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TIMBER! LOGGING AND FORESTRY IN POETRY AND PROSE

Local poets Michael Barker and Michael Payne will read from their collections

On Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 3pm, poets Michael Barker and Michael Payne will read from their respective work in the Library Meeting Room. The event is part of the Springfield Library Foundation Author & Music Series.

Barker worked most of his life as a logger, but in 2001, found himself two miles downstream from where Zane Grey wrote on the Rogue River. He stayed over six years at Paradise Lodge where he worked as manager, handyman, gardener, resident poet and BS'er extraordinaire. He has three books, including *Out of Oregon: Logging, Lies and Poetry*.

Payne is the proud son of a logger and was raised on a farm four miles west of Carlton, Oregon. He attended Oregon State University and set out on the life and career path of a forester. Payne was bitten by the writing bug later in life, and after sharing some poems at his father's 80th birthday celebration, he felt a desire to create "something." He went on to write his book, *Rings of a Forester*, which includes family history and a humorous look at his life as a forester.

What: *Timber! Poets from the Logging and Forestry Industries*

When: Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 3pm

Where: Springfield Library Meeting Room, 225 5th St. Springfield, OR

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