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El Camino College to Present Poetry Reading

El Camino College will present an afternoon poetry reading in celebration of American poet Walt Whitman's birthday.

"Something Special Just For You: A Poetry Reading" is scheduled from 1-2 p.m. May 31 in Room 102 of the Schauerman Library. The program will feature a reading of poetry written by El Camino College alumna Ardrian Newell. A recent graduate of California State University, Long Beach, Newell has a bachelor's degree in film and electronic media. She has been writing poetry since the fifth grade and hopes to continue her passion for writing poetry as she strives to become a documentary filmmaker.

Born May 31, 1819, Whitman has been called by scholars the "Poet of Democracy" and "America's Shakespeare." His collection of poems, "Leaves of Grass," is considered a masterpiece of world literature.

For information about the poetry reading event, contact Ed Martinez at emartinez@elcamino.edu or 310-660-3593, extension 3876.

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