

# Local Author Nights Guidelines

The library supports and welcomes its local authors! Thank you for wanting to share your work with us and the Wilson community.

- 1) Local Author Nights are held at 6pm on the third Monday of every month (unless the library is closed for a holiday.) Up to three authors may participate in each event.
- 2) Participation is open to local authors with at least one published work of fiction, nonfiction, or poetry.
- 3) Authors from Wilson County will be given the first priority, followed by authors from the adjoining counties (Edgecombe, Franklin, Greene, Johnston, Nash, Pitt, Wake, and Wayne), followed by authors from the rest of the state.
- 4) Priority will be given to authors who have not previously participated in a Local Author Night event. If space permits, authors who have previously presented are welcome to participate again whenever they publish a new work.
- 5) There is no registration fee to participate in this event. Likewise, no compensation will be made by the library to authors participating in this event.
- 6) While the library welcomes authors with a diverse range of stories to tell, the promotion of work that is illegal, misleading, or discriminatory is not allowed. The participation of an author in this showcase does not mean that the library supports that author's views, practices, or beliefs. The library reserves the right to decline any application for participation in this event.
- 7) Authors are welcome to bring copies of their works for sale before and after the program. Authors are responsible for handling their own money and providing their own sales staff.
- 8) Each author will be given up to 25 minutes for their presentation. Recommended format is:
  - a. Introduction and brief description of your work and writing career.
  - b. 5-10 minute reading from your work – recommended length 800-1600 words. (Your reading selection must be approved in advance by library staff.)
  - c. 5-10 minutes for audience questions
- 9) Library budget and selection criteria prevent us from purchasing copies of all featured author works, but donated copies may be added to the library's circulating collection on a case-by-case basis. It is recommended that you talk with the collection selector before donating materials.

To apply, an author should submit the following to [gbaillie@wilson-co.com](mailto:gbaillie@wilson-co.com)

- Completed application form
- Author photo and/or book cover image for publicity purposes (required)
- Link to your work on Amazon or other website for staff review. If no link is available, an e-text of the book may be submitted instead, or you may ask about dropping off a hard copy.
- An 800-1600 word excerpt from your work that you plan to read at the event. Reading selections must be approved in advance.

Applications may also be submitted in-person or via mail to Genevieve Baillie, c/o Wilson County Public Library, 249 Nash St W, Wilson NC 27893.