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## **NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH PROGRAMS**

*The Springfield Library will host programs to support NaNoWriMo*

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) and it is your time to write your novel! NaNoWriMo is a month-long event that encourages kids and adults to tackle the challenge of writing a novel in November. Participants pledge to write 50,000 words in a month, starting from scratch and finishing by November 30. In 2014, over 325,000 participants wrote novels.

This fall, the Springfield Library will be one of several hundred libraries, bookstores, and community centers opening their doors to novelists as part of the *Come Write In* program. In addition, Springfield Library will be hosting programs to support the efforts of fledgling authors.

### **What is NaNoWriMo?**

#### **Informal Q & A session**

**Tuesday, October 20 from 7:00-8:00pm**

#### **Library Meeting Room**

What does the month-long NaNoWriMo event entail? What can I expect? How can I participate and have a good time? Get all of your NaNoWriMo questions answered at this informal question and answer session facilitated by Liz Pratt, NaNoWriMo Liaison for Eugene/Lane County. Free and open to the public.

### **Weekly Write-In Workshops**

#### **Every Saturday in November**

**November 7, November 14, November 21, and November 28, 2015 from 1:00-3:00pm**

#### **Library Conference Room**

Co-hosted by Wordcrafters in Eugene, the write-in is a gathering of writers and NaNoWriMo participants who are working on current creative writing projects. There may be timed writings to keep focused and brief discussions to resolve issues with characters, settings, or plots. Participants should bring writing materials and a current writing project. Free and open to the public.

More about National Novel Writing Month can be found here: <http://nanowrimo.org/>

More about Wordcrafters:

Wordcrafters provides writers and readers opportunities to strengthen their craft, deepen their connection with literature, and share their knowledge with each other and with future generations. Wordcrafters offers an annual writing conference, year-round writing classes and retreats, young writers camps and workshops, and Writers in the Schools. Check out <http://wordcraftersineugene.org/> for more information.

**What:** NaNoWriMo programs at the Springfield Library

**When:** NaNoWriMo Informal Q & A Session Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 7:00-8:00pm; Weekly Write-In Workshops, Saturdays, Nov. 7, Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Nov. 28, 2015 from 1:00-3:00pm

**Where:** Q & A Session in the Library Meeting Room; Weekly Write-In Workshops in the Library Conference Room located at 225 5<sup>th</sup> St. Springfield, OR 97477

**Additional Information:** Contact Thea Evenstad, [tevenstad@springfield-or.gov](mailto:tevenstad@springfield-or.gov) or 541-726-2238

## Teen Read Week

### *Meet the Author of Jackaby*

Celebrate Teen Read Week with a FREE BOOK! All week long we will be giving away copies of the award winning young adult novel *Jackaby* (while supplies last), written by Springfield's own, Will Ritter. Bring your copy to the library on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> to meet the author and get it signed! Mr. Ritter will be in the library at 4:30 to talk about *Jackaby* and the new sequel, *Beastly Bones*. Plus, you might be lucky enough to win a signed copy of *Beastly Bones*.

Teen Read Week™ is a national adolescent literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). It began in 1998 and is held annually during the third week of October. Its purpose is to encourage teens to be regular readers and library users.

**What:** Teen Read Week- Meet the Author

**When:** October 27, 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Springfield Public Library

**Additional Information:** Contact LuCinda Gustavson at 541.726.2287

## **Bookmark Entries Are Due!**

### *October 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm*

This is a reminder that this year's bookmark contest entries are due on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm in the Springfield Public Library. No late entries will be accepted.

This annual contest is open to all youth kindergarten age through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. One entry per person, please. Applications are available in the library, on the library website, and through the Springfield School District classrooms.

The theme of this year's contest follows the upcoming themes for 2016 Summer Reading: "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read" for kids and "Get in the Game: Read" for teens.

**What:** Annual Springfield Public Library Bookmark Contest

**When:** DUE: Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm (Library Close)

**Where:** The Springfield Public Library

**Additional Information:** Contact Taylor Worley at [tworley@springfield-or.gov/541.726.2243](mailto:tworley@springfield-or.gov/541.726.2243)

## **Little Monster BASH!**

### *Annual Favorite Halloween Program for Families*

Families are invited to join us in costume (costumes are optional, of course) for our annual Little Monster Bash! on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Library Meeting Room. We'll share some spooooky stories, sing silly songs, and create some creepy crafts fit for the season. This program is perfect for preschoolers and their siblings and will last about an hour.

Then, don't forget to come Trick-or-Treating in City Hall (don't miss the library!) on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00pm. Trick-or-Treat!

**What:** Little Monster Bash!

**When:** Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6:30-7:30pm

**Where:** The Springfield Public Library, Library Meeting Room

**Additional Information:** Contact Taylor Worley at [tworley@springfield-or.gov/541.726.2243](mailto:tworley@springfield-or.gov/541.726.2243)

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