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## READING SERIES ..... HOWARD COUNTY LITERARY READING SERIES

This **free** literary reading features local poets and authors, as well as an open mic for interested audience members.

Please check out the spring lineup. Free of charge; no registration necessary. (Note: Open mic presenters are asked to keep their readings to five minutes or less.) *Sponsored by Howard County Poetry and Literature Society and coordinated by Laura Shovan, Ann Bracken, Linda Joy Burke and Faye McCray.*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7-8:30PM**  
Host: Laura Shovan



**Rissa Miller** is a working artist living in Maryland. She is rarely found without hot green tea in her hands. She studied writing at New York University/Tisch School of

the Arts and photojournalism at Western Kentucky University. In her career, she has worked for five publications, including *The Baltimore Sun*. Currently, Rissa is the senior editor at *Vegetarian Journal* magazine.



**Pantea A. Tofangchi** is an Iranian-American poet, writer and graphic designer. She is the art director and graphic designer for *Passager* and *Passager*

*Books, Advertising Media Plus* and *The Business Monthly*. She writes poems (in English), essays, stories and plays (mostly in Persian). Her work has been published in *Welter*, *Little Patuxent Review*, *Ploughshares*, *Atlanta Review* — in which she won the International Merit Award — and other journals. She was selected as a finalist for The National Poetry Series in 2016 and the Georgia Poetry Prize in 2018.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 7-8:30PM**  
Host: Linda Joy Burke



**Reuben Jackson** is archivist for the University of the District Of Columbia's Felix E. Grant Jazz Archives. From 1989 until 2009, he was archivist and curator with the

Smithsonian Institution's Duke Ellington Collection, and host of Vermont Public Radio's Friday Night Jazz from 2012 until 2018. Reuben's poetry has been published in over 40 anthologies, as well as in two volumes of poetry: 1991's *fingering the keys* and 2019's collection of new and selected poems entitled *Scattered Clouds*.



**Edgar Silex** graduated cum laude from University of Maryland University College and has a master's degree in poetry from University of Maryland. He is the author of

two poetry books, a chapbook, and short fiction, and he's received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Maryland State Arts Council. He's widely published and anthologized, appearing in *Rattle*, *Callallo*, *Gargoyle*, and *Hayden's Ferry Review*, among others. Recent work is found in *K'in*, *Chiron Review*, *Weatherbeaten*, *Gargoyle* and *Free State Review*. He lives in Baltimore.



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