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**SUBJECT: LIBRARY READING SERIES: ADAM SPIRIDILOZZI**

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Herkimer, NY—Herkimer County Community College’s first presentation in the **Library Reading Series** will feature the **Poetry and Stories of Adam Spiridillozzi: *Poet, painter, wise man, fool.*** The reading will be held Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor reading room of the Ronald F. Williams Library.

Spiridillozzi, a native Utican, has navigated his way with proficiency through most artistic media. As co-founder of Resonance Center, he helped unite the underground arts scene of Utica facilitating five years of gallery openings, musical performances, experimental theatrical events and art intervention spectacles. He chaired the ‘For Arts Sake’ committee that created the Bagg’s Square Festival of the Arts I and II, and currently serves as Executive Director of the *Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts* in Little Falls.

Spiridillozzi is the author of a thousand poems, writer of two dozen songs, writer and producer of four original theatre works, had two solo painting exhibitions and participated in many group shows. He enjoys a personal study of philosophy, literature, poetry, art, drama and the mysteries, as well as practicing meditation techniques and martial arts. He has traveled around the continent, taking a sabbatical in the Yukon territories of Canada, and walkabouts through Italy and France.

Wednesday evening’s reading selections will be a tour of varying styles of his literary works, from classical poetry forms steeped in crafted meter and rhyme to free form thought streams built of memories, illusions and dreams. The stories you will hear are vignettes of larger yet to be completed works.

The reading is open to the public free of charge.

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