

Come and Listen...

on June 18th to....

Katherine Lawrence

at 11:00 AM Lumsden Library



Saskatoon writer **Katherine Lawrence** has published four poetry collections, most recently, *Black Umbrella* (Turnstone Press, 2022), winner of the John V Hicks Long Manuscript Award. She is also the author of the verse novel for young adults, *Stay*. Her poetry has been published across the country and has twice been long-listed for the CBC Literary Awards. Originally from Hamilton, Katherine has lived on the prairies for over 35 years. She is a former writer-in-residence with Saskatoon Public Library and holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Saskatchewan.

Black Umbrella is a poetic memoir that considers family dynamics at the intersection of love and loss. Writer Susan Olding endorsed the collection with this generous comment: “The poems in *Black Umbrella* chart a lifetime’s emotional weather in deft, compelling strokes. With insight, compassion, and piercing wit, Katherine Lawrence retraces the winds that blew her from steel town to prairie, mourns her losses, and reminds us that what we need is not the answers to all our questions, but “the true names.” *Black Umbrella* is a beautiful, resonant book. “

Stay is a novel-in-verse that takes readers into the heart and mind of a young girl on the verge of discovering an ancient truth. *Stay* is published by Shadowpaw Press, reprise edition, 2022. It was originally published by the former Coteau Books in 2017. *Stay* won the Moonbeam Award for Children's Poetry in 2018 and was shortlisted for two awards the same year by Saskatchewan Book Awards.

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