

Writer-in-Residence Visit Application 2009 - 2010

Something About the Service:

The Writer-in-Residence program is a partnership between Winnipeg Public Library and Manitoba government, with sponsorship from the Winnipeg Public Library Board and the Friends of Winnipeg Public Library. Last year was the first time the service was offered to all Manitobans through their rural libraries. As a result, the writer in residence had the opportunity to consult with 25 emerging writers located outside Winnipeg via phone and email.

Beginning October 1st, 2009, award-winning author Maurice Mierau becomes the Winnipeg Public Library's Writer-in-Residence. Maurice will work with the public through individual consultations (visits, email or telephone), workshops and seminars, in addition to allocating time to his own writing. This year we are trialing service "on the road", planning visits between November 2009 and May 2010. Rural libraries interested in a Writer-in-Residence visit (reading or workshop) are encouraged to fill out an application. Applications will be assessed based on library/community interest and program budget availability.

Posters and handbills outlining the service will be sent out electronically to all rural libraries in early October. You can also visit the Winnipeg Public Library website to learn more about the service, its history and view a list of past authors:

<http://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/contact/writer.asp>

Something About the Author:

Maurice Mierau has published two books of poetry, *Fear Not* (Turnstone, 2008) and *Ending with Music* (Brick, 2002). *Fear Not* was recognized in two categories at the 2009 Manitoba Book Awards: the McNally Robinson Book of the Year Award, and the Aqua Books Lansdowne Prize for Poetry. He has also written a non-fiction book about the history of tuberculosis in Manitoba called *Memoir of a Living Disease* (Great Plains, 2005), which won the Margaret McWilliams Award from the Manitoba Historical Society. Mierau is the associate editor for a Winnipeg-based fiction imprint, Enfield & Wizenty. He grew up using libraries in Jamaica, Kansas, Saskatchewan and Winnipeg.

Visit his website: <http://www.mauricemierau.com/wp/>

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Maurice Mierau 2009-2010

Name of Library:

Address:

Desired visit at library location above: YES ☐ or OTHER:

Type of Facility:

Anticipated Participants: Distance from Winnipeg: KMs

Scheduling preference: (provide 3 alternate days in order of preference)

1. Date:	Time:
2. Date:	Time:
3. Date:	Time:

Contact Name:

Telephone #:

Email Address:

Why would this be of interest in your community?

How would you promote a visit in your community?

Describe similar programs offered that have been successful?

What library programs or community events could be combined with a visit?

Identify if the library or a business/organization within your community will subsidize travel or accommodation in lieu of acknowledgment in promotional material?



Applications close December 31, 2009.

Please send or email your completed form to:

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