some slices of pizza! Lynn Douglas-Simmons, known affectionately as "Ms. M.O.M.," runs this club. She inherited the program when she started working at Colleton County High School and likes "how it brings students with different interests together with one common interest." The previous and current members of Poetry & Pizza have created original books with poems and drawings made by the students. After being published, they can be checked out in our school library for others to enjoy.

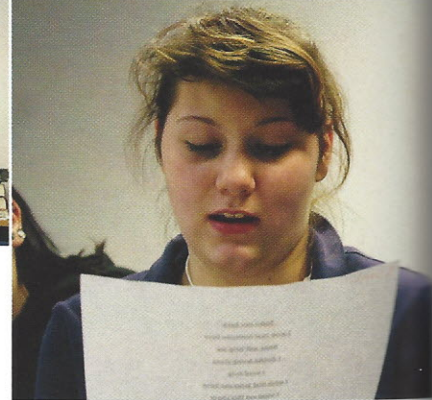
"POETRY IS WHEN AN EMOTION HAS FOUND ITS THOUGHT AND THE THOUGHT HAS FOUND WORDS."



**POETRY AND PIZZA PUBLISHING//** Members of Poetry and Pizza are able to write and illustrate their own books to have published. There is also a group book open to all members who would like to submit a poem.



**ABOVE:** Sophomore, Clayton Kittrell listens respectfully to his fellow Poetry and Pizza members read their poems aloud.



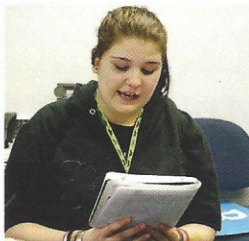
**RIGHT:** When asked what poetry provided for her, freshman Savannah Hughes stated, "Poetry helps me express my feelings when I can't explain them."

"We share everything together. We formed a bond of trust and friendship like no other." -Senior member Trevor Owens

## POETRY CHANGES THE WORLD//

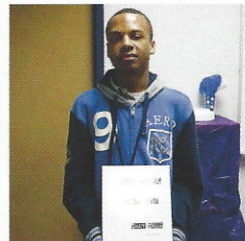
**CIERRAL BOYLES//**

Most writers find writing poetry and stories to be emotional relief. Freshman Cierral Boyles agrees and says she writes poems to express what's in her heart.



**ANDRE JENKINS//**

Senior Andre Jenkins poses with his first published book of poems. "Writing makes me feel like I can accomplish anything I set my mind to."



**KIFFANY POWELL//**

Junior Kiffany Powell reads her poem out loud to her fellow members. She explained that she writes poems because "Poetry makes the world a better place."

