

## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Poetry at The Reading Well

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Reporter

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, an evolving group of writers meet at The Reading Well bookstore in downtown Charlottetown to share their works and works-in-progress.

John Underhay, the owner, started hosting these events in October 2006 to carry on what the previous owners had started. He says they average between 6 and 10 people on reading nights.

Those who come to his store for reading nights recite poetry and read chapters from novels they're working on. There's no stage - instead, they simply sit at tables and take turns displaying and appreciating each other's efforts. It's clear that anyone who writes anything would be immediately welcome.

"The people that come are poets, novelists, playwrights and general life writers," Underhay explained. "Anyone who puts ink and paper together."

The informal and comfortable atmosphere at The Reading Well gives Island writers an outlet to feel out their work and to receive advice.

"Any criticism offered is done in a positive, helpful manner. I try to make the store a comfortable place in general," continued Underhay. "I'm a great supporter of beginning authors," he

said, but also pointed out that some well known authors have stopped by as well, and some of the writers who make up the core of the group have published works. Underhay himself has had poetry published.

"For its size, PEI has an awful number of talented poets," he said, eyeing the sizable section of his bookstore dedicated to Island work.

Aside from the coffee house subculture that could easily find an outlet on these nights, it seems that this is also part of a community of writers on Prince Edward Island both of poetry and prose. Underhay rhymes off names of Island poets and novelists with ease and thinks highly of the calibre of the writing coming from this province. In his mind, events like his are one of many stepping stones in the development of a writer.

"Great poets start somewhere," he said.

For those interested in or serious about writing, The Reading Well could be a good place to poke your head in. The community brewing there is an interesting culture in Charlottetown, and involves a welcoming crowd.

Reading nights take place on the 14th and 28th of March this month and run from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m.

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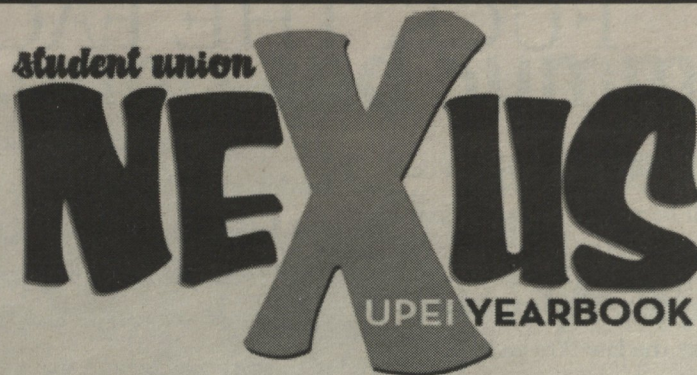
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