

Montana Writers Rodeo Author Readings 2025 Submission Guidelines

General Information:

Author Readings will be featured during the final session of each day May 9-10, at the Helena Avenue Theatre (HAT) in Helena, Montana. To have your writing considered for a staged reading in either of two categories, please follow the **Submission Guidelines** listed below.

- You must be a registered participant for the full conference (both days).
- You must be the author of the submitted work.
- The work must be free of significant grammatical or formatting errors.

DEADLINE FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS: April 5, 2025

Stage Play and Screenplay Script Submission Guidelines

For questions regarding script submissions and/or detailed formatting contact Pamela Mencher at montanaplaywrights@gmail.com.

1. **Length:** May **NOT** exceed **7 pages of dialogue** in standard manuscript format for plays or screenplays. It should be “stand-alone” and not depend upon a larger body of work to be enjoyed, understood, or performed. However, an excerpted work may be submitted if it meets the “stand-alone” requirement.
2. **Genres:** Comedy, drama, and children’s. No musicals.
3. **Original work:** Produced, published, and unpublished are acceptable.
4. **Format:** Must be in standard play or screenplay **manuscript** format, published format **will not be considered**. Use 12-point, Times New Roman font. Email as a Word document or PDF. (Scripts generated by a software program must be exported as either a Word document or PDF.)
5. **Cover Pages** (not included in total page count):
 - a. Title page: Title, author name, email, and phone number.
 - b. Characters page: List of 1-4 characters maximum, time, and place description.
6. **Page number:** Include title, last name, and page number in the upper right corner, excluding cover pages.
7. **Submission:** April 5, 2025 (montanaplaywrights@gmail.com) and label your email subject line as “MPN 2025 Author Readings Submission.” In the body include same information as on title page.

Manuscript Submission Guidelines

For author manuscript questions and submissions contact Mindy Peltier at mindypeltier@outlook.com.

1. **Length:** May **NOT** exceed **5 pages**. Pages over the limit will not be read.
2. **Genres:** Short story, novel, memoir, nonfiction, blog post, and poetry.
3. **Original work:** published or unpublished is acceptable.
4. **Format:** Industry standard is double-spaced, 1-inch margins, .5 indent each paragraph, Times New Roman font 12. Email as a Word document or PDF.

5. **Title Page:** The title, genre, name, phone number, and email address.
6. **Page numbers:** Include title, last name, and page number in the upper right corner, excluding cover pages.
7. **Submission:** Submit by April 5, 2025 (mindypeltier@outlook.com) and label your email subject line as “MPN 2025 Author Readings Submission.” In the body include same information as on title page.

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