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* What: Third Friday Open Reading
* When: Friday, December 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
* Where: Sonora Joe’s Coffee Shoppe, 140 S. Washington St.
* Admission Free
* Info: 532-6561

COFFEE HOUSE WRITERS GO ON AIR WITH KAAD-LP

During the December 16th *Third Friday Open Reading* at San Rafael Joe’s Coffee Shoppe, writers will read their original work for broadcast on their second *Coffee House Writers* radio program on the new community radio station, KAAD-LP.  In case you missed it, the first open reading program, recorded on November 18th, can be heard on the Internet by going to the station website, [kaad-lp.org](http://kaad-lp.org/) at 7PM tonight.

November's featured reader, Scott Thomas Anderson, read from his book, “The Cutting Four-Piece, Crime and Tragedy in an era of Prison Overcrowding,” and answers questions about how a town-supported rodeo changed a dangerous prison with 80% lifers, to a behavior based interactive prisoner community in Louisiana.

Open readers who signed releases to be part of the November *Coffee House Writers* program on KAAD-LP, were Denella Kimura, Blanche Abrams, Jill Klajic-Ryan, Joy Willow, Mary Anthony, Carol Biederman, and Sequoia [the Storyteller] Campbell.

“Some of our readers have their own radio programs,” said Denella Kimura, coordinator for the *Coffee House Writers* program.

“For instance”, she said, “Carol Biederman, an expert on ghost sightings in Columbia and author of “The Oldest Resident” and “Sherry with the Bishop,” will be providing KAAD-LP with ghostly tales.”

“And Jill Klajic-Ryan, president of the Sonora Writers Group, has created the show *Gems of the Mother Lode* featuring readings and interviews of recently published authors from her group.”

David Simerley, our recordist and editor for *Coffee House Writers*, will produce the show *Fair Play* featuring people dealing with disabilities”.

Over the past few months, Ellen Stewart and David Purdy, founders of the KAAD-LP, have organized training sessions for potential radio programmers. Another series of training sessions will be held in January for interested programmers.

“We are looking for people who would like to try his or her hand at creating a show to air on the new station. As a program of Tuolumne County Arts Alliance, we are hoping to spotlight the arts and culture of our community in particular, but the programming is intended to be broad, varied and eclectic,” according to David Purdy, radio project coordinator.

Friday night’s Open Reader’s program for the *Coffee House Writers* will feature five minute readings of original work interspersed with seasonal vignettes.

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Submitted by Denella Kimura after interview with Ellen Stewart.  
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