

Portland poet comes to Astoria Public Library

Take part in a workshop, listen to a poetry reading

ASTORIA — As part of its Meet the Author, a free series of readings and presentations by Oregon authors, Astoria Public Library will host award-winning Portland writer John Sibley Williams on Saturday, Feb. 4.

In the afternoon, Williams will lead a creative writing and publishing workshop. Then, he will give an evening reading. Both events are free and open to the public.

There's currently a small press renaissance, with countless publishing options

for emerging authors. From submitting to reputable chapbook publishers to creating handmade, locally printed, limited editions of your work, the world has never been more open to an author's specific vision. But what's the best way to organize and structure your chapbook, make it read cohesively and find the right publishing path?

Williams will aim to answer those questions with his hands-on workshop Creating and Publishing Your Chapbook, taking place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. For writers of both poetry and prose, the workshop will guide you all the way from inspiration to publication.

Following the workshop, Williams will give a poetry reading at 6 p.m.

Williams is celebrating the release of his latest poetry collection, "Disinheritance."

The New York Review of Books said, "At once ambitious and enigmatic, these poems are charged with a mysterious energy bordering sometimes on the untranslatable." Today's Book of Poetry called it "an epic cannonade of grief. Reading it will wring your heart right out of your chest."

Williams serves as editor of The Inflectionist Review and works as both a literary agent and marketing director of Portland-based Inkwater Press. He is the editor of two

Northwest literary anthologies and the author of nine poetry collections, including "Disinheritance" and "Controlled Hallucinations."

Williams is a seven-time Pushcart nominee and winner of the Philip Booth Award, American Literary Review Poetry Contest, Nancy D. Hargrove Editors' Prize and Vallum Award for Poetry. Williams' publishing credits include: The Yale Review, Midwest Quarterly, Sycamore Review, The Massachusetts Review, Poet Lore, Saranac Review, Arts & Letters, Columbia Poetry Review, Mid-American Review, Third Coast, Baltimore Review, RHINO and various



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Portland writer John Sibley Williams will lead two events at Astoria Public Library on Feb. 4.

anthologies. He lives in Portland.

Astoria Public Library is located at 450 10th St. For more information about library programs and services,



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"Disinheritance" is the latest poetry collection by John Sibley Williams.

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