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# David Oates headlines First Draft Writers' Series

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**P**ENDLETON — David Oates is the featured writer at this month's First Draft Writers' Series, which is held on the third Thursday of each month at the Pendleton Center for the Arts.

Attendance is free. This month's session will again be held through Zoom, beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18. To receive the Zoom link, send an email to [director@pendletonarts.org](mailto:director@pendletonarts.org).

The First Draft Writers' Series brings authors and poets of note to the Pendleton (online) stage to share new work. Those attending hear from the featured author, as well as open mic readings by local, emerging writers.

According to the art center's website, the First Draft Writers' Series "is focused on encouraging discussion around issues within the community, the region and beyond."

Each session is centered around a theme inspired by the featured writer's work.

Oates is the author of two books of poetry and four works of nonfiction, including "Paradise Wild: Reimagining American Nature" and "City Limits: Walking Portland's Boundary." His award-winning essays have appeared in Georgia Review, Creative Nonfiction and Orion. He was Kittredge Distinguished Visiting Writer at the University of Montana and



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To find his books, visit [www.osupress.oregonstate.edu/author/david-oates](http://www.osupress.oregonstate.edu/author/david-oates).

OPEN MIC

According to the PCA's website, "the Open Mic readers are really the lifeblood of this event." Professional, emerging literary artists, and amateurs are all welcome to read an original piece — participants are allotted three to five minutes. Up to 10 people can sign up each month to share their work after the featured author and a quick question-and-answer session. Those who would like to participate in the open mic portion can send a note in the Zoom chat.

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