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SPL announces Elizabeth Philips as 2018/19 Writer in Residence

One of Saskatoon's most accomplished authors will soon be sharing her expertise with the local writing community through Saskatoon Public Library's (SPL) Writer in Residence program.

An award-winning writer, Elizabeth Philips has published four collections of poetry and one novel. Her 2015 novel, *The Afterlife of Birds*, won the City of Saskatoon Book Award and was a finalist for the Amazon.ca First Novel Award. She is also a two-time winner of the Saskatchewan Book Awards' Poetry Award, and *Torch River* (2007) was a finalist for the Lamba Award in the United States.

"I am looking forward to working closely with Saskatoon writers and aspiring writers," said Philips. "The next best thing to writing is talking about books and writing with other avid writers and readers!"

Philips is also a long-time editor, having edited more than 50 books of poetry and fiction for various publishers and serving as a past editor of the literary magazine, *Grain*. She is also the current director of the Emerging Writers Intensive program at the Banff Centre. Philips will begin her SPL residency in September, though the exact date has not yet been confirmed.

"We are thrilled to welcome Elizabeth to SPL's Writer in Residence office later this year," said Carol Cooley, SPL's Director of Libraries and CEO. "Her impressive credentials and skills as an author, editor and educator are a perfect fit for this position. I am confident she will be an excellence resource for our writing community over the coming months."

Philips will be SPL's 38th Writer in Residence since the program was established in 1981. For more information, visit: www.saskatoonlibrary.ca/wir.

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