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FALL POETRY READING

*Featuring the poets Crystal Williams, Ce Rosenow, and Rick
McMonagle*

On Tuesday, October 25 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 fall reading features the poets Crystal Williams, Rick McMonagle and Ce Rosenow.

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

When: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 7-9pm

Where: Library Meeting Room located at 225 5th St. Springfield, OR 97477

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Reading examples and background:

“She is merging onto the Edsel Ford Freeway
in a car no longer made,
in a city that no longer makes it...”
from *Enlightenment* by Crystal Williams

Crystal Williams is the author of three collections of poems, most recently *Troubled Tongues*, winner of the 2009 Naomi Long Madgett Poetry Prize and a finalist for the 2009 Oregon Book Award. Widely anthologized, her poems also appear in journals such as *The American Poetry Review* and *Ms. Magazine*. Raised in Detroit, Michigan and Madrid, Spain, she has just completed a fourth collection of poems, titled *Walking the Cemetery: Detroit Poems*. She holds a B.A. from New York University and a Master of Fine Arts from Cornell University. She is Associate Professor of Creative Writing at Reed College in Portland, OR.

“Snow level drops

valley streams rush
feverish magnolias
constantly blush
and I cringe, again,
at how badly I treat myself
over the tiniest of tragedies.”
from *April, Again* by Rick McMonagle

Rick McMonagle was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA. His poetry lineage includes a Calabrian great-uncle, Francesco Capilupi, who fell in love, left the priesthood, emigrated to NYC and wrote poems; John Haag, his first poetry teacher at Penn State and who was a student of Theodore Roethke; and Allen Ginsberg and Anne Waldman at Naropa University where he received a Poetics Certificate. Rick was Executive Director of two river-based environmental organizations and now lives in Eugene, OR.

“Life filled with a sense of place, work, friends, love. But something isn’t right.
Isn’t enough. Isn’t finished. Isn’t.” from *Eumenides* by Ce Rosenow

Ce Rosenow’s poetry has appeared in many journals and anthologies including *Fireweed*, *Hummingbird*, *Modern Haiku*, and *Origin*. Her books and chapbooks include *The Backs of Angels*, *Even If*, *North Lake*, *Pacific*, and *A Year Longer*. She is the current President of the Haiku Society of America, the former co-editor of *Northwest Literary Forum* and *Portlandia Review of Books*, and the publisher of Mountains and Rivers Press in Eugene.

Refreshments provided; held in the Library Meeting Room.