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Support Literacy in Indy with the Writers Jam & Juice

The Downtown Writers Jam, Vol. 3: Jam & Juice - A showcase of Indianapolis talent and a cause.

Indianapolis - On Wednesday, Feb. 25, The Geeky Press writers collective and Indy Literary Pub Crawl are hosting The Downtown Writers Jam, Vol. 3: Jam & Juice, a literary storytelling competition and a one room pub crawl to raise money for Indy Reads, which promotes and improves the literacy of adults and families in Central Indiana, and provides basic literacy tutoring to adults that struggle with reading and writing.

The first part of the night, <u>The Downtown Writers Jam</u>, <u>Vol. 3: The Jam</u>, will be at Indy Reads Books from 7 - 8:15 p.m. Six local authors will be pitted against each other in a storytelling competition Each author gets 10 minutes to tell a story to the audience. The authors will include: Sarah Layden, Elise Lockwood, and David Blomenberg.

The <u>Literary Libations: The Juice</u> hosted by Indy Literary Pub Crawl will run from 8:30 - 11 p.m. at the Indy Fringe Theater. Outliers Brewing Company, TwoDEEP Brewing Co., and New Day Craft will provide local craft beverages, and Yats will be on hand selling their delicious cajun creations. There will be a silent auction that includes donated items from regional authors, restaurants, and businesses. Local authors Barb Shoup and Salvatore Pane will have short readings.

Tickets for the Pub Crawl are \$15, which includes two drinks, and can be purchased at <u>Indy Literary</u> <u>Pub Crawl</u>. All proceeds from the event will go to Indy Reads.

About The Geeky Press

The Geeky Press is a small writers collective based in Indianapolis, and run by Brad King, an assistant professor in the Ball State University's Department of Journalism. The group runs a blog about writing and literature, hosts a podcast, puts on live events, and supports literacy in the region.

About Indy Literary Pub Crawl

The Indianapolis Literary Pub Crawl was founded by Erin Cataldi and Heather Howard in 2013 as a fun event to help spread their love of reading and raise money for Indy Reads. Their main pub crawl event is in the fall, and so far the event has raised more than \$5,000 in support of adult literacy.