

Frank Talk to become home for new reading series



Frank Talk manager Ashley Hollins (left) and Middletown poet John Petrolino discuss plans for the Frank Talk Reading Series.—Monitor News Service

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RED BANK BOROUGH – Frank Talk is a bookshop and art gallery that has recently agreed to become the new home for a reading series to be hosted by Middletown poet John Petrolino, called the Frank Talk Reading Series.

Petrolino is the author of two books of poetry, with his most recent being “Congo Lights,” published by Piscataway House Publishing, Jackson, this month. Petrolino approached Frank Talk owner Gilda Rogers about the idea of a reading series shortly after he was named as Monitor Newspapers’ arts and entertainment correspondent earlier this month.

“There are so many great reading series that are going on in New Jersey that I thought Red Bank would be somewhere that would really work as a destination for a series that focused on poetry and literary fiction,” Petrolino said. “And, Frank Talk is the perfect place to hold it.”

Rogers said she welcomed the idea of a reading series. She explained, “Red Bank is

a great place to hold a reading series and I am looking forward to getting it under way.”

Petrolino said he would be looking to feature not only established writers and poets with books out, but also offer an open microphone portion of the program to audience members, providing an outlet for them to be able to read their poetry and stories.

Frank Talk manager Ashley Hollins said, “I think it is great encouragement for area writers to have the kind of opportunities that this series could provide.”

Tentatively, plans are being made to inaugurate the new series during July, with the second Sunday of each month being the planned day for the event. Petrolino said he would announce, by next month, a permanent schedule and times for the Frank Talk Read, after further consultation with Rogers.

“When the series gets launched, I want everything to be perfect,” Petrolino said. For more information, Petrolino can be contacted via e-mail at jpetrolinoiii@yahoo.com, or call Frank Talk, which is located at 163 Shrewsbury Avenue, at (732) 747-2572.



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