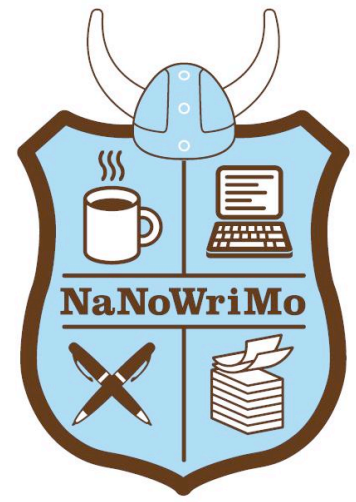


NaNoWriMo 2011
NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH
Workshops and Write-Ins
Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016



OCTOBER: PREPARING FOR NANOWRIMO

Workshop #1: Commit and Find the Time

Th 10/6: 11 AM to 12 noon, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

Th 10/6: 1 to 2 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

Please join us for our first pre-NaNo workshop of 2011! We'll introduce you to the basics of NaNoWriMo, walk you through officially signing up on the NaNo website, confirm your crazy decision to join, and help you find the time and space you'll need to write your novel. We may even have some snacks and prizes for you, as well.

Workshop #2: Gather the Tools You'll Need

Tu 10/11: 11 AM to 12 noon, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

W 10/12: 12:30 to 1:30 PM, Oakton Community College Library Lower Level

This workshop will help you figure out what you need to stock up on before the month of November begins. We'll discuss very important writerly tools, such as your favorite pen or a special hat you wear only when you write. We will also help you discover some role models for the upcoming month. Most importantly, we'll discuss ways you can set yourself up for a productive month by bragging shamelessly about writing a novel, and obligating yourself to unpleasant tasks should you fail to reach those 50,000 words.

Workshop #3: Discover Your Muse

Tu 10/18: 11 AM to 12 noon, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

W 10/19 12:30 to 1:30 PM, Oakton Community College Library Lower Level

This workshop will focus on ways to help you discover your muse, the inspiration you'll need to sit down and write, write, write. Nervous about whether you'll actually be able to write a 50,000-word novel in just one month's time? This workshop is for you!

Workshop #4: Discover Your Story

Tu 10/25: 11 AM to 12 noon, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

W 10/26 12:30 to 1:30, Oakton Community College Library Lower Level

With just one week left before NaNoWriMo 2011 officially begins, we can now focus on doing a teensy tiny bit of pre-planning. This workshop will help you iron out some of the larger aspects of your story so you can sit down on November 1st with some semblance of an idea of what you plan to write. If you're a planner, this workshop is for you. Remember, you cannot actually begin writing your novel before November 1st, but you *can* do a bit of planning.

NOVEMBER: 30 DAYS AND NIGHTS OF LITERARY ABANDON

Kickoff Celebration/Write-In

Tu 11/1: 11 AM to 2 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

Join us as we celebrate the first day of this year's NaNoWriMo! November is always unpredictable when you're a WriMo, so while there's no telling what antics may ensue, we can promise you this: There will be snacks, and there will be writing. Stop on by and see for yourself.

Week 1 Write-In/Workshop: Woohoo! I'm Writing a Novel!

Th, 11/3: 12:00 to 1:30 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

Chances are you are still feeling the initial rush that comes with signing up to do something crazy like write a novel in 30 days. Join us as we finish this write-in with a 30-minute workshop to discuss common Week 1 challenges and share tips for thriving this week.

Week 2 Write-In

W 11/9: 12:30 to 1:30 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

Week 2 Write-In/Workshop: What the Heck Was I Thinking?!

Th 11/10: 12:00 to 1:30 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

So you survived the first week on sheer excitement and strong coffee. Week 2 hits with a bang, and you look up from your laptop and ask yourself "What the heck was I thinking? Am I crazy?" You are not alone, welcome to the Week 2 reality check. We'll finish this write-in with a 30-minute workshop to discuss common Week 2 challenges and share tips for thriving this week. And you can thrive, nay, you *will* thrive, so stick with us!

Week 3 Write-In

W 11/16: 12:30 to 1:30 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

Week 3 Write-In/Workshop: I WILL Survive!

Th 11/17: 12:00 to 1:30 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

You've made it through half a month of frantic writing, and now you're starting to feel really good about finishing this thing. So what if you're behind by 10,000 words? You still have time to make it up! Whether you're ahead or desperately trying to catch up, chances are you'll emerge from Week 2 feeling really good about your decision to be a WriMo. Stick around after this write-in for a 30-minute workshop to discuss common Week 3 challenges and share tips for thriving this week.

Week 4 Write-In/Workshop: Please, No Autographs

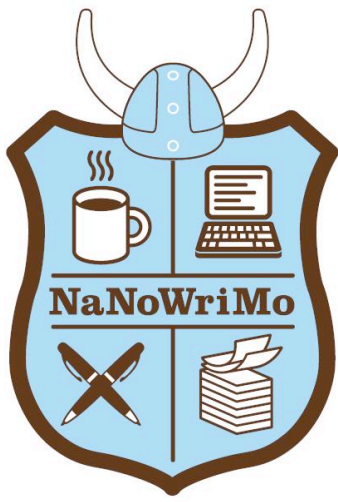
Tu 11/29: 12:00 to 1:30 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

The end is near! You're feeling great about your novel. You've written more words in three weeks than you've ever written before. Maybe you're still trying to play catch up, but that is OKAY because you still have a week, and you are not going to quit now. Come to this important write-in, and then join us as we host our last during writing 30-minute workshop to discuss common Week 4 challenges and share tips for thriving this week, and finishing your draft.

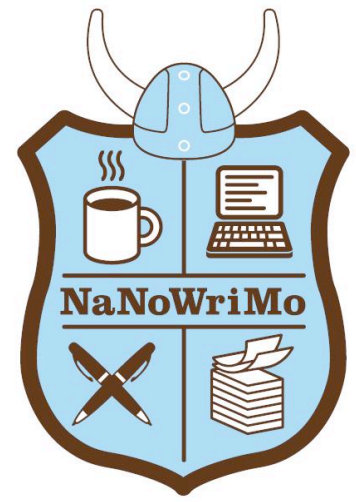
Down-to-the-Wire Write-In/Celebration

W 11/30: 3:35 to 5 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

This is it! You've survived the month, and now it's time for our final write-in of the 2011 NaNoWriMo season. Join us as we eek out those last few words to reach our goal, and do some much-deserved celebrating together. After all, you have just written a novel! A NOVEL!!!! It's time to celebrate!



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DECEMBER: LIFE AFTER NANO

I Wrote a Novel. Now What?

Tu 12/6: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

Congratulations! You are no longer a “one day” novelist, you are now *a novelist!* Join us for our first post-NaNo workshop where we’ll help you get started on rewriting, revising, and editing your novel. We’ll share resources for writers, as well as tips and tricks to help maintain all that momentum you built up in November.

Oh, and we’ll probably do a little celebrating. We just wrote novels, after all!

Spread the Love

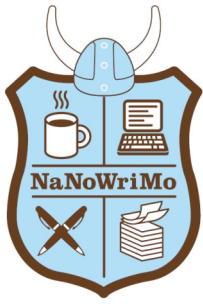
Tu 12/13: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

In our last workshop of the 2011 NaNoWriMo season we’ll share resources and tips to help you get your novel published. Whether you plan on seeking an agent, or if self-publishing is more your style, this will be a can’t-miss workshop for Oakton WriMos. You just sacrificed a month of your life for this book, not to mention all the time you’ll put into revising it, so you might as well spread the love and get it published. Besides, we know you’ll donate a signed first edition to the Oakton library once you’re a famous author, right?

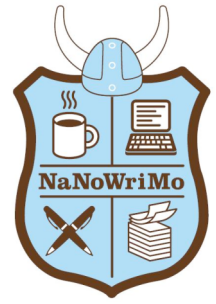
Biography

Lori Oster is obsessed with reading and writing. She remembers the exact moment she read her first word (she was riding in the car with her family down Dempster Street with a big deli tray balanced on her lap when the signs on the storefronts suddenly meant something,) and she hasn’t stopped reading since. She considers herself the luckiest person on earth because she gets to teach others about the joy of reading and writing at Oakton Community College, and they even give her a cozy little office to read in between classes.

Lori is currently writing a young adult speculative fiction novel about an eleven-year-old boy who joins a group of time- and space-traveling progress mongers who wield technology for the greater good. She plans on writing the second book in this series during this year’s NaNoWriMo. Her favorite word is *tangerine*, and her favorite pen is the Pilot G2 extra fine gel pen.



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