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RPL Welcomes Edward Willett as Writer-in-Residence

Regina Public Library is pleased to announce that Regina author Edward Willett has been selected as the Library's 2011/2012 Writer-in-Residence, commencing on September 1, 2011 and continuing through May 31, 2012.

As Writer-in-Residence, Willett will be available for consultation with local writers looking for guidance on personal writing projects. He will also conduct public readings and workshops focused on serving and supporting the writing community in Regina.

"With his established career as a successful author and extensive experience as an instructor and mentor to young adults, Mr. Willett was a natural choice for the role of Writer-in-Residence at RPL," said Jeff Barber, Library Director and CEO.

The main focus of Willett's residency will be on providing assistance and support to youth who are interested in learning about the writing process and refining their personal writing skills. He will facilitate this learning through school and community visits, as well as a free writing workshop for young adults. In addition, he will be available to work with high school teachers who lead creative writing classes.

Willett will be the 24th Writer-in-Residence since RPL became the first public library in Canada to offer a Writer-in-Residence program in 1978.

About the Writer-in-Residence

Edward Willett is the author of over forty adult, young adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books. He was an instructor with the Sage Hill Teen Writing Experience from 2005-2007, Writer-in-Residence at Michael A. Riffel High School in 2008, and a mentor for the Saskatchewan Writer's Guild Online Young Adult Mentorship Program from 2007-2008. He has won awards for both his fiction and non-fiction books, including the Aurora Award for Best Canadian Science Fiction Novel for *Marseguro*.

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