

Dear Wordsmiths,

We're happy you are helping to raise funds for the **Festival of Words** by participating in **Word Crawl**. Thank you!

Word Crawl invites poets, fiction and nonfiction writers, spoken word artists, storytellers, and songwriters to participate, perform, and help in fundraising efforts. The **Word Crawl** fundraiser takes place 12noon-12midnight on Saturday September 14th, during which wordsmiths present their work in downtown Lafayette venues.

How to **Word Crawl** :

1. Ask your friends, family, co-workers, and strangers to sponsor you. Collect a minimum of \$100.
2. Record the Name, Amount, and Contact information of your sponsors on the envelope provided.
3. Thank your sponsors with a receipt provided in your **Word Crawl** envelope & invite them to come watch you perform.
4. Submit the envelope with sponsor information; at least \$100 sponsorship funds; and your application by Friday, August 9th, 2019 by calling to hand deliver: Marie Touchet 337-255-8091 or Patrice Melnick 337.254.9695 or mail to: Festival of Words P.O. Box 252 Grand Coteau, LA 70541.
5. If you have questions, please call Patrice Melnick 337-254-9695 or write to festivalwords@gmail.com
6. Present your work for a maximum of 10 minutes at **Word Crawl** on Saturday September 14th. (Venue and time assignments will be determined at the end of August.)



Word Crawl's 6th Annual 12-hour literary marathon in downtown Lafayette!

Word Crawl takes place September 14th in downtown Lafayette venues, raising funds in support of the **Festival of Words**.

The **Festival of Words** takes place November 1 & 2 in Grand Coteau, Louisiana.



The **Festival of Words** brings literary arts to people of all ages who have limited access to word crafts.

Grand Coteau is in St. Landry Parish, where over 25% of residents live below the poverty line. Elementary and middle schools have shut down their libraries. The **Festival of Words** emphasizes outreach with programs like:

Hands-on writing workshops in public schools and community centers

“Drive-by Poetry,” featuring student poets in grocery stores, cafes, and other nontraditional venues

Public readings, featuring students and residents alongside prominent artists

The **Festival of Words** is open to everyone and attended by literature lovers from all over the state. It offers teenagers and adults the ability to meet authors in person and the opportunity to experience the diversity of modern wordsmiths.

This year's **Festival of Words** authors include:

Spoken Word Poet Donney Rose and Novelist Yuri Herrera



Application and Sponsorship Submission

for Word Crawl on September 14th, 2019 in downtown Lafayette

Mail to: Festival of Words P.O. Box 252 Grand Coteau, LA 70541

To hand deliver, contact: Patrice Melnick 337.254.9695 or

Marie Touchet 337.255.8091

Deadline to submit: Friday - August 9th, 2019



Name: _____

Short Bio: _____

Photo & video release: "Word Crawl & the Festival of Words may use my image in their promotional materials. I also give permission for my presentation to be videotaped and aired on Acadiana Open Channel and used in promotion."

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount of attached sponsorship: \$ _____ Date of sponsorship submittal: _____

Swag preference: Hat or T-shirt Circle size: s m l xl xxl

Language preference: English or French (please contact Agnes Courville 337.793.8423)

Time preference:

noon-4pm (all ages) 4pm-8pm (all ages) 8pm-12 midnight (adult, anything goes!)

My writings are appropriate for:

All ages or Adults only (sexual content/material, explicit language)

Comments: _____ Please continue on back.

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