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SPRING POETRY READING IN SPRINGFIELD

Featuring the poets Maxine Scates, Jennifer Richter & Sharon Lask Munson

On Tuesday, April 7, 2015 from 7-9pm, the Springfield Library Foundation is joining together once again with the Oregon Poetry Association 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 Maxine Scates, Jennifer Richter and Sharon Lask Munson.

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:



MAXINE SCATES is the author of three books of poetry, *Undone* (New Issues 2011), *Toluca Street*, and *Black Loam*. She is coeditor, with David Trinidad, of *Holding Our Own: The Selected Poems of Ann Stanford*. Her poems have been widely published in such journals as *AGNI*, *The American Poetry Review*, *Ironwood*, *The Massachusetts Review*, *Ploughshares* and *The Virginia Quarterly Review*, and her work has received the Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize, the Lyre Prize, the Oregon Book Award for Poetry, and a Pushcart Prize.



JENNIFER RICHTER'S, second collection, *No Acute Distress*, has been named the 2014 Crab Orchard Series in Poetry Editor's Selection and will be published in Spring 2016. Her first book, *Threshold*, was chosen by Natasha Trethewey as winner of the Crab Orchard Series in Poetry and by Robert Pinsky as an Oregon Book Award Finalist. Richter was awarded a Wallace Stegner Fellowship and Jones Lectureship in Poetry by Stanford University, where she taught in the Creative Writing Program for four years; she is currently Visiting Poet in Oregon State University's MFA Program.



SHARON LASK MUNSON grew up in Detroit, Michigan—attended Michigan State University and Wayne State University. She taught in England, Germany, Okinawa, and Puerto Rico before driving her blue Oldsmobile to Anchorage, Alaska where she taught for the next twenty years. She is the author of the chapbook, *Stillness Settles Down the Lane* (Uttered Chaos Press, 2010), a full-length book of poems, *That Certain Blue* (Blue Light Press, 2011), and *Braiding Lives*, a finalist in the Poetica Publishing chapbook contest (Poetica Publishing, 2014). She lives and writes in Eugene, Oregon.

<http://www.sharonlaskmunson.com>

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

When: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 from 7-9pm

Where: Inside the Springfield Public Library located at 225 5th St. Springfield, OR 97477

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