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**The Menlo Park Library Presents**

# A Gathering of Poets

**A morning with local wordsmiths**



**Saturday, August 8 • 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**  
**Menlo Park City Council Chambers • 701 Laurel Street**

Hear words of inspiration, beauty & truth, as perceived by five local poets. Our guests—Kalamu Chaché, J. David Cummings, Leah Lubin, Charlotte Muse, and Camincha Benvenuto—will share their work and talk about their processes at this special event.



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## Saturday: 'Gathering of Poets' at Menlo Park Civic Center

by Renee Batti / Almanac

Five area wordsmiths will read from their work at "A Gathering of Poets" on Saturday, Aug. 8, in the Menlo Park City Council Chambers in the Civic Center at 701 Laurel St.

The free event, sponsored by the Menlo Park Library, begins at 11 a.m.

The participants are Charlotte Muse and J. David Cummings of Menlo Park; Leah Lubin of Woodside; Kalamu Chache of East Palo Alto; and Camincha Benvenuto of Pacifica.

Ms. Muse has taught poetry at San Francisco State and Santa Clara universities, and at UC Berkeley Extension. She has received the Yeats Society of New York's Poetry Award and an International Publication Award from the Atlanta Review.

Her published works include "The Comfort Teacher," "Trio," "Violin," and "A Story Also Grows."

Mr. Cummings is a retired theoretical physicist whose poetry collection "Tancho" won the 2013 Richard Snyder Poetry Prize.

Ms. Lubin, a native of Israel, is an author and artist, and an instructor at Palo Alto's Pacific Art League. Her poetry has been published in Yareah magazine and has been included in the compilations "Continent of Light" and "World of Change."

Ms. Chache is poet laureate of East Palo Alto, and has been active in the East Palo Alto and Belle Haven communities through many arts, advocacy and aid projects. She has authored two volumes of poetry, "Survival Tactics" and "A Change of Interest."

Ms. Benvenuto, a native of Peru, is a regular participant at poetry festivals and readings. Her published works include the novella, "As Time Goes By/Con el Pasar del Tiempo."

Refreshments will be available at the event, courtesy of the Friends of the Menlo Park Library.

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