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RARE PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL AUTHORS

Sunnyvale Library solicits Bay Area stories and poems for first eBook

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – The Sunnyvale Library will become only the third library in the country to publish its own eBook, and is soliciting works from local authors focusing on stories and poems either set in or about life in the greater Bay Area. The first 100 submissions received by November 30, 2014 are eligible. A panel of creative writing instructors and representatives from five Bay Area library systems will read and score the entries. The Bay Area Library ePublishers (BALE) will then produce an anthology of the top-ranked manuscripts in an eBook that will be added to library collections throughout the Bay Area and beyond.

While submissions will be accepted from anywhere, the California State Library grant-funded project is part of an initiative to give local authors who have never been published an opportunity to use a new form of independent digital publishing. In addition, the Library is offering free creative writing and self-publishing workshops to teach professional writing and digital publishing skills which are critical workforce competencies in an ever-changing digital world.

BALE is a newly formed group of Bay Area librarians and creative writing professionals dedicated to helping authors develop and promote their creative works. More information about the eBook program and workshops can be found on the Sunnyvale Library's website at GetePublished.inSunnyvale.com or by contacting librarian Liz Hickok at (408)730-2772 or shickok@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

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