

PUBLIC READINGS BY AUTHORS PUBLISHED BY MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PUBLISHERS OF QUEBEC (AELAQ).

funded by The Canada Council for the Arts

The Association of English-language Publishers of Quebec (AELAQ) is accepting applications from eligible organizations to support readings by writers who have been published by AELAQ members.

The program is open to public presenters throughout Canada, including but not limited to ongoing reading series, libraries, bookstores, and literary festivals. See below for details on the program, eligibility criteria, and application procedure.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Through this program, the Association of English-language Publishers of Quebec - with a grant from the Canada Council for the Arts - will reimburse honoraria and travel costs for public readings by writers published by members of the Association of English-language Publishers of Quebec. AELAQ members include: [Baraka Books](#), [DC Books](#), [Drawn & Quarterly](#), [Final Draft!](#), [Howard Gontovnick Publications](#), [Linda Leith Publishing](#), [McGill-Queen's University Press](#), [Nan-Pat-Vic Publishing](#), [Prince Chameleon Press](#), [Robin Brass Studio Inc.](#), [Shorline Press](#), [Smart Shopping](#), [Travelsmart Publishing](#), and [Véhicule Press](#). **Eligible writers from any province or territory in Canada may be featured at readings taking place in Quebec, but readings taking place outside of Quebec must feature Quebec-based writers.** The normal Canada Council rates apply, with a 20% supplement due to the fact that anglophone writers in Quebec are members of an official language minority. As such, AELAQ pays the author a **\$300 honorarium per full (solo) reading or a \$150 honorarium per half (joint) reading**. We also reimburse travel expenses up to the following maximums:

For up to three <u>full readings</u> per trip:		For up to six <u>half readings</u> per trip:	
First reading:	\$480	First two readings:	\$360
Second reading:	\$480	Second two readings:	\$360
Third reading:	\$360	Third two readings:	\$240
Total maximum covered:	\$1,320	Total maximum covered:	\$960

Organizations that intend to organize **four readings or more** (i.e., a tour, as defined by the Canada Council) may request up to \$1,400 as a contribution toward travel costs, accommodation, and per diem.

For destinations located above the 55th parallel and remote parts of the country, organizations can ask for doubled travel amounts with a written and detailed justification of related costs.

- **The host organization is responsible for the author's accommodations and meals.** (In special circumstances -- if the host does not have the funds and is unable to come up with another partner to share the cost, for example -- the publisher is permitted to contribute a portion of the cost, should they wish to do so. In this exceptional circumstance, the host organization **must** pay part of the expenses, too. This program is designed to operate without cost to publishers, ergo publishers are not obliged to contribute any portion of the cost – it is strictly at their discretion.)
- **Readings are limited and will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis.**

- **All readings must be applied for by March 31, 2015.**

Host organizations must send copies of advertisements and promotional materials by email to admin@aelaq.org as soon as they become available. **All publicity materials must acknowledge the financial assistance of the Canada Council for the Arts through the Association of English-language Publishers of Quebec and must feature both organizations' logos.**

Please note: The Association of English-language Publishers of Quebec (AELAQ) does not reimburse reading fees and travel expenses to hosts or festival organizations. **AELAQ will reimburse authors directly, after the event has taken place and upon receipt of the author's reading report and invoice form with original itemized receipts.** Under this program, we cannot reimburse any travel expenses from outside of Canada.

ELIGIBILITY

Host organizations/Venues/Formats: To be eligible for funding, the reading(s) must be held in a publicly accessible venue (library, bookstore, festival location, etc.) and advertised to the community at large.

This program cannot fund conferences, workshops, roundtable discussions, fundraising events, or book prizes. This program also cannot fund readings for which honoraria and travel costs are funded by another Canada Council program.

Eligible Authors/Books:

- Invited writers must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada.
- Readings hosted outside of the province of Quebec **must** feature Quebec-based writers. For readings taking place in Quebec, featured writers may be from any province or territory in Canada.
- Writers must have published at least one eligible book with a member of the Association of English-language Publishers of Quebec (see 'About the Program' for list of members). An eligible book is one that the writer has written in one or more of the following literary genres: novels, short stories, poetry, drama, children's and young adults' literature, graphic novels, or literary non-fiction.
- Literary translators are eligible provided they give a joint reading with the original writer of an eligible translated book.
- The author, the book, and the publisher must be eligible for Canada Council funding.

Ineligible Authors:

- Authors whose publications include only self-published books or works in anthologies, literary magazines, web publications, community newspapers, free or student newsletters, or newsletters of associations or other organizations.
- Authors who sit on the board of AELAQ for the period during which the host organization has applied for funding.
- Authors who are administrators, directors, or volunteers with the host organization.
- Authors who fill a professorial position at a post-secondary institution serving as a host organization.

HOW TO APPLY

The host organization must contact and arrange a date with an author before applying for funding. For help contacting a Quebec author published by an AELAQ member, write to admin@aelaq.org

Once an author and date have been secured, download and complete the [application form](#) and submit it to AELAQ.

The completed application form must be received at least **THREE (3) weeks** in advance of the reading date.

Once your application has been approved, confirmation letters will be sent to both you and your requested author. **NO FUNDING IS CONFIRMED UNTIL THE HOST HAS RECEIVED A BOOKING CONFIRMATION FORM FROM AELAQ.**

For more information about this program, please contact Julia Kater (admin@aelaq.org).