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October 2022 Newsletter



Ponderings and Smackerals:

Greetings fellow writers,

Ahh, fall seems to have finally arrived. The hoodie weather I have been longing for is here! Not sure there are bonfires and keggers in my future, but we can't have everything. The weather isn't the only thing I enjoy about October though. November is right around the corner, and that means it's almost time for NaNoWriMo.! Join us Saturday to learn all about this exciting writing event. The library's own Lissa Staley shares the ins and outs of this yearly event, explains why the world needs your novel, and offers buckets full of encouragement. Fifty-thousand words in 30 days. Insanity? Maybe. Fun, comradely, and productivity? Absolutely. Hope to see you there!

As always, I wish you words!

Bear

KWI Meetings

October Meeting

When: October 22,
2022

Where:
Topeka/Shawnee
County Library, Anton
Room

Topic: NaNoWriMo
Events

Future Meetings

When: November
19, 2022

Where: Grace
United Methodist
Church,

Topic: Christmas
Party

No December Meeting

Meeting Format

Program: 10:00am

Board Meeting: 11:00

Critique: 12:00pm

October Meeting/Program

This month's meeting will be held Saturday, September 22, at the Topeka /Shawnee County Library in the Anton Room. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. Library events coordinator, Lissa Staley, will talk about the upcoming NaNoWriMo and what the library has planned. A business meeting will follow. We will conclude with a critique session for those who wish to participate.



From the Slush Pile

September Program Link

The September program featured Reedsy editor, Anna Bierhaus. Anna gave a presentation: Pacing: Writing an Addictive Page-Turner. We want to keep our readers involved enough to keep flipping pages until the wee morning hours. If you missed the viewing, you watch find Anna's presentation on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRygmZzBZBE>

BookTok

TickTok may be familiar to members. It's a popular platform where people can upload entertaining or informative videos. Lately, I have been reading articles about its "cousin" BookTok. It has been popular with book lovers, both young and old. For authors. it can garner exposure to their books. Here are a few informative links.

<https://www.writersdigest.com/getting-published/what-is-booktok-and-why-should-writers-care>

<https://medium.com/writers-blokke/booktok-for-noobs-writers-and-old-fogies-1371199b997d>

https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/154376.Best_Books_from_Book_Tok

Financials

September 2022

Beginning Cash Balance:
 \$3,568.54
Income: \$0.00
Expenses: \$0.00
Ending Cash Balance
 \$3,568.54

November Holiday Party Reminder

KWI will hold its holiday party November 19 at Grace United Methodist, 2627 SW Western Avenue, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Park in the north lot and enter through the unlocked door by the stairs. Lunch is potluck so bring your favorite dish. An auction will follow. If you wish to participate in the auction, please bring an unwrapped gift.

No December Meeting

KWI will not hold a December meeting. We meet again on January 28, 2023, at the Topeka/Shawnee County Library, Anton Room

April Retreat

KWI will be holding its annual retreat April 28-30, 2023, at Lake Wabaunsee. Please let Shayne know if you are interested in attending. If you have never been to one, the house we stay at is lovely, the view of the lake beautiful, and the company inspiring. The address is 440 Flint Hills Drive, Alma.

November/December Online Writing Workshops

A big thank you to Angela Johnson for providing information on upcoming workshops and classes.

Webinar: Editing Boot Camp

Date: October 22, 2022, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM CT

Presenter: Kim Taylor Blackmore, FMI

[Editing Book Camp](#)

MASTER CLASS: The Art and Business of Author Platform

Date: October 29, 2022, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM ET on ZOOM

Presenter: Jane Friedman, FMI

<https://austinrwa.org/special-events/>

Webinar: How to Balance Romance and Suspense

Date: October 29, 2022, 9:00 am-10:00 AM CT

Presenter: Caridad Pineiro FMI

[How to Balance Romance and Suspense](#)

Story Openings: Beyond Happily Ever After

Date: November 1-15, 2022

Presenter: Tina Tocco, FMI

<https://www.oirwa.com>

The Industrial Ages of America

Date: November 1-25, 2022

Presenter: Amber Cross, FMI

[Industrial Ages of America](#)

Scene-by-Scene Writing

Date: November 1-25, 2022

Presenter: Sally Walker, FMI

<https://www.heartsthroughhistory.com/product/scene-by-scene-writing-nov-22/>**Writing BDSM**

Date: November 1-25, 2022

Presenter: Cassandra Carr, FMI

<https://www.heartsthroughhistory.com/product/writing-bdsm-nov-22/>**Killing Words**

Date: November 1-30, 2022

Presenter: Beth Daniels, FMI

<https://www.oirwa.com>**Pinterest for Authors**

Date: November 1-30, 2022

Presenter: Amber Cross, FMI

<https://www.oirwa.com>**Choosing that Fatal Flaw**

Date: November 5, 2022, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. EDT

Presenter: Laurie Schnebly, FMI

<https://ffprwa.com/choosing-that-fatal-flaw/>**Mini Rom-Com: 4 Workshops---1 price!**

1. World Building;
2. Writing Description for People Who Hate Description...or Love it Too Much;
3. Validate Your Story Idea (Before You Start Writing or Pitching);
4. How to Raise the Stakes (Without Killing Everyone)

Date: November 5, 2022, Recordings Provided

Presenters: Olivia Gaines; Jeannie Lin; Katie McCoach; Becca Puglisi, FMI

<https://www.lirw.org/minioromcon>**Getting Around the Writer's Block, Moving Forward No Matter How Stuck You Are**

Date: November 5, 2022, 9 AM-1:30 AM PT

Presenter: Sylvia Hubbard, FMI

[Getting Around the Writer's Block](#)

OR email: workshops.a2pwrwa@gmail.com

Villains: The Too Often Forgotten Character

Date: November 5, 2022, 3 PM CT via Zoom

Presenter: Mary Buckham, FMI

[Villains: Too Often Forgotten Character](#)

Writing Medical Tropes in Romance

Date: November 7–11, 2022

Presenter: Natalie Dale MD, FMI

<https://contemporaryromance.org/workshops/>

Second Chance Romances

Date: November 7–18, 2022

Presenter: Deborah A. Bailey, FMI

[Second Chance Romances](#)

OR email: workshops.a2pwrwa@gmail.com

Fine Tune Your Manuscript

Date: November 7-20, 2022

Presenter: Kate McMurray, FMI

[Fine Tune your Manuscript](#)

Author Branding

Date: November 12, 2022, 1 PM

Presenter: Olivia Gaines, FMI

[Author Branding – Contemporary Romance Writers](#)

So You Think You're Ready for an Author Assistant

Date: November 12, 2022, 9 AM-10:30 AM PT

Presenter: Sara Benedict, FMI

[Ready for an Author Assistant](#)

OR email: workshops.a2pwrwa@gmail.com

Sense in Sensitivity (Readers)

Date: November 16, 2022, 3 PM-4 PM CT

Presenter: October K. Santerelli, FMI

<https://akrwa.com/events>

Ten Minutes to Glory: Your Editor-Agent Pitch

Date: November 19, 2022, 4 PM CT

Presenter: Laurie Schnelby Campbell, FMI

[Ten Minutes to Glory](#)

Is Your Dark Moment Gray: How to Make it Black & Keep Your Readers Interested

Date: November 21-December 5, 2022

Presenter: Cassandra Carr, FMI

[Is Your Dark Moment Gray](#)

Hearts and Handcuffs: Writing Believable Police Heroes

Date: November 21-December 20, 2022

Presenter: Angela Knight & Cop Lt. Michael Woodcock, FMI

[Research - Hearts and Handcuffs](#)

Online Workshops @ Savvy Authors

Offers a plethora of workshops every month

<https://savvyauthors.com/community/classes/>

The Writer's Digest University is offering several writing workshops in on a variety of topics in November, December, and January 2023. You can learn more at <https://www.writersonlineworkshops.com/catalog>

Here are a few of the upcoming events:

Becoming a Middle Grade Author, November 3

Nonfiction Writing, Virtual Conference, November 5

Banish Writer's Block Forever, November 9

Effective Book Marketing for Any Author, November 17

Create an Author Website in 24 Hours or Less, December 1

First Ten Pages Boot Camp, December 1-4

How to get Published / Land a Book Deal in 2023, Jane Friedman, January 5.

October Featured Member

This month's spotlight is on member Jason Glasson. He currently serves as Vice President.

Q: Tell us a little about yourself and what prompted you to start writing.

A: I'm very enthusiastic about the creative arts in general. I love all kinds of music and I love movies, books. My writing in the past had pretty much been contained to song lyrics. Not counting school, I'd never really written fiction before. One night Bear and I were out to dinner with friends to celebrate the publication of Angela's first novel. The conversation turned to NaNoWriMo and I decided I wanted to participate, just to see if I could do it.

Q: Do you have a favorite genre that you write? Tell us why that interests you? Or how you came to be interested in that genre.

A: Not really. I just write what strikes my fancy at the time. It usually turns out to be light comedy with sex and violence thrown in to keep it fun. I seem to be better at creating dialogue and silly one-liners than crafting epic plots, so a lot of my stuff comes off more like a cheap sitcom than a proper work of literature. But if I like it when I'm done, then I'm happy, if my friends like it, even better.

Q: Where are you in the writing process (writing, a first draft done, published, etc)?

I have a few short stories finished and many more in the works. Currently I am researching and outlining my NaNo project for this year

Q: How have your experiences in life influenced how or what you write about?

Well, you meet a lot of people and you take a little something away from every encounter that you have, and the other person takes a little away from you. You store those away in your head. A lot of the quirkiest elements of some of my characters are lifted directly from people I went to school with, met on my travels, or fought with in the parking lot at the supermarket

Q: Do you have a technique, time, or place that gets you in the mood to write?

Not really, but it works a lot better if I can relax my mind and let the ideas flow out than if I try to force it out just so I can get the scene finished.

Q: You're raising the pup, ValJean. Is he influencing the way or times you write, or do you find he's a cute distraction?

He's an absolute joy, but it's hard to concentrate on other things when you just want to play with the dog. And he has definite ideas about how we should spend our time

Q: Anything you want to add that you think members will be interested in?

Boldly going forward because we can't find reverse.

Kudos

If you have published a book, received a writing award, appeared on a Podcast, or any other such reason to celebrate a success, please let Connie know at conniebeckett942@gmail.com. We would love to feature you in an upcoming newsletter.

September Meeting Minutes

KWI September Meeting September 24, 2022

- I. **Called to order** at 10:00 a.m. by president Tish Glasson.
- II. **Members Present:** Tish Glasson, Alisha Davis, Shayne Huxtable, Connie Beckett, Theresa Grennan, and Romie Chavez.
- III. **Minutes** – The minutes as posted in the previous newsletter were approved
- IV. **Financials** – The Treasurer reported the beginning August balance was \$3,636.13. There was income of \$240.00 and expenses of \$317.59. The ending balance was \$3,568.54.
- V. **Correspondence** – There was no new correspondence for the month.

VI. Unfinished Business

- A. Round Robin – All the chapters to date have been posted on the website. The president will select the next author.
- B. Programs – Anyone with ideas for programs should communicate them to a board member.
- C. Spring Retreat – The spring writing retreat has been set for April 28– 30 at Lake Wabaunsee.
- D. November Holiday Party – will be held November 19th at the Grace United Methodist Church beginning at 11 am.

VII. New Business

- A. Tish asked members to let her know if they have suggestions for program topics in the coming year.
- B. Connie asked for volunteers for next month's Featured Member section.
- C. Alisha announced that the Kansas Book Fair is going on at Washburn University and encouraged members to attend.
- D. Tish announced that Lissa Staley, the library's program and event coordinator, will be the speaker at the October meeting. She will be discussing the library's upcoming NaNoWriMo events. This part of the meeting is open to the public.

VIII. Kudos

- A. There were no kudos this month.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. by the president.

