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GREATER SUDBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR GREATER SUDBURY POET LAUREATE

The Greater Sudbury Public Library has begun the search for the city's first Poet Laureate since amalgamation. Applications are invited for the position of Greater Sudbury Poet Laureate for a two year term from 2010 to 2011.

"Photographs may fade with time but a moment captured in verse will survive forever," said Greater Sudbury Mayor John Rodriguez. "We have chosen to create our own history with the appointment of Greater Sudbury's first Poet Laureate. Our community is blessed with an abundance of talent. We have many individuals and a wealth of literary treasures from which to choose."

Greater Sudbury's Poet Laureate will serve as an active advocate for poetry, literacy and literature by initiating and participating in readings and other events throughout the community. The Poet Laureate's mandate also includes the creation of a legacy project that will be unique to the individual.

Applicants for the position must be a published poet, recognized for their achievements, and active in the cultural and literary community. Additional requirements include demonstrated leadership skills, public speaking ability and flexibility to carry out all duties required of the position. Honorarium for the Greater Sudbury Poet Laureate is \$1,000 per term.

The Poet Laureate for the term 2010-2011 will carry out his or her duties in English. The Poet Laureate for the term 2012-2013 will carry out his or her duties in French.

Closing date for applications for the term 2010-2011 is Friday, November 13. A complete description of the position and details for application are available online at www.greatersudbury.ca or at any branch of the Greater Sudbury Public Library.

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