

# An Invitation to Participate!

## *"Behind the Scenes with the Poet Laureate"*

Friday, May 4, 2012, 3-4 pm, Eastern Daylight Time



Photo by Abby Brack, Library of Congress

The Poetry and Literature Center of the Library of Congress has invited high schools and public libraries to participate via video conference in an up close and personal visit with Philip Levine, the 18th Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress. Mr. Levine will read and explain three of his poems:

"Our Valley" from *News of the World: Poems* by Philip Levine, 2009.

"The Simple Truth" from *The Simple Truth* by Philip Levine, 1994.

"What Work Is" from *What Work Is* by Philip Levine, 1991.

The readings will be followed by an extended question and answer period with video conference participants. The event will be streamed live to the World Wide Web so that others may participate virtually.

The participating institutions are:

Ada Community Library, Star Branch – Star, Idaho  
Brawley Union High School – Brawley, California  
Capstone Village, U. Of Alabama – Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
Southwest High School – El Centro, California  
Fox Chapel High School – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Moanalua High School – Honolulu, Hawaii  
Potsdam Public Library – Potsdam, New York  
Alpena County George N. Fletcher Library – Alpena, Michigan  
Whitmore Public Library – Salt Lake City, Utah  
Winder Barrow High School – Winder, Georgia

### **More about Philip Levine:**

- Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry: Philip Levine: [http://www.loc.gov/poetry/more\\_levine.html](http://www.loc.gov/poetry/more_levine.html)
- Philip Levine Gives Inaugural Reading [webcast]: [http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature\\_wdesc.php?rec=5333](http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=5333)
- Philip Levine: Online Resources [web guide]: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/levine/>
- Poetry Center, Library of Congress: <http://www.loc.gov/poetry/>

**Webstream Information:**

The webstream will be available from the home page of the Poetry and Literature Center at the Library of Congress: <http://www.loc.gov/poetry/>

**Questions?**

Program-related questions: Judith Graves, Library of Congress, [jgrav@loc.gov](mailto:jgrav@loc.gov)

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