**ASIAN FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN’S CONTENT (AFCC) SINGAPORE**

**30 May to 6 June 2015  
Organiser: National Book Development Council of Singapore**

**First Pages - Writing Critique Submission Guidelines**

4 June 2015 | National Library Building, Singapore | 4.30pm – 5.30pm

**First Pages - Writing Critique**

First Pages is an opportunity for writers who are considering writing a book to part of their story with a panel of international publishing experts who will read and comment on the stories before an audience.

**Submissions Guidelines:**

***These guidelines apply to unpublished children’s books only.***

* Your first page should be submitted as follows:
  1. In the top right-hand corner, list the genre (picture book, chapter book, middle-grade novel, young adult novel) and word count of the entire manuscript.
  2. Type the title on the left of the page, below the genre and word count. The content of the story should follow.
  3. Use Times New Roman font, size 12, and double-spaced. (Approximately 100 words will fit in this space.)
  4. Margins should be one-inch all around. No identifying information needs to be given. Authors can remain anonymous.
  5. Please send your formatted first page as a MS Word (.doc) attachment.
  6. A template of the First Pages submission is provided in Appendix A.
* We strongly encourage you to create a publicity plan of your own to create awareness of your artwork, if your work is selected.
* Please send your formatted first page as a .doc or .pdf attachment by 20 April, 2015.
* Please send a screenshot of your e-ticket to the AFCC Writers & Illustrators Conference.
* Contact organiser: National Book Development Council of Singapore (NBDCS)

Entries will only be accepted by email (with the subject “AFCC – FIRST PAGES”) to [judi@bookcouncil.sg](mailto:judi@bookcouncil.sg) / (65) 6848 8295.

We will try to review as many submissions as possible for comments by the panel at the festival, but cannot guarantee all submissions will be viewed. Files will only be accepted via email and only with the proper formatting.

**Please note:**

* Only one submission will be accepted per registered AFCC participant.
* Only the first 100 words of each manuscript will be read during the session.
* Only verbal critiques will be given to participants, who must be present at the conference session.

Please submit the Information Sheet, together with a screenshot of your e-ticket for the Writers & Illustrators Conference, to Judi at <[judi@bookcouncil.sg](mailto:judi@bookcouncil.sg)>.

**First Pages Timeline:**Closing date for submission of digital copies of First Pages submissions is **15 May 2015 (Friday).**

**APPENDIX A: FIRST PAGES SUBMISSION TEMPLATE**

Genre:

Word Count:

TITLE OF BOOK:

TITLE OF CHAPTER: If none, indicate ‘NIL’

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