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**SACRAMENTO POET LAUREATE PROGRAM PRESENTS FREE WRITING
WORKSHOP OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

Sacramento, CA—Sacramento Poet Laureate, Bob Stanley has created a free literary series entitled New Voices Writing Workshop. The series is open to anyone interested in learning more about poetry and memoir writing. Classes began May 27th and continue through December, 2010.

The New Voices workshop is part of the Sacramento Poet Laureate Program under the auspices of the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission (SMAC). The series was developed by Mr. Stanley to reach out to new writers to help them begin the writing process. Participants will learn how to develop their individual writing style in a supportive setting with experienced instructors. The workshops are being led by local poets and writers.

Classes are 90-minutes and limited to 15 participants so early registration is encouraged. To register, contact the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org for online registration information.

WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS:

Rancho Cordova Library [Poetry and Memoir] *Hosted by Bob Stanley, Sacramento Poet Laureate 2009-11* -- Ten Thursday nights · 6-7:30pm · May 27; June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Southgate Library [Poetry and Memoir] *Hosted by Bob Stanley, Sacramento Poet Laureate 2009-11*-- Six Tuesday nights · 6-7:30pm · June 29; July 6, 20, 27; Aug 10, 17

Belle Cooleage Library [Poetry] *Hosted by John Allen Cann* -- Eight Friday afternoons · 1:00-2:30pm · July 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 20, 27

Valley Hi/Laguna Library [Poetry and Memoir] *Hosted by Bob Stanley, Sacramento Poet Laureate 2009-11*-- Eight Tuesday nights · 6-7:30pm · Sept 14, 21, 28; Oct 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov 2

South Natomas Library [Poetry] *Hosted by Julia Connor, Sacramento Poet Laureate 2005-09* -- Ten Wednesday nights · 6-7:30pm · Sept 29; Oct 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov 3, 10, 17; Dec 1, 8

Appointed by the Sacramento City Council and County Board of Supervisors, Bob Stanley is our region's fourth literary ambassador. This program is sponsored by the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission (SMAC) and Advancing Sacramento Arts, an initiative of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation made possible by a grant from the James Irvine Foundation.

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