

Maui writers celebrate Poetry Month with public readings

WAILUKU — Two Maui poets will present public readings in celebration of National Poetry Month.

Eric Paul Shaffer, recipient of the 2000 Potent Prose Ax Prize for Poetry and the 2002 Elliot Cades Award for Literature, will read contemporary and classic poetry at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Wailuku Public Library and 7 p.m. Friday at Borders Books Music & Cafe in the Maui Marketplace.

The Kula poet will also read from his newest book, "Lahaina Noon," named after the moment when the sun shines straight down and no shadows are cast.



Eric Paul Shaffer reads Thursday



Ayin Adams reads April 30

Shaffer is the author of four books and a chapbook of poetry as well as fiction and nonfiction.

Poet and playwright Ayin Adams will read and slam her new book of poetry, "Walking through My Fire," at 5 p.m. April 30 at Maui Booksellers in Wailuku.

Adams is the winner of the Pat Parker Poetry Prize, Audre Lorde Memorial Prose Prize and the Sorral Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Award.

"Walking through My Fire" is a poetic manifesto of a journey through the past, arriving in the now and looking fearlessly forward into the veiled mystery of the future," a news release states.