



Dear Friends, Members, and Supporters of the Association of Rhode Island Authors –

Believe it or not, we've just passed our 10th year and we're heading into Year 11 with over 300 active members! It's hard to believe that this organization started with just four or five writers meeting at a coffee shop to discuss the joys of writing and meeting with like-minded individuals. Today, our authors attend book signing events throughout the state, visit local schools and libraries, and participate in Comic Cons and major festivals around the country.

In 2023 we continue to go into the local community to raise literary awareness and to provide support to all those authors-to-be. We will also be starting the ARIA Academy that will provide an online forum for people to enroll in literary workshops, presentations, and panel discussions. Our hope is to spread our combined knowledge to not only Rhode Island but to the whole world.

The Annual Rhode Island Authors Expo, our organization's signature event, is a place where the public can meet over a hundred local authors, attend panels and presentations, meet VIPs and headliners, and purchase books from some of the area's finest writers. The event is already booked for 2023 and coordinating the effort will begin in earnest after the New Year once again.

Our goals for 2023 will be to continue our commitment to the literary community, reach a whole new level of writers and soon-to-be authors through our ARIA Academy, and attend events for authors to showcase their works. With ARIA being a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, it's only through your donations and support that we can attain these goals. Your contribution of \$50, \$100, \$200 or more today will go a long way in helping us reach these goals and your support will make a huge impact in expanding our literary community.

To make a donation, please make a check payable to the Association of Rhode Island Authors, P. O. Box 0334, North Kingstown, RI 02852-0334. For your convenience, you may also make a donation on our website – please visit www.riauthors.org and click the Donate link.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Michael Squatrito, Jr." in a cursive script.

J. Michael Squatrito, Jr.

President, Association of Rhode Island Authors