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## English professor says, “Poetry is for the Birds!”



Franz Schneider will explore how images of birds in poetry open up a world we never knew before. In his program, “Poetry is for the Birds,” Professor Schneider will present slides and sounds of great poets immortalizing ordinary birds. The audience, too, will be able to take part in this sometimes serious, sometimes humorous presentation of bird poetry. The presentation will be at the Aberdeen Timberland Library on Saturday, April 17 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Co-presenters will be Arne Martin and DiAnna Moore. Poets to be featured include Coleridge, Dickinson, Eliot, Hopkins, Keats, Poe, Shakespeare, Shelley, Stevens, Tennyson, Whitman, Wordsworth and Yeats.

As Mrs. Schneider – Ann – wrote recently in a letter to the editor of the Daily World, “Where did this curious idiom (for the birds) come from? ...most people enjoy birds. St. Francis was for birds, Audubon is for birds, and you and I are for the birds.”

Dr. Schneider is a Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Emeritus, of Gonzaga University. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Aberdeen Timberland Library and the Grays Harbor Chapter of Audubon.

The Aberdeen library is located at 121 E Market Street, Aberdeen. For more information, call (360) 533-2360 or go to [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).

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