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Dear Friend,
Our office has been buzzing with activity for the last three weeks. 90 volunteers have been helping us put together our summer book.

This process is always group effort, but 90 is a record number of volunteers for one book. It's been great meeting new volunteers and spending time with the "regulars." I love to hear everyone's favorite pieces and the funny lines and poignant stories that resonate with each volunteer.

This summer anthology, *Moving or Still/En movimiento o quieto*, will be released at our [reading on August 26](#). Join all of us--staff and volunteers--and be as wowed by the writers' courage, humor and resilience as we are.

Take care,
Robyn
Robyn Steely
Executive Director

P.S. Here's your sneak peek at the book's introductions by [Stacy Brewster, writer and facilitator](#) and [Carole Morse of the PGE Foundation](#). Have your heart strings at the ready.

"It doesn't matter what background you come with..."

Featured writer Howard Robinson volunteered with Write Around Portland several years before participating in our writing workshop at [FolkTime in Oregon City](#).

Because Howard has visual problems, he said he appreciated having a volunteer scribe to assist him in fully participating in the workshop.

"It's not as hard as you'd expect to get a sense of belonging," Howard told us. "It doesn't matter what kind of background you come with. It's all good, whether it's people who have been writing for a long time or not."

[Read more about Howard and his writing.](#)



Featured writer Howard Robinson



Free reading & anthology release August 26

Join us for the release of our new book, [Moving or Still/En movimiento o quieto](#), with a free celebration of writing in community.

Writers from our summer workshops for people in addiction recovery, adults with developmental disabilities, survivors of sexual assault, teens in a residential home and many others will share their work.

**Friday, August 26
6:30-8:30pm**

**First United Methodist Church
1838 SW Jefferson St.** in Collins Hall at the back of the church
Goose Hollow TriMet MAX stop [\[MAP\]](#)

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Have extra journals? We need 'em!

On the first day of our workshops, we set journals--donated by members of our community--on the table. Each participant chooses her or his own journal. It's always a special moment.

We need new journals for our fall workshops. With more than 450 participants each year, journal donations are quickly put to use providing an ongoing connection for new writers.

Hardcover, soft cover, decorated and plain journals are all appreciated. (Please, no spiral notebooks.)

Give us a call to donate a journal or set up a journal drive at your workplace, book club, coffee shop, etc.
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The reading is free, and everyone is welcome. ADA-accessible. Free childcare available. [Books](#) and [t-shirts](#) available for purchase (cash or check).

Bring a journal! [see right sidebar for details] Financial donations are also welcome, appreciated and tax deductible.

Get your Groupon!



We are excited to announce that Write Around Portland is going to be featured on [Groupon.com](#) with a G-Team campaign coming soon!

Through the collective buying power of Groupon, **we hope you'll help us give every reader on August 26 a free copy of the book in which their writing is published.** Together with other Write Around Portland supporters, you can give participants a tangible reminder that they and their words are valued!

Here's how you can help make this a successful campaign:

1. [Subscribe to Groupon.](#)
2. Check the daily Groupon e-mail to view our campaign. We'll be featured along the right hand column.
3. Support the campaign with a pledge and spread the word to friends and family, encouraging them to do the same.
4. Join us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to follow the campaign.

Launched in November of 2008, Groupon is a website that features daily deals--50 to 90% off--on the best local goods, services and cultural events in more than 500 markets and 46 countries. G-Team is a community outreach initiative within Groupon that brings communities together to do good, have fun, and make an impact.

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