



2020 National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)



Typin' away again near dear ol' Naperville

FREE PREPARATORY WORKSHOPS FOR NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH

Every year, hundreds of thousands of people around the world take the plunge and become an author during the month of November. If you've always wanted to write a novel, or try to write a novel, then this is the year to take advantage of National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). It is a free, annual challenge that takes place every November, where novelists strive to start, write, and complete the first draft of their novel by writing 50,000 words in just 30 days.

Last year in the Naperville region of NaNoWriMo, which serves the western and southern suburbs of Chicago, participants wrote their novel drafts, bolstered by online forums and local events, and they had fun along the way.

This year, the Naperville region has a great schedule of virtual workshops and write-ins to support and encourage local participants. The Naperville region has partnered with area libraries to offer three preparatory workshops in the month of October. The first one of these will be 1-3pm, Saturday, October 10th: Sam McAdams will lead participants through a highly interactive Story Wall Party, a brainstorming event designed to help participants come up with ideas for their novels, get advice, and iron out potential story issues. If you don't have an idea for a novel yet, you'll walk away from this workshop with several.

The other workshops are: Saturday, October 17th, 1-3 pm: Jenny Johnson introduces the group to the concept of love languages, how they can be used to create characters, and how they can be used to develop (or destroy) character relationships. And on Saturday, October 24th, 1-3 pm, Sarah Vu leads a workshop on How to Avoid Your Inner Editor and Write.

The weekend before NaNoWriMo begins in earnest, the Naperville region will be hosting an online Kick-Off Party on Saturday, October 31st. Participants will gather for a fun ice-breaker, a special cameo from National Novel Writing Month Director Grant Faulkner, games, and socializing.

The Naperville region also partners with many area libraries to offer online write-in events throughout November for participants to gather on work on their novels, either in focused silence or sometimes with games and encouraging chatter. This year, participating libraries include: Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Joliet Junior College, Oak Park, Plainfield, Woodridge, and Nichols Library (Naperville).

For more information about any of our workshops or events, see <http://naperwrimo.org>.