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FALL POETRY READING IN SPRINGFIELD

*Featuring the poets Maxine Scates, Jennifer Richter & Sharon Lask
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On Tuesday, October 6, 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 Ingrid Wendt, Lex Runciman and Keli Osborn.

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:



Ingrid Wendt's first book of poems, *Moving the House*, was selected by William Stafford for BOA Editions' New Poets of America Series. Her next three books won the Oregon Book Award, the Yellowglen Award, and the Editions Prize. Her fifth full-length collection, *Evensong*, was published by Truman State University Press. Co-editor of the Oregon poetry anthology *From Here We Speak* and of *In Her Own Image: Women Working in the Arts*, Ingrid was recently invited to open a session of the Oregon State Legislature with a poem. Three of her poems have been featured on *The Writer's Almanac* with Garrison Keillor. She will offer a

sampling from each of her books: a host of small epiphanies arising from everyday life, turning points in relationships, insights into our troubled world, and coming to terms with loss. She lives in Eugene with her writer husband, Ralph Salisbury.



Born and raised in Portland, **Lex Runciman** has lived most of his life in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Along the way, he worked as a warehouseman, shipping-receiving clerk, and a stacker in a box mill. Holder of graduate degrees from the writing programs at the University of Montana and the University of Utah, he taught for eleven years at Oregon State University and is now Professor of English at Linfield College, where he has twice received the Edith Green Award for teaching excellence.

His fifth book of poems, *One Hour That Morning & Other Poems* was published in 2014 from Salmon Poetry (Ireland) and won the Julie Olds and Thomas Hellie Award for Creative Achievement. Recent work has appeared in or is forthcoming in *Ploughshares*, *Nimrod*, *Crannog* (Ireland), *Stand* (UK), and *Terrain*. A new and selected volume is due in 2017.

Runciman is also the author of *Luck* (1981), *The Admirations* (1989) which won the Oregon Book Award, *Out of Town* (2004), and *Starting from Anywhere* (2009). His work has been featured on Verse Daily and in various anthologies including most recently *CutBank 40* and *Alive at the Center*, published by Ooligan Press. Individual poems have received the Kenneth O. Hanson Award and the Silcox Prize. He and Deborah Berry Runciman have been married more than forty years.



Keli Osborn was born in Oregon and returned after a peripatetic childhood to make a home in Eugene, where she lives with her spouse and one of two 20-something sons. A former long-time manager in local government, one-time newspaper reporter and recent college instructor, Keli returns always to writing as a way of making sense of the world. Her poems appear in *Allegro*, *Dark Water Literary Journal*, *KYSO Flash*, *The Quotable* and other publications, including the 2015 Red Sofa Poets chapbook, "How to Love Everything."

What: Fall Poetry Reading at the Springfield Library

When: Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 7-9pm

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

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