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## **~ Media Advisory ~**

### **SPRING POETRY READING IN SPRINGFIELD**

*Featuring the poets Chris Anderson, Paulann Petersen and Harriot West*

On Tuesday, October 14, 2014 from 7-9pm, the Springfield Library is joining together once again with the Oregon Poetry Association Eugene/Springfield Chapter for an evening of shared verse. The poetry series is presented twice a year at the Springfield Library, once in April and again in October. This year's spring reading features the poets Chris Anderson, former Oregon Poet Laureate Paulann Petersen, and Harriot West.

Refreshments provided; held inside the library.

#### **More about the poets:**

**CHRIS ANDERSON** is a professor of English at Oregon State University and a Catholic deacon. He has published a number of books, including literary criticism, essays and two books of poems. *The Next Thing Always Belongs*, his second book of poems, was published in 2011 by Airlie Press, a writers' collective. He and his wife, Barb, live on the edge of McDonald Forest north of Corvallis.

**PAULANN PETERSEN**, Oregon Poet Laureate Emerita, has six full-length books of poetry, most recently *Understory*, from Lost Horse Press (2013). Her poems have appeared in many journals and anthologies, including *Poetry*, *The New Republic*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Willow Springs*, *Calyx*, and the Internet's *Poetry Daily*. She was a Stegner Fellow at Stanford University and the recipient of the 2006 Holbrook Award from Oregon Literary Arts.

**HARRIOT WEST**'s haibun and haiku have been widely published in various journals and anthologies including *Modern Haiku*, *Frogpond*, *Contemporary Haibun*, and *The Norton Anthology of Haiku in English*. In addition, she has received numerous awards for her writing, including the Modern Haiku Award and the Museum of Haiku Literature Award. A collection of her haibun and haiku, *Into the Light*, has been accepted for publication by Mountains and Rivers Press. Currently she is serving as one of the editors of the annual anthology, *Contemporary Haibun*, published by Red Moon Press.

**What:** Fall Poetry Reading, a partnership between the Springfield Library and the Oregon Poetry Association

**When:** Tuesday, October 14, 2014 from 7-9pm

**Where:** Inside the Springfield Public Library located at 225 5<sup>th</sup> St. Springfield, OR 97477

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