



Candace Breen is an ARIA member and the proprietor of C & B Plants and Gifts. She is graciously offering a broad selection of author events and services to ARIA members in good standing. The location of her shop is:

216 Willett Avenue  
Riverside, RI 02915

The shop is located in a shopping center. Of incidental note, this shopping center is only about a mile from my home. The atmosphere is bright and welcoming. There are plant stands throughout which can be moved to accommodate about twenty to twenty-five visitors. Herein I have outlined the programs offered and provided instructions for applying to participate in them.

1. Book Consignment - There is space for about seven new titles by ARIA authors, with an 80/20 payout rate. Only one book per author will be allowed and we will be looking for a range of genres. Ms. Breen will be making the final decision on all book offerings and participation.



2. Children's Books and Events - these are being handled by Cindy Elomaa, working in concert with Candace.

Please contact Cindy at: [cindyelomaa@gmail.com](mailto:cindyelomaa@gmail.com) for specifics but also use the signup instructions below.

3. Book Signings - We are anticipating beginning evening and or weekend book signing events this spring. The shop will comfortably handle up to six authors at a time. For these events we are thinking of use both a mix of genres on some occasions and targeted selections (ie. mysteries, women's issues, Rhode Island stories) for others. Notably, C & B has a fairly substantial database of friends and visitors that will be utilized for advertising these events.

4. Book Clubs - We will also draw on this database to advertise for people to join book groups were your book would be purchased in advance (either by direct sale or online purchase) and a month later you would come to the shop and do a presentation about the book, followed by a Q & A session. This is an unusual format that provides the author with an opportunity to get direct feedback from their audience. Hopefully, with a successful presentation the author has enlisted a room full of advocates.



How to Sign Up:

Send me an email at [crookster314@gmail.com](mailto:crookster314@gmail.com).

Give me your name, address, phone number, genre(s), and book titles. Also please include which programs and/or events you are interested in being considered for. Please note that this information will be added to a spreadsheet that would, hopefully, allow us to simplify the application process in the future.

Thank you for your consideration,

***K. Eric Crook***

Event Coordinator

Regional Events Committee Chair