



# Town of Yountville

6550 Yount Street  
Yountville, CA 94599

## Staff Report

Item #: A

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### Yountville Arts Commission Staff Report

**DATE:** May 6, 2024

**TO:** Yountville Arts Commission

**FROM:** Geoffrey Leigh,

**SUBJECT:**  
General Report

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND**  
Literary Subcommittee Update,  
May 2024

1. We have begun advertising for the 2nd Annual Bookmark Stories Contest. Submissions will be accepted beginning May 15th and continue until June 28th. There will be a maximum of two free submissions this year in either the youth category or the adult category. This year we will award two youth winners and three adult winner. We also have been reaching out to local schools and library youth groups to increase interest in submissions from those age 18 or younger. We will hold our celebration event on September 26th in the Heritage Room from 5:30-7:00 pm.
2. The Improvisation sessions ended with a celebration held on Tuesday, April 23rd in the Generations Room. About 40 people attended to watch the improvisations displayed by the session participants with a very positive response to the performance. We currently are discussing the possibility of holding another series this fall. An article in the Napa Register about the event seemed to help increase interest.
3. The Writing Celebration has held four meetings with 5-10 participants, each of whom share their writing from the previously discussed topic. We will hold a celebration event for family, friends, and the general public on May 28th where participants will share their favorite writings from these conversations. The final event will be held in the Heritage Room from 5:30-7:00 pm.
4. Our 3rd Handwritten Out Loud event will be held on June 9th from 4:00-6:00 pm. Advertising have been distributed and so far we have 12 submissions from seven different authors, one from the greater North Bay. Others have expressed interest, with writers having until May 15th so submit. We are seeking 14 different writers to present at this event.
5. We are in the process of developing the chapbook from the ekphrastic pieces written for our current Art Walk sculptures to be printed and available at Art Sip & Stroll. We will have 19 pieces included in the printed chapbook and included in the Art Walk tour. Four of those pieces were written

by students at Vintage High School.

6. The Rex Pickett Event is scheduled for Thursday, August 29th, from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Community Center. Tickets are available for sale now through the Town of Yountville and North Bay Tickets websites. PJ also has scheduled the movie, *Sideways*, as part of the summer movie series prior to the event, which should increase interest.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

Is it Currently Budgeted? No

Where is it Budgeted?

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Is there a Staff Resource Impact? Nominal

**RECOMMENDATION**

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