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“NaNoWriMo”



November is National Novel Writing Month- nicknamed NaNoWriMo- and the Norfolk Public Library is hosting some writing events to encourage people to write.

“We’re excited at the library to host NaNoWriMo. It’s kind of a creative seat-of-your pants kind of writing. The goal is to write 50,000 words in the month of November. It’s the idea that everyone has something creative to contribute. They just need some extra incentive and a deadline to get them going writing that first novel or second novel or whatever it is that they want to approach for the month,” said Jessica Chamberlain, Director of the Norfolk Public Library.

All area writers are invited to the library for “Come Write In” events which are drop-in gatherings where writers meet with other writers and spend time writing together. Writing prompts and snacks will be provided.

The dates for the write-ins are Friday, November 6, from 10 am to noon; Thursday, November 12, from 1 to 3 pm; Wednesday, November 18, from 6-8 pm; and Tuesday, November 24, from 11 am to 1 pm. There will also be a NaNoWriMo Wrap Up event on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 pm. All participants are welcome whether they have completed the full challenge or not.

There is no cost to participate. For extra support and tools, writers are encouraged to go to nanowrimo.org and sign up for a free NaNoWriMo account. In 2014, there were 325,142 participants in the national NaNoWriMo event. According to the NaNoWriMo website, Over 250 NaNoWriMo novels have been traditionally published. They include Sara Gruen’s *Water for Elephants*, Erin Morgenstern’s *The Night Circus*, Hugh Howey’s *Wool*, Rainbow Rowell’s *Fangirl*, Jason Hough’s *The Darwin Elevator*, and Marissa Meyer’s *Cinder*.

See more at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2l_E_-i6j8