



## Ukulapha – An Afternoon of Poetry to Support South African Students

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VICTORIA, BC — Join Linda Rogers, Victoria's Poet Laureate, and special guests at *Ukulapha*, an afternoon of poetry to support the children of Slangspruit School in South Africa. *Ukulapha*, pronounced "oo-koo-lap-a", means healing in Zulu.

Celebrate the international language of poetry on Saturday, November 14, 2009, from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Victoria City Hall with poetry readings by Monterey Middle School students who participate in the Popal Program, an exchange of poetry with students of Slangspruit School.

Enjoy poetry performed by bill bissett, a Canada's People's Poet, and be moved by South African songs by Linda Rogers performed with musicians Chris Trygg and Rick van Krugel. Motivational speaker Dr. Dave Hepburn will talk about his work with children and grief in Third World countries.

Registration is not required and admission is free. All profits from the sale of books, CDs and Zulu beadwork will go towards new books, schooling and medicine for students at Slangspruit School. Donations are welcome.

The Ukulapha Outreach Project, a grassroots community project in the townships of Slangspruit and Imbali, South Africa, works with VIDEA, the Victoria International Development Education Association, to offer support to orphan headed households and families with vulnerable children.

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