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POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

Teens are invited to explore the possibilities of their own writing with poet Carter McKenzie

Springfield Public Library will host a teen poetry workshop on Thursday, August 15, 2013 from 2-4 pm in the library conference room with poet Carter McKenzie. Teens, grades 6-12, are invited to participate in this free Summer Reading program. Please register at the Children's Service Desk.

This poetry workshop will offer teen writers an opportunity to explore the possibilities of image, metaphor, and sound for the language of their own writing. Work will be written in class in response to prompts, and the sharing of ideas and poetry encouraged in the spirit of the vitality of poetry—its power of surprise through unexpected, effective associations.

Workshop presenter Carter McKenzie's poems have appeared in a number of anthologies and journals, including *Raising Our Voices: an anthology of Oregon poets against the war*. She is the author of the chapbook *Naming Departure* and a full-length book of poetry *Out of Refusal*. Carter teaches poetry workshops to middle school and high school students in Eugene, Springfield, and surrounding rural communities. She is a founding member of the poetry publishing collective Airlie Press.

The library offers programs throughout the summer for all ages. Complete information is available at the library or at <http://wheremindsgrow.org/programs>. The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Cressey Family Charitable Fund.

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When: Thursday, August 15, 2013 from 2-4 pm.

Where: Springfield Public Library in the library conference room

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