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## **Poets House and Port Authority of NY & NJ Collaborate to Create *Along These Lines* to Bring Poetry to Commuters**

**New York, NY, May 9, 2011 2011** — *Along These Lines*, a new public partnership between [Poets House](#) and the [Port Authority of New York & New Jersey](#), is bringing poetry to millions of commuters every day.

Poets House and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey have unveiled an ongoing partnership on a public literary program of poems focused on travel and motion posted throughout the PATH train and station system. Through this partnership, Poets House will introduce poetry to millions of daily commuters, tourists, and people previously unfamiliar with poetry. The program began with four poems one in a PATH station, two in train cars and one on a PATHVISION screen (the TV screens in each PATH car that run news, weather and service updates). Currently, there are a total of ten poems. Every three months, four new poems will be posted.

The first four poems being posted throughout the PATH system include "Cities of the Morning" by Muriel Rukeyser, "Passing Through: A Haiku Sequence," by Cor van den Heuvel, "Siesta in Xbalba" by Allen Ginsberg and "Horizon Blues" by David Henderson. These highly diverse poems are intended to reflect the broad range of the commuters' experiences and interests.

"As commuters see various poems throughout their busy days, it is our hope that they not only make a discovery in language that they can carry throughout their daily travels, but that they will also become aware that there is a wellspring of poetry resources available to them at Poets House," said Poets House Executive Director Lee Briccetti. "Poets House is free and open to the public and we have one of the most extensive collections of poetry in the country."

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**Poets House** is a national poetry library and literary center that invites poets and the public to step into the living tradition of poetry. Poets House – through its poetry resources and literary events – documents the wealth and diversity of modern poetry and stimulates public dialogue on issues of poetry in culture. Founded in 1985 by poet [Stanley Kunitz](#) and arts administrator Elizabeth Kray, the over-50,000-volume library has created a home for all who read and write poetry. In the summer of 2009, Poets House moved to its permanent home at [10 River Terrace in Battery Park City](#) and opened to the public on September 25, 2009. Now in its new home on the banks of the Hudson River and preparing for its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of public programming next year, Poets House is brimming with readers, writers, children’s class trips and program audiences. For more information about these events and Poets House in general, call (212) 431-7920 or visit [www.poetshouse.org](http://www.poetshouse.org), and join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

**The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey** builds, operates and maintains infrastructure critical to the New York/New Jersey region’s trade and transportation network. These facilities include America’s busiest airport system, marine terminals and ports, the PATH rail transit system, six tunnels and bridges between New York and New Jersey, the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan, and the World Trade Center. For more than eight decades, the Port Authority has worked to improve the quality of life for the more than 17 million people who live and work in New York and New Jersey.

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