

## *New Leaves Presents...*

### **POLITICS AND THE POWER OF POETRY:**

A reading and lively discussion of the poetry scene in Washington D.C.

#### **POETRY:**

"writing that formulates a concentrated imaginative awareness of experience in language chosen and arranged to create a specific emotional response through meaning, sound, and rhythm" \*

#### **POLITICS:**

"the total complex of relations between people living in society"\*

Join Kim Roberts in discussing how Washington D.C. influences the poet  
*.... or is it the other way around?*



**KIM ROBERTS** is the editor of the acclaimed online journal, ***Beltway Poetry Quarterly***, which features the poets of the greater Washington, DC region, past and present. The author of two books of poems, *The Kimnama* and *The Wishbone Galaxy*, Roberts has been the recipient of grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the DC Commission on the Arts, the Humanities Council of Washington, and residency grants from twelve artist colonies across the US. She has published articles on a range of authors with Washington, DC ties, including Walt Whitman, Langston Hughes, and Zora Neale Hurston.

**New Leaves Press, URI Library, will also present our selection of the 2009 WORDS WHITMAN POETRY CONTEST, now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year.**

**THURSDAY April 30, 2009, Galanti Lounge, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the URI Library 6 -8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Open and free to the public.**

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\*<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/poetry>  
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