

NaNoWriMo

November 2017

Held at James City County Library, 7770 Croaker Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23188

<https://nanowrimo.org/>

Saturday, 4 Nov kick-off

1030-1115 Seminar I: Grow an Idea into a Novel (Greg Lily)

One of the first steps in beginning a novel is to test an idea to see if it has the potential to sustain the writer for 300 pages. Countless writers have started a novel only to have it fizzle out after 20 pages. This workshop uses worksheets and methods to help alleviate unproductive or underdeveloped story ideas, while discovering the idea that can grow into a full novel.

1130-1215 Seminar II Writing for Children (Dawn Brotherton)

How does writing books for children differ from young adult? What are the considerations when starting on this venture? A lot more goes into writing for children than people initially think.

11:45-3:pm Author Tables Set around the library

Greg Lilly (non-fiction on writing + mysteries)

Mary Montague Sikes (Children's books/illustrator)

SK Long (historical romance)

Dawn Brotherton (middle grade sports)

Carol Bova (magazine, non-fiction)

Chesapeake Bay writers

1215-1:00 Lunch

Order pizza or bring your own

1:00-1:45 Seminar III "Inconvenient Love" (SK Long)

Explore the art of creating characters, tension, and drama to turn out a great novel.

3-5pm Open writing

Monday, 6 Nov McGaw Room

5-5:30

Author SK Long, *Is There a Book in Your DNA?*

Discuss the following topics: Emotional attachment vs. research; Living resources; and Documented resources

5:30-9pm Open writing (light refreshments served)

Monday, 13 Nov McGaw Room

5-5:30

TJ O'Connor, *Agents, Publishers—Who Needs them?*

Discuss the following topics: Agents, Publishers, Query letters, Synopsis, What do you need to get noticed?

5:30-9pm Open writing (light refreshments served)

Monday, 20 Nov McGaw Room

5-5:30

Dawn Brotherton, *The Road to Publishing*

Discuss the following topics: The difference between traditional, self-publishing, and indie publishing; pros and cons of each

5:30-9pm Open writing (light refreshments served)

Monday, 27 Nov McGaw Room

5-9pm Open writing (serve coffee, water, cookies)

7-9pm in Kitzinger Auditorium Open mic night to share what you've written