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LUIS J. RODRIGUEZ SCHEDULED TO VISIT CITY OF ONTARIO

The critically acclaimed author of "Always Running" and the current Poet Laureate of Los Angeles, Luis J. Rodriguez is set to visit the City of Ontario for a day of poetry and discussion. Growing up in the barrios of Los Angeles, Luis succumbed at a young age to the pressures of gang life. His story of how he broke free from the cycle of violence through the power of words and education has been an inspiration to thousands.

On Wednesday, October 14, 2015, Rodriguez will visit Ontario for an array of events. He will begin the day at Colony High School to deliver his message of hope in a special assembly for students. At 6 PM, Luis Rodriguez and emerging poet Matt Sedillo, will lead a poetry workshop entitled "The Personal is Political." In this workshop, participants will explore how the world they live in has shaped their life and what they can do to make their future brighter. The workshop will be held at the Ovitt Family Community Library and will be followed by a meet and greet with the two poets. Books will be available for purchase on-site.

The Ovitt Family Community Library is located at 215 East C Street, Ontario, CA 91764. For more information, call (909) 395-2236.

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