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A READING BY OREGON POET LAUREATE PAULANN PETERSEN

A Teen Poetry Writing Workshop Will Kick-off the event at noon

On Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 12-2 pm, Oregon's Poet Laureate Paulann Petersen will teach a poetry writing workshop for teens at the Springfield Public Library. Following the workshop, the library will host a reading by Petersen, Oregon's sixth and current Poet Laureate, starting at 2:30.

Registration for the workshop is limited to 25 teens. To pre-register, call 541-726-2237 or visit the library's reference desk. The reading is open to the public. Both events are free.

Ms. Petersen was a high school teacher for 20 years and has taught a number of writing workshops. For this class, she will use the springboard technique to help participants draw on imagination, memories and experiences to start poems. After writing, everyone will have an opportunity to read their work aloud. Snacks will be provided.

What: Oregon Poet Laureate, Paulann Petersen reading and Teen Writing Workshop
When: Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011 (Teen Writing workshop at Noon, followed by a reading at 2:30)
Where: Springfield Library Meeting Room, 225 5th St. Springfield, OR
Additional Information: Contact Carrie Schindele-Cupples at (541) 726-2237

This is a free program supported by Oregon's Poet Laureate program, a collaborative project of the state's five cultural partners: Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Heritage Commission,

Oregon Historical Society, Oregon Humanities, and State Historic Preservation Office, with funding from the Oregon Cultural Trust.

Ms. Petersen is charged with the task of promoting reading, writing and appreciation of poetry throughout the state. An accomplished poet, she has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize several times and is part of *Poetry in Motion*, which places poetry on public transportation in Portland. Her books of poetry available at the Springfield Library include: *The Voluptuary*, *A Bride of Narrow Escape* and *Kindle*.

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