

2018 Lynne Burris-Butler Poetry Reading

FEATURING



Tara Betts

... author of *Break the Habit* (2016),
7 x 7: kwansabas (2015), and *Arc and Hue* (2009).

Tuesday, October 9, 6pm
Florence-Lauderdale
Public Library

Storm Writes to Black Panther

T'Challa,

Remember when we fought our way
out of Hades together? This is what
those who truly love spend a lifetime
doing and we escaped. We saved
each other, and our embraces held
everything from the continent
that I missed. We were not mutants
or black or African, but distillation
of spirits. You could invent anything,
carry the legacy of generations borne
by your village, and fight the strongest
of the pantheon while some would have
us occupy the smallest storylines.

Forgetting has never been our option.

We carry our powers and our histories--
a colorline of veils, a rucksack without acres.
Tell me that wasn't enough to call us future.