

Individual Interview Protocol

*This will be adapted to reflect the interviewee's role in the OBOC program.

Intro to our study

Information sheet and release form – audio taping

1. Please describe your role in the OBOC program.
2. Can you please outline a history of the program from your perspective?
3. What do you think OBOC is supposed to achieve?
 - Successful? Or not?
4. Who is the OBOC for?
5. What sorts of programming has worked in the past?
6. What makes a good book choice for OBOC?
7. What communities are formed around OBOC, in your opinion?
8. What is the funding structure of OBOC?

Information Sheet for Participants

We are conducting on-going research on the place of reading in our lives and the communities that form around reading. Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts with us.

Both of our universities and us subscribe to the ethical conduct of research and to the protection at all times to your interests and comfort. Any personal information that is obtained during this study will be kept confidential. Knowledge of your identity is not required. However, for recording purposes, we will need to record a name for you, and will ask you to provide a pseudonym if you choose. All data collected in this project will be held in a secure location at our homes.

If you feel uncomfortable with any of the questions at any point in the research process, let us know, or simply don't answer them. There will be no repercussions or adverse affects because of your decision. Participants in this research may feel self-conscious or uncomfortable answering certain questions. We will respect your feelings, and will attempt to ensure your comfort.

This research is important not only to us, but also to the research, publishing, library, book selling and cultural communities. The information that we gather from this study will help us all better understand the role of reading in our lives. Such information may be of interest to you, other readers, scholars and policy makers.

You may register any comments you might have about the project with Dr. Tony Davis, Associate VP of University Research at Mount Saint Vincent University. His phone number is (902) 457-6296 and his e-mail is tony.davis@msvu.ca.

The results of this study are available to you, upon its completion, by contacting me at: DeNel Rehberg Sedo, MSVU, 166 Bedford Hwy, Halifax, NS, B0J 1T0 Canada or by e-mail at denel.rehbergsedo@msvu.ca.

INFORMED CONSENT BY SUBJECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH PROJECT

BEYOND THE BOOK

The university and those conducting this project subscribe to the ethical conduct of research and to the protection at all times of the interests, comfort, and safety of subjects. This form and the information it contains are given to you for your own protection and full understanding of the procedures. Your signature on this form will signify that you have received a document, which describes the procedures, possible risks, and the benefits of this research project.

If you feel uncomfortable with any of the questions at any point in the research process, you will advise the researcher(s), or simply won't answer them. You understand that there will be no repercussions or adverse affects because of your decision. You understand that some participants in this research may feel self-conscious or uncomfortable answering certain questions.

By signing this form, you understand that the researchers will respect your feelings, and will attempt to ensure your comfort. You also understand that you have received an adequate opportunity to consider the information in the document, and that you voluntarily agree to participate in the project.

Name

Date

Name you would like the researchers to use if they want to use names:

_____ (first name only)