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NEW AUTHOR FUND ESTABLISHED

DETROIT, MI—Willow Books, the literary division of Aquarius Press, has established the Emerging Poets & Writers Fund. The inaugural recipient will be Cedric Tillman, North Carolina resident and author of *Lilies in the Valley*. Affiliated with the Emerging Poets & Writers Series, the fund will provide professional development opportunities for Willow authors to further their careers in the publishing industry. Opportunities include resources for training, travel stipends, and mentorships with established Willow authors.



Cedric Tillman

“Our mission is to develop, publish and promote the next wave of writers, but that’s just the beginning,” said H. Buchanan, Willow Books publisher. “Authors of color still face many obstacles once they hit the marketplace, so we will do what we can to give our own a competitive advantage.”

In return for the assistance, fund recipients will blog about how the funds enabled them to further their writing careers. For more information about the Emerging Poets & Writers Series, visit www.WillowLit.net.

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