

FREE WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH

National Novel Writing Month is a free, annual event each November to encourage people to write a 50,000+ word first draft of their novel. Anyone age 13+ can register at nanowrimo.org to participate. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people take the plunge.



The Naperville region of NaNoWriMo serves the western cities and suburbs of Chicago. Throughout November, we're partnering with area libraries to aid participants in working on their novels. Workshops will be presented in a hybrid mode, supporting both online virtual attendance and in-person attendance.

Prep workshops: We've partnered with the Nichols Library in Naperville to offer three free preparatory workshops in October. Please register with the hosting library, or visit naperwrimo.org/events for links to all NaNoWriMo registrations.

- Oct 7 **Story Wall Party** (Sam McAdams). Only have some of what you need for NaNoWriMo? Let your fellow NaNo participants serve as a sounding board to generate new plot twists, ask inspiring questions, and help you get ready for November!
- Oct 14 **Get Ready for National Novel Writing Month!** (Bryn Donovan) Every November—National Novel Writing Month—about a half a million writers all over the world challenge themselves to write 50,000 words of a novel in 30 days. It may be easier to achieve this if you're prepared! Bryn Donovan, an author and a former acquiring editor in publishing, offers tips, resources, and creative writing exercises to clarify your vision and your basic plot for your NaNoWriMo novel. You can use this workshop to spark your motivation about a work in progress...or to come up with a brand-new idea for a story! And you don't need to worry about being put on the spot—you won't have to share your work with the class. This workshop is for your preparation and inspiration, so join us and just have fun!
- Oct 21 **Memoir workshop** (Sherry Linker). Some people enjoy writing their memoirs for NaNoWriMo. This workshop will share with you information about the craft of writing memoirs.
- All three workshops are from 1 to 3pm at Nichols Library in Naperville. You can also sign up to attend virtually through Zoom at naperwrimo.org/workshop.



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Intro to NaNo workshops: There will be three offerings of our “How to Succeed at NaNoWriMo” 1-hour ML led workshop providing tips for NaNoWriMo success. Whether you are participating in National Novel Writing Month in November, or you just want to learn how to manage your writing project and your time more efficiently, this workshop is for you! This workshop focuses on how to succeed at writing a 50,000 word rough draft in a month. While the outcome is a book, many tips will be focused on time and project management, as well as overcoming internal fears surrounding writing. See <https://naperwrimo.org/logistics> for all details.

- **Session #1: Monday, Oct 16th from 6:30-7:30pm**
 - Hosted by Bloomingdale Public Library
 - Presenter: Sam McAdams
 - Virtual only
- **Session #2: Wednesday, Oct 18th from 6:30-7:30pm**
 - Hosted by Oak Park Public Library
 - Presenter: Jenny Johnson
 - Virtual only
- **Session #3: Tuesday, Oct 24th from 7-8pm**
 - Hosted by Glenside Public Library
 - Presenter: Jenn Bauer
 - Hybrid

NaperWriMo 2023 Kick Off Party

Come to Naperville Region's 2023 NanoWriMo kickoff. Meet your fellow NaNo participants, play games, and get a brief introduction to NaperWrimo 2023. This will be an in-person event only, hosted by the Glen Ellyn Public Library, who will be providing pizza!!

- **Date:** Saturday, Oct 28th
- **Time:** 1-3pm
- **Location:** Glen Ellyn Public Library

In November there will be write-in events (a combination of in-person and virtual) at Aurora Library - Eola Road Branch, Elmhurst Public Library, Glen Ellyn Public Library, Glenside Library, Joliet Junior College Library, and Oak Park. .

For more info, see naperwrimo.org.