



Town of Yountville

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Staff Report

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Yountville Arts Commission Staff Report

DATE: May 5, 2025

TO: Yountville Arts Commission

FROM: Geoffrey Leigh, Commissioner

TITLE/RECOMMENDATION:

Monthly Report

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

Literary Subcommittee Update,
May, 2025

1. The 2025 Bookmark Story Contest proceeds with approval of another \$500 contribution from Friends of the Yountville Library. The portal for submissions opened on April 7th and will remain open through June 20th. We have received 10 submissions so far, one from a youth writer. Packets with fliers and other materials have been delivered to Napa, Vintage, New Tech, and Justin Sienna High Schools, along with Unidos Middle School. Advertising continues to go out in the area and a group of reviewers is in place. The Bookmark Celebration will be held on Thursday, September 25th, to announce the winners.
2. We will hold another Handwritten Out Loud at their tasting room on Sunday, July 20th, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. We have one submission following the last event in February, and fliers will be distributed soon inviting others to participate.
3. We have some additional poems for the Art Walk that we are in the process of recording the new pieces. The written and recorded pieces will be added to the sculptures for the Art Walk Tour. We also will be producing another chapbook that will be distributed at this year's Art, Sip & Stroll.
4. The next writing group at the Yountville Library will be a different format. It will be called the Writer's Roundtable. Marianne Lyon and I will hold an ongoing open monthly gathering on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00-2:30. The first gathering will be September 23rd, 2025. Anyone is invited to come and share their work with a five minute suggested limit for the reading with discussion to follow. We will ask that they bring copies of their poem, prose, or prosetry so everyone can read as well as hear the work. Supportive feedback will be offered by anyone attending.
5. Yountville Out Loud has been set up for Thursday, September 18th, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the Yountville Plaza.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

Is it Currently Budgeted? Yes

Where is it Budgeted? 01-5413 Art General Fund

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Is there a Staff Resource Impact? Nominal

ATTACHMENTS

1. None