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dee Hobsbawn-Smith Announced as SPL's Next Writer in Residence

Saskatoon Public Library is pleased to announce dee Hobsbawn-Smith as the 35th Writer in Residence. The residency runs September 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016.

"We're excited for the possibilities that dee brings to this residency," said Carol Cooley, Director of Libraries & CEO for Saskatoon Public Library. "In addition to her literary talents and her leadership in workshops, she is also a celebrated chef and well-known food writer and journalist. She writes in multiple genres of fiction, poetry and nonfiction, and works well with a variety of age groups."

The Writers in Residence offers encouragement and a critical, but sensitive and supportive eye to beginning writers who are seeking to find their own literary voice and writing skills. They also work with more established writers who desire a professional appraisal of their work. The Writer helps to increase interest in, and appreciation for, the breadth and quality of Canadian literature through hosting book discussions, workshops and literary programs.

Hobsbawn-Smith's award-winning poetry, essays, short fiction and freelance journalism have appeared in *The Malahat Review*, *Gastronomica*, *The Antigonish Review*, *The Windsor Review*, *Alberta Views*, *Canadian Living*, and many Canadian magazines and newspapers. After careers as a ground-breaking locavore chef and food writer and columnist in Calgary, she earned her MFA in Writing at the University of Saskatchewan.

The author of seven books, her debut poetry collection, *Wildness Rushing In*, was a finalist for two 2015 Saskatchewan Book Awards, including Book of the Year. *What Can't Be Undone: Stories* is hot off the press from ThistleDown Press. She's currently working on her first novel, *The Dryland Diaries*, and an essay collection, *Bread & Water*, which won second prize in the 2014 John V. Hicks Long Manuscript Award. Her fifth book, *Foodshed: An Edible Alberta Alphabet*, which examines the politics and practicalities of small-scale sustainable food production, earned three international awards. She been the facilitator of Saskatoon's Sage Hill Teen Camp for three years.

In her spare time, she cooks, gardens, and crafts hand-bound chapbooks. She lives west of Saskatoon with her partner, the poet and writer, Dave Margoshes

Saskatoon Public Library is grateful to Canada Council for the Arts for supporting our grant application and co-funding this residency. For more information on the Writer in Residence Program, please visit our website at saskatoonlibrary.ca/writerinresidence.

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