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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 is hosting programs to support the efforts of fledgling authors.

Wordcrafters Writing Workshop

5:30-7:30 p.m., today, October 24 and Monday, November 21

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, only if space permits.

Tuesday Write-Ins

5:30-7:30 p.m. on November 1, November 15, and November 29

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

1-3 p.m. on November 5, November 12, November 19, and November 26

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 Benni Rose:

Benni Rose has been a NaNoWriMo Municipal Liaison for the Oregon: Eugene/Lane County region since 2015, and has been a participant since 2011. Rose has a B.A. in English with minors in Comics and Cartoon Studies and in East Asian Studies from the University of Oregon and is currently working on a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Washington.

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:

- Wordcrafters Writing Workshops, two sessions: 5:30-7:30 p.m., today, October 24 and Monday, November 21
- Tuesday Write-Ins, three sessions: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays on November 1, November 15, and November 29
- Weekly Weekend Write-In Workshops: 1-3 p.m., Saturdays on November 5, November 12, November 19, and November 26

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

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