



New Tecumseth Public Library

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Kimberley Burgess and I am the Adult Program Coordinator at New Tecumseth Public Library. At NTPL, I have had the immense pleasure of hosting Judy Penz Sheluk several times over the years for many different types of programs, all of which were met with great enthusiasm by our patrons.

We've hosted Judy:

- as a former New Tecumseth local author, discussing one or more of her own novels (very popular with our Book Club members);
- as a professional writer with extensive publishing experience (very popular with our Wordsmiths' Writing Group members);
- as our Simcoe Reads 2021 Champion;
- as the Chair of Crime Writers of Canada, for a Crime Writers panel discussion.

All of our programs with Judy have been extremely successful! Our writing and publishing talks typically drew around 15-20 attendees; our Simcoe Reads Open Book Club with Judy as our Champion drew 60 attendees, and hundreds more for the Final Conversation/Debate; our Crime Writers of Canada event drew 50. Excellent response!

I also hosted the following two virtual PowerPoint publishing presentations led by Judy, both very well attended and regarded:

- Finding Your Path to Publication: A Step-by-Step Guide; and
- Self-Publishing: The Ins & Outs of Going Indie.

Judy is an all-time favourite at NTPL, and personally we would be thrilled to host her again anytime. It is my immense pleasure to provide you with this endorsement for Judy; your library system would be lucky to host her and your library patrons would benefit from her great knowledge, skill, ability and enthusiasm for her craft.

I'm happy to answer any questions you may have at any time.

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