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### **Placitas Community Library Celebrates National Poetry Month With Poet, Larry Goodell, to Present Poetry Reading on April 4, 2026**

**Placitas, NM – March 3, 2026** – Placitas Community Library is pleased to announce a special National Poetry Month event, Celebrate Poetry with Poet Larry Goodell, featuring a public reading on Saturday, April 4, 2026.

Larry Goodell was born in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1935 and earned his B.A. from the University of Southern California in 1957. He completed graduate work at the University of New Mexico, served more than two years in the U.S. Army, and taught at Albuquerque Academy. Goodell moved to Placitas in 1963 and has been married to photographer and artist Lenore Goodell since 1968.

During his time at the University of New Mexico, Goodell studied with poet Robert Creeley and developed a lasting friendship with the Creeley family. Through these connections, he met many influential American poets.

After attending the Vancouver Poetry Conference, where he studied with Charles Olson and Allen Ginsberg, Goodell founded Duende Press in 1964. Through Duende Press, he published a wide range of poets and organized readings and events at venues including the Living Batch Bookstore in Albuquerque, Silva's Bar, and the Zócalo Theater in Bernalillo.

For more than 12 years, Goodell collaborated on the Duende Poetry Series in Placitas with Jim Fish, Gary Brower, Jeff Bryan, and Cirrelda Snyder Bryan. He recorded many of the featured poets, and these readings remain available online.

Goodell's creative work spans poetry, improvised keyboard compositions, plays, and songs, along with ongoing literary archiving. His current focus is editing and digitally publishing his collected works while continuing to read at public events. Deeply rooted in New Mexico's landscape and culture, his poetry reflects an improvisational spirit and a profound connection to the natural world. His newest book is *Clouds: Poems 2020–2025*.

Placitas Community Library is located at 453 State Highway 165 in Placitas, New Mexico. The library is open Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The library is closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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