**Latham Library's first Haiku Contest for kids ages 12 and under was held over National Library Week, April 20-24, 2020.  We had so many excellent submissions!    Here are all of the entries, with first, second, and third prize marked.**

**Julia Bonnett, grade 5:**

escape from your mind

head toward creativity

into libraries

open the big doors

discover the world of books

find a library

the books are alive!

they are flying above us

in the library

the tigers can read!

tigers roam the library,

searching for a book

**Ross Bonnett, grade 1:**

building libraries

with books all around the town

sell books you'll be crowned

black panther eyes stare

searching through library books

birds fly over head

**Jillian Fein, grade 5:**

Libraries are fun

Book characters come to life

I wish I could stay

Quiet place to read

Libraries are beautiful

I wish it was open

I love libraries

It's so comfy and cozy

Little reading nooks

Libraries are food

Bananas make me happy

books have food in them

**Sam, Eli, and Ian Kraemer:**

Libraries are fun,

You can read and learn with books,

Read, build, imagine.

We like to read books,

They can bring you anywhere,

at the library.

**Connor Kutter-Walker, grade 6:**

Penny Carnival

Story Time and Open Mike

Thetford Libraries

Connecting with friends

Cattails at the library

Climbing apple tree

Latham Library

Even in a pandemic

Is still functioning

**Daniel Mann, grade 6:**

many books to read

and not nearly enough time

in the library

so many stories

sitting in the library

loaded with knowledge

**Third Prize:**

warm sunny morning

reading my book happily

from the library

**Melanie McGuckin, grade 6:**

Libraries have books

I like the Minecraft books lots

Libraries are great.

Libraries are good

Libraries have books galore

Free for you to read.

You can read books lots

Libraries have computers

I love libraries

**Maggie Mikovitz, grade 6:**

the library is

nice when you want to relax

and read quietly

the library has

lots of people to talk to

and read quietly

the library needs

nothing it is perfect now

perfect like it is

**Londyn Oshoniyi, grade 4:**

Come into this place

It's the library, let's read

Many books to read

Libraries have books

We read at the library

Read quietly here

Lots of books to read

Come on it's the library

Let’s read all the books

At the library

There is lots and lots of books

Let's read and read here

Books on all the shelves

Get one book or two or three

It's the library

**Xander Oshoniyi, grade 6:**

In the Library

imagination will roam

all throughout the place

**Second Prize:**

A library is

completely like a bank vault

the gold is the books

On a street corner

a little building stands tall

it's a library

You can read you can

learn in every library

now it is your turn

I thrive for the days

when the library's open

it's my second home

**Nick Smallwood, grade 5:**

Learn from every book

Find a comfy spot and read

I love libraries

**First Prize:**  
Endless shelves of books

Wishing I could read them all

Libraries are great

Fascinating place

Magic fills the shelves of books

In the library

Books fill all the shelves

I search the library well

Find the perfect book

In the library

Searching for the perfect book

I find it and read

**Emmett Terry, grade 6:**

I watch clouds in sky

They pass over library

The sky turn bright blue

I see plane in sky

It passes the library

It becomes silent

Corona is here

Library’s are partly closed

We can still get books

**Ida Terry, grade 3:**  
I sit under tree  
I read book from library  
It starts to thunder

I love libraries

Libraries let me read books

I read when it rains

Libraries are fun

You can read books in the sun

I love libraries

We read books at home

We read books at libraries

Books are good to read

**Tristan Woodward, grade 5:**

What do I miss most

I miss library game night

Virus please end soon

I love libraries

Take me to another world

When can I come back

I love to read books

Oh library I miss you

Many reads to come