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Local author's book of poetry recognized as a top-10 title

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The works of a Mississauga writer/artist are expected to reach a wider audience after recognition from a well-placed American source.

From The Heart, is a new, and intriguing collection of poems by Mario Pietrantonio who makes his home in Port Credit of the city. He was recently named by the Public Library Association in the United States as one of the top 10 new titles for new adult readers. This is very high recognition indeed for Pietrantonio.

Pietrantonio's works were chosen from among entries submitted by writers across North America who are involved in literacy programs.

"This is really wonderful news for me because it shows that all of my hard work has been worth it," said Pietrantonio, a member of East End Literacy of Toronto who has been reading and writing for only a short time.

Released last year, *From The Heart* is a series of poems about how Pietrantonio views the world around him from the standpoint of one who finally has an outlet for his feelings.

Further, the book is illustrated with Pietrantonio's paintings and pictures of his sculptures.

The writer/artist said this recognition now will give him the confidence to continue writing and hopefully open enough doors for other opportunities such as novels and script writing.

Pietrantonio also said because the

recognition was given by the Public Library Association, he expects his book to be picked-up by more libraries in United States and therefore reach a greater audience.

In granting the recognition, Lorraine Jackson, chairman of the

committee selecting the books, singled out Pietrantonio's work, calling it an absolute standout.

"This marvelous collection of poems by a new reader in every way embodied what we are looking for," said Jackson.