Parkland Poets' Society

In-Person Reader Information 2026

Thank you so much for volunteering to read!
Scheduled Reader Information - In-person (8-10 minutes)

1. **One week in advance of your reading:** Please forward a short bio of approximately 5 to 10 sentences to parklandpoets@gmail.com so that our Mic Host can properly introduce you and provide some context for your reading. Please send this to us no later than 2 to 3 days in advance of the reading. Your email address may be shared with our Mic Host and/or Readings Coordinator, who may contact you ahead of the reading if they have questions for you or information to share.
2. **On the night of your reading**: Please arrive 15-30 minutes early so that you can connect with the Mic Host, to ensure they know how to pronounce your name and read the bio correctly. Bring along an extra copy of your bio (just in case the mic host forgets their copy or in case an alternate mic host must step in for the evening).
3. Please let the mic host know if your work **includes sensitive or potentially triggering content** (expletives, difficult topics etc.). This way, the host can prepare the audience, especially when youth (under 18s) are in attendance.
5. When it is your turn to read, the Mic Host will welcome you and share your bio with our audience.
6. Please keep your reading between 8 and 10 minutes. If you reach 10 minutes, please finish the poem you are currently reading.
7. Feel free to let the mic host know ahead of time about any books, chapbooks, publications, or events that you would like to promote. You may email this information to us as well; then we can share it on our social media. The Mic Host will allow time for announcements at some point during the evening (or may make them on your behalf).
8. Please invite your family and friends – and promote our readings on social media! Please share our website far and wide: www.parklandpoets.com.

Thank you so much for your participation!
If you have any questions, please email parklandpoets@gmail.com