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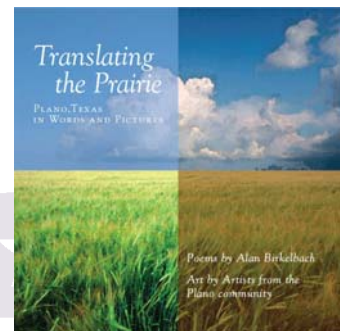
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Art and Poetry Book about Plano To Be Launched Saturday

The City of Plano's public art program will launch an art and poetry book this Saturday, April 25. The book, entitled *Translating the Prairie*, features 25 poems by Texas Poet Laureate and Plano resident Alan Birkelbach. Each poem is accompanied by artwork from a different artist from the Plano community. The book launch will be at Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Road, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Mayor Pat Evans will speak and there will be a poetry reading by Mr. Birkelbach. Many of the artists will be present to sign books purchased at the event.



The artwork includes work of young children, emerging artists and professionals. Each of whom lives, works or goes to school in Plano. The sole exception is artist Teresa Camozzi from San Francisco, California, who was hired to create permanent art installations in the libraries as part of the City's public art program. Images of Ms. Camozzi's artworks, also inspired by Mr. Birkelbach's poetry, are included in the book.

The poems are about the Plano's culture and story. The full-color book is 10" x 10", 72 pages and hardcover with dust jacket. It retails for \$24.99 plus tax and will be sold at City of Plano recreation centers and libraries. In the near future, the books will be available at selected Plano retailers.

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