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## **SPRING POETRY READING IN SPRINGFIELD**

*Featuring the poets Kelly Eastlund, Floyd Skloot, and Dawn Diez Willis*

On Tuesday, April 5, 2016 from 7-9pm, the Springfield Library Foundation sponsors an evening of shared verse at Springfield Public Library. The poetry series is presented twice a year, once in April and once in October. This year's spring reading features the poets Kelly Eastlund, Floyd Skloot and Dawn Diez Willis.

Refreshments provided; held inside the library.

The event is part of the Springfield Library Foundation's Arts, Culture & Education programming at the Springfield Public Library. The [Springfield Library Foundation](#) is a charitable non-profit dedicated to enhancing library services in Springfield.

More about the poets:



**KELLY EASTLUND** was born in Missouri and lived in California and Colorado before moving to Oregon in 2002. Her poems have appeared in journals such as *Four and Twenty*, *Shot Glass Journal*, and *The Whistling Fire* as well as several anthologies. She is a member of the Oregon Poetry Association, Lane Literary Guild, and the Eugene critique group Red Sofa Poets. She currently lives in Springfield and works full-time in marketing communications.



**FLOYD SKLOOT** is the author of 19 books including the memoirs *In the Shadow of Memory* (U. of Nebraska Press, 2003), *The Wink of the Zenith: The Shaping of a Writer's Life* (U. of Nebraska Press, 2008), and *Revertigo: An Off-Kilter Memoir* (U. of Wisconsin Press, 2014), and the poetry collections *The End of Dreams* (LSU Press, 2006), *The Snow's Music* (LSU Press, 2008) and *Approaching Winter* (LSU Press, 2015). In 2010, Poets & Writers named him "one of 50 of the Most Inspiring Authors in the World." His work has won three Pushcart Prizes, the PEN USA Literary Award, two Pacific NW Booksellers

Association Book Awards, two Oregon Book Awards, and been a finalist for the PEN Award in the Art of the Essay, The Patterson Poetry Prize, and the Barnes & Noble Discover Award. His poems and essays have appeared in *The Best American Essays*, *The Best American Science Writing*, *The Best of the Best American Science Writing*, *The Best Spiritual Writing*, and *The Best Food Writing* anthologies. With his daughter, bestselling author Rebecca Skloot, he co-edited *The Best American Science Writing 2011*. He lives in Portland with his wife Beverly Hallberg.



**DAWN DIEZ WILLIS** holds an MFA from the University of Oregon, where she served as an editor with *Northwest Review*. An alumni editor of Airlie Press, she has received a Literary Arts Fellowship and has been a Pushcart nominee. Her work has appeared in *The Iowa Review*, *Southern Poetry Review*, *Poet Lore*, and elsewhere. She is currently collaborating on a fine arts book with Ann Kresge that features art and poetry around the subject of sacred sites. Diez Willis's poetry book *Still Life with Judas & Lightning* (Airlie Press) was a finalist for the Oregon Book Award.

**What:** Spring Poetry Reading

**When:** Tuesday, April 5, 2016 from 7-9pm

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

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