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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 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 2015, more than 430,000 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.

### **NaNoWriMo Plotting Party**

**Monday, October 10 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**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 and plot your novel at this informal session facilitated by Benni Rose, NaNoWriMo Municipal Liaison for Eugene/Lane County. Free and open to the public.

### **Wordcrafters Writing Workshop**

**Monday, October 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

All are welcome to join this free writing workshop presented by Wordcrafters in Eugene. Library Conference Room. More information to come. Class size may be limited to 20 people. Please sign-up at the library's reference desk or by calling 541.726.3766. Drop-ins are welcome on the day of the class, only if space permits.

### **Tuesday Write-Ins**

**November 1, November 15, November 29 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Library Conference Room**

NaNoWriMo participants gather to work on their novels as a group during these write-ins. Write-ins generally last for two hours and people may come and go over the course of the event. Write-ins can often provide inspiration for a bad case of writer's block! Tuesday write-ins are facilitated by Benni Rose, NaNoWriMo Municipal Liaison for Eugene/Lane County. Free and open to the public.

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

### **Every Saturday in November**

**November 5, November 12, November 19, and November 26, 2016 from 1-3 p.m.**

### **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.

## **Wordcrafters Writing Workshop**

**Monday, November 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

All are welcome to join this free writing workshop presented by Wordcrafters in Eugene. Library Conference Room. More information to come. Class size may be limited to 20 people. Please sign-up at the library's reference desk or by calling 541.726.3766. Drop-ins are welcome on the day of the class, only if space permits.

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 Plotting Party, Monday 10/10/16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Wordcrafters Writing Workshops, two sessions: Monday 10/24/16 and Monday 11/21/16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday Write-Ins, three sessions: 11/1/16 and 11/15/16 and 11/29/16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Weekly Weekend Write-In Workshops, Saturdays, 11/5/16 and 11/12/16 and 11/19/16 and 11/26/16 from 1-3 p.m.

**Where:** Plotting Party and Writing Workshops in the Library Meeting Room; Weekly Write-Ins in the Library Conference Room located at 225 5<sup>th</sup> St. Springfield, OR 97477

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