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2nd Annual East Central Technical College Literary Journal

The English Department at East Central Technical College is again looking for talented local writers. The college plans to publish its 2nd annual literary journal, *The Wiregrass Reader: Rural Voices from Home*, in spring 2009. It will showcase the composition talents of East Central Technical College students, as well as any budding writers in the community or local high schools of ECTC's five-county service area.

Last year's *Wiregrass Reader* was a huge success, published in-house by ECTC and distributed throughout the community. Over 100 submissions were received, and several of the best were chosen for publication in the journal. These writers were honored in front of friends and family members during a formal ceremony this past March.

Michael and Jana Williams, English instructors on the Coffee and Ben Hill-Irwin campuses, hope that the publication will continue to increase interest in Language Arts and literacy in the community and give local authors a chance to be heard.

Submissions are currently being accepted in the following categories: personal narrative (nonfiction stories), short stories, poetry, and argumentative/persuasive essays. They ask that all submissions be 2500 words or less, typed in Microsoft Word, single spaced, 10-point font, and in Times New Roman.

Applicants should also send a short paragraph describing themselves, including name, program area (if an ECTC student), and email address. The deadline for submissions is January 16, 2009. Contact Jana Williams, 229-468-2092, jwilliams@eastcentraltech.edu, on the Fitzgerald campus or Michael Williams, 229-468-2206, mwilliams@eastcentraltech.edu, on the Coffee campus.

Writers whose work is accepted will be honored in a community "write night" recognition ceremony in the spring of 2009.

Please share your voices with the community!