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03.30.2007 | Campus and Community Chapbooks – small, inexpensive books no more than 25 pages long – are the focus of this year's LitFest, with free, public readings from two award-winning poets known for their chapbook work.

Poet, librarian and editor Fred Kirchner will read from *Platform of an Unacknowledged World Legislator* at 4 p.m., Saturday, April 14, in Marianist Hall.

Kirchner is outreach services children's librarian for the Dayton Metro Library, and drives a 34-foot bookmobile to schools and daycare centers. He also serves as associate editor for *Pudding House Publications* in Johnstown, Ohio. His chapbook, *Platform of an Unacknowledged World Legislator* won the 2005 Main Street Rag Chapbook Competition. His poetry has appeared in *Haz Mat*; *Talking Leaves: A Journal of Our Evolving Ecological Culture* and two *Pudding House* anthologies *Crude: Poems at the End of the Age of Oil* and *Cap City Poets*.

Poet, world-traveler and teacher Henry Oso Quintero will read his poetry from *The Animal People* at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 14, in Marianist Hall.

Quintero teaches gifted Chicano and Native American students at *ChicanIndio* in Phoenix. He is pursuing a doctorate in Native American literature and song at Arizona State University. He recently traveled to India and Estonia, where he read poetry for a Native Peoples Congress. His poetry has appeared in the *Antioch Review* and the *South Ash Press*, and he published *Eight Buffalo Hides are the Parchment of my Life: Poetry and Songs of Borderlands and Action*. in *Hayden's Ferry Review*.

Two workshops will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Studio B and Studio C at ArtStreet. During the first workshop, Quintero will discuss "The Ritual of Poetry." In the second workshop, Kirchner and Kathleen Burgess will discuss "Dirty Little Secrets: Persona Poems, Lies, Self Revelation." From 1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Studio C at ArtStreet, Burgess, Stacia Fleegal, Jessie Janeshek and Wanda Huber will read selections of their poetry.

Later in the day nationally-recognized slammers will compete during the poetry slam at 9 p.m. in Victoria W. Kettering Hall. The slam costs \$5 at the door.

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