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NMCC to hold book signing with local writers

Aroostook County - Some members of a local writers' group whose work has been published in a new book, *Breathe Volume II*, will be on the Northern Maine Community College campus on Wednesday, February 9, for a book signing from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference Center. In addition to signing books, which will be available for purchase during the event, the writers will be reading some of their favorite pieces.

"We like to read to an audience very much and love listener feedback. I think most people write because they want to share the worlds they create, whether fictional or real," said Wendy Koenig, president of the Caribou-based writing group Breathe, which is comprised of more than a dozen northern Maine and New Brunswick writers. The group focuses on a positive but honest atmosphere, with an effort put on keeping everybody writing, learning and having fun, according to Koenig.

The group recently published their second book, *Breathe Volume II*, an anthology of poetry, prose, short fiction and non-fiction. This anthology was a combined effort of every member of the group. They decided to publish a second volume of work based on the warm reception the first book received, according to Koenig.

"It's an enjoyable book to just thumb through and read. The wide variety of talent is amazing. We have beginners and advanced writers alike. They all have pieces in our book," she said. "Even our cover was designed by a group member."

The February 9 book signing is being coordinated by Gail Roy, the College's assistant dean of learning resources.

"Book signings are a great way to support the creative efforts of those in our community, as well as to promote reading for pleasure," said Roy, who has coordinated a number of them since she took over the reigns of the NMCC library. "The *Breathe Volume II* book signing is a great opportunity for members of the campus and local community to see and hear more about work from these local writers."

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