

Stockton Center on Successful Aging Presents Tour of Poetry for Seniors

Free Monthly Sessions Held on Third Saturdays from Jan. 16 – May 21, 2016

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Galloway, NJ – The Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) is partnering with the Otto Bruyns Public Library of Northfield to sponsor ongoing senior poetry workshops at the library, located at 241 W. Mill Road in Northfield.

The workshops, which include a lecture on poetry and a reading from a visiting poet, will take place from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** on the **third Saturday of each month** from January through May 2016. A light luncheon will be offered courtesy of the library and local food service businesses.

The third-Saturday schedule is as follows:

Jan. 16, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with guest poet Bridget Sprouls

Feb. 20, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with guest poet Anna Evans

March 19, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with guest poet Turiya S. A. Raheem

April 16, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with guest poet Nancy Reddy

May 21, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Intergenerational Poetry Festival and Anthology Release Party

The program is organized by Stockton's Emari DiGiorgio, associate professor of Writing. DiGiorgio also serves as the First-Year Studies writing coordinator, vice president of the Stockton Federation of Teachers, and as a SCOSA faculty Research Fellow.

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In a letter to Louis Untermeyer, poet Robert Frost wrote, “A poem...begins as a lump in the throat, a sense of wrong, a homesickness, a lovesickness. It is a reaching-toward expression; an effort to find fulfillment. A complete poem is one where an emotion finds the thought and the thought finds the words.”

This monthly poetry workshop invites participants to seek words for thoughts, to find a type of fulfillment with poetry. During each session, an established guest poet will read original work, present an engaging lecture and encourage participants to write and share something of their own.

Participants will have an opportunity to have their poetry included in the “Tour of Poetry Anthology” and will be invited to participate in the Intergenerational Poetry Festival in May 2016.

The workshops are partially funded by SCOSA research and professional development funds provided by Stockton’s Division of Academic Affairs.

Registration is not required.

Visit the SCOSA website at www.stockton.edu/scosa for more information, updates and cancellation procedures.

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