

# Kent County News

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## Maryland Poetry Circuit poets at the Mainstay

**ROCK HALL** — The Kent County Arts Council will launch the Maryland Poetry Circuit with a reading and discussion by Chestertown-based poets Meredith Davies Hadaway and Robert Earl Price.

The reading will be at the Mainstay at 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Information is available on the Mainstay's website [mainstayrockhall.org](http://mainstayrockhall.org).

For information and reservations, call the Mainstay at 410-639-9133.

Both award-winning poets and teachers, Davies Hadaway and Earl Price will read from their writings and discuss their works.

Earl Price is an African American playwright and poet who is the author of four books of poetry and has had eleven plays produced in American regional theaters and abroad. He is a recipient of the American Film Institute's William Wyler award for screenwriting. His most recent work, the musical "Red Devil Moon," featured music by Pam Ortiz.

Davies Hadaway is the author of three collections of poetry, "At The Narrows," "The River is a Reason" and "Fishing Secrets of the Dead" all published by Word Poetry. Her work explores the birds, bugs, trees, marshes — and especially the waters — of Maryland's Eastern Shore, evoking memory and mystery.

She has received fellowships



ROBERT EARL PRICE

from the Virginia Center for Creative Arts, an Individual Artist Award from the Maryland State Arts Council and multiple Pushcart nominations.

These readings will launch the Maryland Poetry Circuit, which is an initiative of the Kent County Arts Council made possible by a planning grant from the New World Foundation.

Its goal is to provide Maryland residents with first-hand encounters with artists that they may not otherwise be aware of, and to create a regional cross-pollination of poetic voices by delivering poetry readings and literary discussions to varied venues and underserved areas throughout the state.

The Mainstay is a nonprofit, informal storefront performing arts center on Rock Hall's old time Main Street.



MEREDITH DAVIES HADAWAY

Wine, beer, sodas and snacks are available at the bar.

The Mainstay is supported by ticket sales, fundraising includ-

ing donations from friends and audience members and an operating grant from the Maryland State Arts Council.