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### **Star Library One of 10 Nationwide Sites to Visit With Poet Laureate Philip Levine**

BOISE, ID — Five high schools and five public libraries across the United States have been selected to speak with Philip Levine, the 18<sup>th</sup> poet laureate consultant in poetry to the Library of Congress, during an interactive video conference recitation and visit May 4.

One of those 10 sites is the Ada Community Library's Star Branch.

Titled "Behind the Scenes with the Poet Laureate," the event will allow participants at the video conference sites to submit questions in advance of the program. The questions will focus on the poems of Levine and on broader aspects of his life and writing. Levine will also read and discuss three of his poems — "Our Valley," "The Simple Truth" and "What Work Is."

The event, which begins at 1 p.m., will also be streamed live on the World Wide Web. The webstream will be available at <http://video.magpi.net/>. Click on "Live Videos." If you are behind a firewall and having problems viewing the webstream you may need to open port 1935 TCP for video.magpi.net to work properly.

The event is sponsored by the Poetry and Literature Center of the Library of Congress, with technical support from the Internet2 K20 Initiative, IRON (Idaho Regional Optical Network), MAGPI (the Mid-Atlantic Gigapop in Philadelphia for Internet2), and the Idaho Commission for Libraries' Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP).

The 55 public libraries participating in the ICfL's "online @ your library" BTOP project are predominately rural and serve BTOP-defined vulnerable populations. See more about the "online @ your library" project at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/online>.

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