

Open house launches new book and lecture series

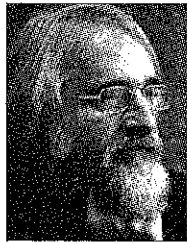
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North Okanagan residents are invited to take part in a literary tradition.

Kalamalka Press invites the public to a free book launch Saturday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Kalamalka campus of Okanagan College.

The event will launch the sixth Mackie Lecture and Reading Series book, *Out Of The Ordinary*, by internationally acclaimed writer, editor and anthologist Gary Geddes.

"*Out Of The Ordinary* is a book of



Geddes

essays on contemporary politics, poetry and narrative that wrestles, among other things, with the evolution of the poetics of the long poem in our literature," said John Lent, Okanagan College's regional dean.

"Geddes is an amazing reader as well as one of our strongest poets and essayists."

Kalamalka Press will also launch the first book in its new line, the *James Hamilton Series*.

"It's a riveting, experimental novel by Rod Schumacher called *Baptism by*



Schumacher

Mud," said Lent.

"Though Schumacher began his career as a mature student taking literature classes at the Salmon Arm campus of Okanagan College, he is now chairman of the English department at Red Deer College. This is his second book of fiction."

Both writers will be in attendance during Saturday's lunch and they will read from their new works. That will be followed by a reception to honour them.

The Kalamalka New Writers Society, a collective of eight Vernon and Kelowna writers, established Kalamalka Press in 1987 in order to launch and run a bi-annual national competition for a first book of poetry.