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The Trudy Sundberg LECTURE SERIES

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FINDING FREEDOM IN STORIES

Freedom begins with a book. I believe building Freedom Libraries, and placing them in prisons across this country, will be the start of somebody's story of freedom."

~ Reginald D. Betts



REGINALD DWAYNE BETTS

FRIDAY, **MARCH 19** | LANGLEY

People are more than the worst things they have ever done."

~ Reiko Hillyer



REIKO HILLYER

WEDNESDAY, **MARCH 10** | COUPEVILLE

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2027 SPEAKERS



REIKO HILLYER

Education as Liberation: The Inside-Out Prison Exchange

Wednesday, March 10 | Coupeville Library
4:00 pm - Free Public Lecture

This public lecture will explore the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, a practice that takes college undergraduates inside a prison to learn alongside incarcerated students in an integrated class. Reiko will share her experience teaching in the program through Lewis & Clark College and discuss its transformative possibilities for higher education, community-building, knowledge-creation, and liberation.

Reiko Hillyer is a Professor of History at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. An award-winning educator, Hillyer has published scholarly work on the civil rights movement and public memory, community policing in New York City, and prison litigation in Virginia. Her most recent book "A Wall is Just a Wall: The Permeability of the Prison in the 20th Century United States" (Duke, 2024), has been featured on CNN and NPR.

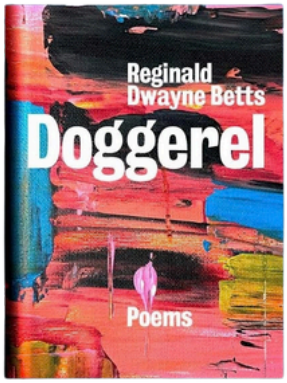


REGINALD DWAYNE BETTS

The Poet, the Prison, and Everything After

Friday, March 19 | Whidbey Island Center for the Arts
5:00 pm - Sponsor Reception
7:00 pm - Free Public Lecture

Friday, March 19 | Whidbey high school TBD
12:45 pm - Student Lecture



Reginald Dwayne Betts is a poet, lawyer, and Founder and CEO of Freedom Reads. At sixteen, he was sentenced to nine years in adult prison for an armed carjacking, where he discovered poetry and the law. His work since then has been one long inquiry into how a child ends up in prison and what it takes to come home, pursued through poetry, memoir, theater, photography, and film.

A MacArthur Fellow, Betts has authored six books and earned his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he is an Associate Research Scholar. Freedom Reads is the only organization in the country dedicated to building libraries inside prison cell blocks. Each Freedom Library is handcrafted, often by people who have served time themselves. Betts founded it on a simple conviction: freedom begins with a book.

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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

We invite you to become a sponsor of the 2027 lecture series and help underwrite our forthcoming presentations by Reiko Hillyer & Reginald Dwayne Betts. As a sponsor, you'll enjoy the following benefits:

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- Up to 8 reserved seats at the March 19 reception and lecture, 4 complimentary copies of "Doggerel"
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The Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series is 100% funded by community contributions. Thanks to our generous sponsors, the lectures are free and open to the public. Sponsorships enable the Foundation to bring world-class speakers to Whidbey Island, including presentations at local schools, which engage and inspire hundreds of students each year. Your financial support directly benefits the Whidbey Island community and fosters a continued commitment to lifelong learning. Thank you for making this meaningful investment in our community!

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ABOUT TRUDY

Presented by the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation, the lecture series honors Trudy Sundberg, a beloved Whidbey Island teacher and civic leader, by annually presenting eminent speakers in one of Trudy's many areas of interest.

Since 2016, the series has covered a wide range of topics and perspectives, inspired by Trudy's lifetime commitment to discovery, exploration, and exchange of information, ideas, and opinions. The unique viewpoints of our speakers encourage audiences to think about education, literature, history, the arts, civic engagement, and politics.

To meet Trudy was to enter into a rich relationship with an exceptional woman who appreciated life and was determined to make a difference. As a teacher, she inspired. As a community member, she engaged people to learn, converse, and support diverse community efforts. As a wife and mother, she supported exploring ideas, encouraging possibilities, and finding joy in every day. As an artist, historian, and author, she looked for ways to contribute. Trudy was ever curious and celebrated learning new ideas and stretching her horizons. This tiny bundle of energy was an amazing dynamo who achieved and fostered much for the common good.

After Trudy passed away in 2013, her family and friends founded the lecture series as the most appropriate tribute to keep her spirit alive in our community. The series carries on Trudy's legacy and encourages us to expand our worldviews and be open to new ideas. To learn more about Trudy, come join us at the lectures!

PAST SPEAKERS

2026 - Scott Shigeoka, curiosity expert: Curiosity is a Bridge for Connection
Yasemin Sari, Ph.D., professor of philosophy: TOGETHER: The Promise of Democracy
2025 - Shane & Hannah Burcaw, disability advocates: INTERABLED: True Stories About Love and Disability
Kimber Cross, adaptive climber: CAN'T. WILL. DID.
2024 - Lyla June, Indigenous scholar: Architects of Abundance
John Halliday, Native American artist
2022 - Wade Davis, Ph.D., anthropologist: Why Ancient Wisdom Matters in the Modern World
2021 - Mona Hanna-Attisha, M.D., pediatrician: What's in Your Water?
2020 - Bob Williams, Ph.D., astronomer: Probing the Distant Universe with the Hubble Telescope
2019 - Chris Jordan, filmmaker: The Albatross on Midway Island
2018 - Jill Tietjen, engineer: Her Story: The Women Who Changed America
2017 - Xiuhtezcatl Martinez & KC Golden, climate activists: Climate Action: What Now?
2016 - Hedrick Smith, Pulitzer Prize-winning author: Who Stole the American Dream?

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