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# Kansas Writers, Inc.

## June 2021 Newsletter



### Ponderings and Smackerals:

Hello to all you writerly type folks!

June is barely half over, and it's already scorching hot—and knowing Kansas summers the way I do—it's going to get worse before it gets better. I hope you are all finding ways to keep cool, and I can think of few better ways to keep cool than enjoying the air conditioning with an ice cold beverage of your choice and hammering out some words in your current work in progress.

Things are starting to open up again, but as the library is still operating under restrictions—meeting rooms still not open to capacity and the cafe not yet open on weekends—we have moved out meeting this Saturday back to the Blind Tiger. As it's nearly impossible to conduct a proper program with all the hustle and bustle of a busy restaurant, we'll be doing critiques again this month. If you have anything you'd like to share with the class and receive feedback, bring 5 pages, double spaced for us to comment on. Need help brainstorming or just can't figure out where to go next? We'd be happy to do that, too.

Don't forget that this month is election month as well. Be on the lookout for an email from Billie-Renee with your ballot. If you're coming to the meeting and prefer a paper ballot you can vote in person.

Take care and see you Saturday!

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## KWI Meetings

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### Future Meetings

When: July 24, 2021

Where: TBA

Topic: TBA

### Future Meeting

When: August 28,  
2021

Where: TBA

Topic: TBA

### Meeting Format

Open Writing: 9:30am  
- 10:00am

Critiquing: 10:00am -  
11:30am

Board Meeting:  
11:30am - 12:00pm

Member Meeting:  
12:30pm - 1:00 pm

Program: 1:00 pm -  
2:30pm

## June Meeting



We've booked the Blind Tiger for 11:00 a.m. on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll be doing more critiquing so bring up to 5 double-spaced pages you want feedback on.

## Financials

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May 2021

Beginning Cash Balance:  
\$3,606.64

Income: \$00.00

Expenses: \$00.00

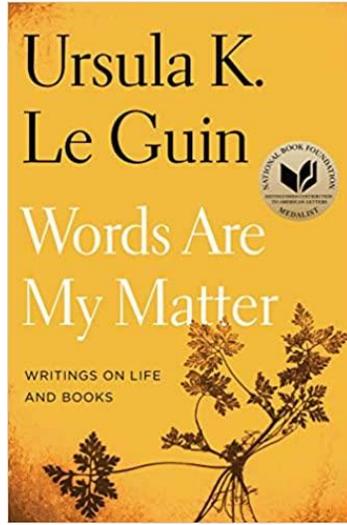
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## Kudos

Congratulations to Julie Nischan whose cookbook, *The Substitute Cook*, is now available. She also recently published a short story in the inaugural issue of *Beginnings* from 105 Meadowlark Reader.

Big kudos to all of us for continuing to survive these strange times.

## From the Slush Pile



Who doesn't love when the perfect book finds you at just the right time? I recently stopped in at Barnes & Noble to pick up a copy of Lucy Folley's *The Guest List* (good old fashioned murder mystery in the style of *Clue*, highly recommend) when another book caught my eye by pure chance.

If you are not familiar with Ursula K. Le Guin, I highly recommend picking up any of her works. *Words Are My Matter: Writings on Life and Books* is a collection of essays, talks, and criticism.

*"Here she investigates the depth and breadth of contemporary fiction—and, through the lens of literature, gives us a way of exploring the world around us.*

*In "Freedom," Le Guin notes: "Hard times are coming, when we'll be wanting the voices of writers who can see alternatives to how we live now ... to other ways of being, and even imagine real grounds for hope. We'll need writers who can remember freedom—poets, visionaries—realists of a larger reality."*

*Le Guin was one of those authors and in Words Are My Matter she gives us just that: a vision of a better reality, fueled by the power and might and hope of language and literature."*

Have an awesome read you want to recommend to our writing community?  
Send the info to [221bwilles@gmail.com](mailto:221bwilles@gmail.com).

## June/July Workshops

### **Brand U (held via Zoom)**

Date: June 26, 2021

FMI, <https://rwaonlinechapter.org/workshops-3/june-26-brand-u/>

### **Growth Hacking a Bestseller**

Date: June 26, 2021, 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM (EST), with Q&A session following 6:00-6:30

FMI, <https://threeriversromancewriters.com/events/>

### **Falling in Love with Series**

Date: June 26, 2021, at 1 p.m. ET / 12 p.m. CT / 10 a.m. PT

FMI, <http://contemporaryromance.org/workshops/>

### **Writing Holiday Romances that Sell**

Date: July 1-31, 2021

FMI,

[https://a2psr.rwa.org/A2PSR/Events/Event\\_Display.aspx?EventKey=A2PJUL21\\_2](https://a2psr.rwa.org/A2PSR/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=A2PJUL21_2)

### **BDSM**

Date: July 5–30, 2021

FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/>

### **Captivating Submission Package**

Date: July 5–30, 2021

FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/>

### **Fake It 'Til You Make It: Beginning Tech Tips for Authors!**

Date: July 5–30, 2021

FMI, <http://www.yosemiteromancewriters.com/workshops>

### **Field Medical Emergencies and Procedures**

Date: July 5–30, 2021

FMI, <https://www.rwakissofdeath.org/coffin>

### **Mastering Character Arcs**

Date: July 5-30

FMI, <https://fthrw.com/upcoming-workshops>

**Nuances of Dialogue**

Date: July 5–30, 2021

FMI, <http://www.neorwa.com/online-workshops/upcoming-meetings/>

**Perfect Pairings**

Date: July 5–30, 2021

FMI, <https://www.heartsthroughhistory.com/workshops>

**Revisions: The Art of Layers**

Date: July 5–30, 2021

FMI, <https://www.heartsthroughhistory.com/workshops>

**Write a Good Manuscript for F's Sake**

Date: July 5–30, 2021

FMI, <https://www.rwakissofdeath.org/coffin>

**Second Chance Romances**

Date: July 12-25, 2021

FMI,

[https://a2psr.rwa.org/iCore/Events/Event\\_Display.aspx?EventKey=A2PJUL21\\_1](https://a2psr.rwa.org/iCore/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=A2PJUL21_1)

**Website Basics for Authors Part 2**

Date: July 12–23, 2021

FMI, <https://www.rwakissofdeath.org/coffin>