

Well-Read Mom Summer Magazine Contributor Guidelines
{Year of the Teacher}/ Deadline: **March 1st, 2026.**

Thank you for considering submitting to our *Summer Magazine*. Our magazine shares our local experiences with the worldwide Well-Read Mom audience — the books we've read, the conversations they've sparked, and the ways reading continues to shape us, our families, and our culture.

Below are our guidelines to help you craft submissions that resonate with our mission and readers.

1. Understanding the Well-Read Mom Audience

Our readers are women from various faiths, life stages, and vocations (though most are Catholic mothers) who are interested in personal growth, friendship, and literature. They appreciate content that explores the human condition and connects literature with how to live with more intention.

2. Content Focus

- Personal Reflections (250-500 words): Was there a particular book or character from the year that taught you something unexpected or left a lasting impact on you?
- Essays (500-750 words): More in-depth reflections on themes like family life, deep reading, and the power of books to build culture and connection.

3. Photographs and Artwork

- We're looking for beautiful, high-quality images that relate to the theme, books, reading, family life, or your small group experience.
- We're especially drawn to images that feel natural, thoughtful, and true.
- Photos should be high-resolution (minimum 3000 px on the long side), lightly edited, and submitted as original JPEG files. Natural light is strongly encouraged. By submitting, you grant permission for the image to be used in print and digital publications.

3. Tone and Style

- Our tone is thoughtful, engaging, and accessible, invoking deep thought while remaining relatable and inspiring.
- Use clear, concise language and short paragraphs.
- Original work only: We ask that all blog submissions be written by you personally and not generated with the assistance of artificial intelligence tools.

5. References and Quotations

- When quoting or referencing texts, please provide appropriate citations.
- Avoid excessive quoting; your unique insights are what our readers value most.

6. Submission Process

- Submit your article as a Word document or Google Doc to submissions@wellreadmom.com.
- Make sure your name and title are on your document.
- Include a brief bio (20-30 words).
- Include a photo of yourself (if you like).
- Include “Summer Magazine Submission: [Your Article Title]” in the subject line.
- Sign a copy of the [Well-Read Mom Copyright Release Form](#).

7. Editorial Process

- We reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity, length, and style.
- While we are grateful for every submission and love hearing from our members, please understand that we cannot accommodate all submissions. We truly appreciate each of you!

8. Publication

- We will let you know in April if your submission will be published in the Summer Magazine.
- We often promote published articles on our social media platforms and encourage you to do the same.

Thank you for your interest in contributing! ~Well-Read Mom Team