

A NOTE TO FEATURES AND THOSE SOLICITING TO BECOME A FEATURE....

Introduction

The primary goal of The River Read Series is to bring quality literature to Red Bank residents and visitors. We're open to having poets, fiction writers, journalists, memoir writers or any other kind of writer as a feature.

On Our Features

The readers we introduce come from all walks of life and of various levels of expertise. Having a book published is not a necessity for our feature, however we strive to have at least one of our writer's with a publication. The goal, again, is to bring quality literature to Red Bank and that comes in the form of written content, performance ability, professional resume and other particulars.

Structure

Most of our readings will feature two writers whom will read 25 minutes each. The features are responsible for who will read first and if an agreement cannot be reached a coin will be tossed. **We have no funding and are unable to pay our features.** No Joe's Cafe has been gracious to allow us to use their space. It is paramount for us to properly patronize No Joe's by buying food and drink. No Joe's Reserves the Right to Cancel or Reschedule any Reading for any Reason and River Read Staff is NOT to be Held Accountable in Such Instances. An open mic follows all readings.

Want to be a feature...?

Since we have been receiving a large quantity of solicitations please follow the following guidelines when asking to become a feature....

An email query letter to be sent to John Petrolino...visit River Read Home Page and click on our email link. Query should include a professional bio, selected publication list, list of past features and tell us where you learned about us. Await reply containing further instructions.

OR

Mail review materials (**Books not Manuscripts**) and professional bio, selected publication list, list of past features and tell us where you learned about us:

John Petrolino, PO Box 353, Middletown, NJ 07748.

AND

In both instances we are going to have to review (mailed to above mentioned address) your printed material, **no manuscripts – only books**. We are also going to want to get a feel for how you read and this will require either a meet and greet, video/audio media, attendance to one of your features or your attendance to our open mic. Frequent open mic attendance and participation will strengthen your chances of becoming a feature. We do have a large backlog of materials to review and writers whom are already selected to read but not scheduled. Please be patient while we give everyone our full attention.

Thank you for your support and for considering us...Don't hesitate to reach out via email or post with any questions comments or concerns. For email contact link and other information, visit us on the web at:

www.johnpetrolino.com/river_read