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*Kingston Library Launches New Poetry Hub with Official Visit from Deputy Mayor*

**Kingston upon Thames, July 1, 2024** - Following the successful launch of our Poetry Hub at Staines Library, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our new Poetry Hub at Kingston Library, an inspiring community initiative aimed at fostering a love for poetry and providing a creative outlet for residents. The launch event will take place on Tuesday, July 16th, from 11am to 1pm, and will feature an official visit from the Deputy Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Elizabeth Park, who will deliver a speech on the importance of community and the rising popularity of poetry over the past decade.

#### Event Details:

- Date: July 16, 2024
- Time: 11am - 1pm
- Location: Kingston Library

Councillor Park's speech will highlight the essential role community activities like the Poetry Hub play in bringing people together and nurturing local talent. The Deputy Mayor's presence underscores the borough's commitment to supporting the arts and fostering community spirit. The Poetry Hub is designed to be a welcoming space where individuals can gather every Tuesday morning from 11am to 1pm to participate in various poetry-related activities. These sessions will include writing challenges, book club-style discussions, feedback on participants' poems, and opportunities for communal reflection and inspiration. The goal is to create a vibrant, supportive community of poets and poetry enthusiasts who can share their passion for the written word.

The Poetry Hub is an initiative of the Surrey Poet Laureateship, a county-wide non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting poetry and supporting local poets. The Laureateship aims to capture the stories of Surrey's history, landscapes, and residents through the power of poetry. Additionally, the organisation's extensive outreach programme includes activities in schools, care homes, and prisons, highlighting the therapeutic benefits of poetry and its ability to foster connection and expression.

Reporters and photographers are invited to attend the launch event to capture this significant moment for Kingston's cultural landscape. This is an excellent opportunity to witness the Deputy Mayor's speech, engage with the community, and see firsthand the enthusiasm and creativity that the Poetry Hub will cultivate.

#### About Surrey Poet Laureateship

The Surrey Poet Laureateship is a nonprofit organisation dedicated to celebrating and promoting poetry in Surrey, England. Founded by poet Adam Gary, the initiative aims to engage residents of all ages and backgrounds through poetry workshops, events, and outreach programmes. By fostering creativity, community engagement, and cultural enrichment, the Surrey Poet Laureateship seeks to make poetry an accessible and integral part of Surrey's cultural landscape.

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