Tiny Bookstore Readings (TBR) Guidelines for Participation

The Friends of The Salt Lake City Public Library will host public readings of works created by local authors and our creative community in the Book Nook (also known as The Library Store, located in the SLC Main Library in the Urban Room).

TBR public readings provide a platform for local authors to share their work with an audience in a supportive and engaging environment. These guidelines for participation establish guidelines to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for creators and attendees. These guidelines aim to maintain a respectful atmosphere while allowing authors to showcase their creativity and talent.

1. Respectful Conduct:
   - All participants, including authors, audience members, and event organizers, are expected to conduct themselves respectfully throughout the reading.
   - Respect diverse perspectives and opinions. Avoid inflammatory language or content that is offensive to community standards.

2. Time Limit:
   - Each author will be allotted a 10-minute time limit for their reading.
   - Respect the time limit to ensure that all authors have an opportunity to share their work. A moderator will signal when time is almost up.

3. Content Guidelines:
   - Authors should select excerpts or pieces of their work that are suitable for a general audience, considering the diverse age groups and backgrounds of attendees.
   - Avoid explicit content, graphic violence, or excessively profane language that may not be appropriate for all listeners (PG-13 standards).
   - Content should comply with local laws and regulations regarding obscenity and decency.

4. Registration and Participation:
   - Authors interested in participating in the open mic reading should register in advance through the Friends of the library’s designated registration process.
   - Registrations may be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis or through a selection process if demand exceeds available time slots.
- Participants must check in with event organizers upon arrival, recommended 15 minutes prior to the event, complete a photo release form, and be prepared to present their work when called upon.

5. Equipment and Technical Considerations:
- The Friends will provide a standard microphone and podium. Special A/V arrangements will not be provided, unless approved by The Friends in writing. To make a special request, email: mbrough@slcpl.org
- The Friends will provide technology tools to live stream readings on Instagram and Facebook.

6. Audience Engagement:
- Encourage audience members to engage with authors respectfully by actively listening and refraining from disruptive behavior during readings.
- After each reading, audience members may offer constructive feedback or ask questions, respecting the author's time and willingness to participate in dialogue.
- TBR events will generally be live-streamed on The Friends’ social media accounts.

7. Promotion and Documentation:
- Authors are encouraged to promote the TBR event through various channels, including social media and personal and professional networks to maximize attendance and participation.
- The Friends may document the event through photographs, video recordings, or written summaries for archival and promotional purposes.

8. Sales
- The Book Nook will not sell any items on commission. Authors and creators are welcome to donate books or original content to the Book Nook for local promotion. All donated items will be sold to benefit The Salt Lake City Main Library. The Friends of The Salt Lake City Public Library is a 501c3 nonprofit, so donations are tax deductible.

Conclusion:
By adhering to these guidelines, local authors can participate in public readings with confidence, knowing that they are contributing to a welcoming and inclusive literary community. Through respectful conduct, adherence to time limits, and thoughtful content selection, authors can showcase their work while fostering a positive and supportive atmosphere for all attendees.