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In honour of National Poetry Month, Kingston Frontenac Public Library (KFPL) is delighted to announce a very special poetry reading.

On Monday, April 24, KFPL and Kingston Poet Laureate Helen Humphreys host readings by visiting Danish poet Ulrikka S. Gernes and Kingston's own Michael e. Casteels.

For several years now, KFPL and the City's Poet Laureate have celebrated Poetry Month by hosting readings and spoken-word performances at the Library. This year, we've moved our annual poetry reading to Memorial Hall in Kingston City Hall.

"This is a lovely venue and we're very grateful to the City for offering it, and to Helen for hosting this event again," says Anne Hall, Programming and Outreach Librarian. "We'd also like to acknowledge the support of the City of Kingston through the Poet Laureate program, which is increasing the profile of the literary arts in the City and beyond."

Poetry enthusiasts will remember Ulrikka S. Gernes from her appearance at Kingston WritersFest in 2015 and for her *Frayed Opus for String & Wind Instruments* (the English translation of her 2015 collection *Flosset opus for strygere & blaesere*), which was a finalist for last year's Griffin Poetry Prize. Michael e. Casteels is well known for his many chapbooks and his latest collection, *The Last White House at the End of a Row of White Houses (*November 2016*)*, as well as his work with Puddle of Sky Press. Helen Humphreys has been Kingston Poet Laureate since January 2015. She was the guest editor for *The Best Canadian Poetry in English 2016,* and her latest book, *The Ghost Orchard*, is due out in September.

Join us for this reading at Memorial Hall in Kingston City Hall, Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m. Admission is free to all.

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