

Inland Valley Art and Literature Show

Proposal and discussion regarding an audio broadcast with a literary focus for the San Gabriel Valley.

Description

An audio program (“podcast”) featuring literary news and events, interviews with diverse local authors and poets, and the broadcast of readings and performances.

Projected Release Frequency: Monthly

Proposal

We will create an audio recording for broadcast in the Inland Valley featuring book-related news and event announcements from around the valley, interviews with local literary figures, readings, storytelling, and all manner of literary works. The recordings will be available for broadcast on local radio stations, podcasts, and scholastic outlets. The recordings will be cataloged on the web and available in whole and in parts for a variety of uses.

Production

To alleviate production and time concerns, the tasks are spread out between different members of the groups involved, from conducting interviews to gathering news events for each area. Each group will record and submit their own individual segments, which can vary in length from 1-2 minutes for event announcements to 20-30 minutes for an interview.

All material will be compiled, edited, and finalized in one central location and organized by a central coordinating committee. Facilities are available for more “professional” recordings but the guiding principle is that content is the most important factor.

Expansion and Involvement

The format of the show allows for experimentation in all forms, from content to production methods. Each group is encouraged to solicit material and involvement from other groups in their area. The more information that can be presented, the stronger the show and the wider the reach. Similarly, anyone who is interested in airing the broadcast is encouraged to make contact with the organizers of the Inland Valley Art and Literature Show.

If any group or individual has material support to lend to this endeavor, please get in contact with a member of this coordinating committee. If any group can offer assistance regarding recording techniques, procedures, methods, or equipment, please feel free to let others in the group know. Funding opportunities exist for this production. Sponsorship and monetary backing are up for discussion but fall outside the scope of this proposal.

Summary

To help facilitate the creation of a segment for the Inland Valley Art and Literature Show, here is a recap of the topics, and some suggestions to get you started:

- news and events
- literary updates and announcements specific to your area
- event listings for your area
 - **Suggestions for gathering information:**
 - Ask the library for input and assistance (their literary events, etc)
 - Ask your customers if they'd like to record an events segment
 - Ask your students to collect data about events in the area and record segments on their own
- interviews with writers of all stripes – poets, novelists, children's books authors and illustrators, non-fiction writers, fiction writers – all are welcome. Diversity in all forms encouraged.
 - **Suggestions for interview formats:**
 - Arrange for two writers to interview each other.
 - Host a “round table” group discussion about a book, or with a writer's group
 - talk to an author yourself - you can conduct a Q and A style interview or have a more informal conversation with a writer.
 - Ask your students to conduct interviews and record segments on their own
- readings featuring literary spoken word performances, readings, presentation of works
 - **Suggestions for readings:**
 - record a poetry reading (from close-up, and with permission)
 - during an interview, ask the author to read an excerpt from their novel

Any bit of literature-related material you can dream up!

Please drop me a line and let me know what you are planning to do, what assistance you may need, and when you expect to have an audio file to submit. Feel free to contact the coordinating committee with any questions or suggestions or ideas that you'd like to discuss.

Thank you for your overwhelming support and interest! I look forward to hearing from you,

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