

Raider Writing Month 2012



**Workshops
&
Write-Ins**
*Oakton
Community
College,
Des Plaines Campus*

<http://researchguides.oakton.edu/nanowrimo>
<http://www.oakton.edu/user/0/loster/RaiderWriMo.html>

OCTOBER: PREPARING FOR RAIDERWRIMO

Local Writer Visit: Brendan Sullivan, Creativity Coach

Tu 10/9: 12:30 to 1:15 PM, Oakton Community College Library, lower level

Please join us for our first pre-RaiderWriMo workshop of 2012! We're very excited to have local writer and creativity coach Brendan Sullivan join us for an exciting workshop that's sure to help writers tap into their creativity.

Workshop #1: Find the Time. Gather the Tools.

Tu 10/9: 1:30 to 2:15 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

This workshop will focus on scheduling and preparing ourselves for the frenzy that is November. We'll go over the basics of NaNoWriMo, and, 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 snacks.

Workshop #2: Find Your Muse. Find Your Story.

Tu 10/16: 1:30 to 2:15 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

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 #3: Cruising for Characters

Tu 10/23: 1:30 to 2:15 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

This workshop takes a spin on a chapter from Chris Baty's book, *No Plot? No Problem!* Take this opportunity to think about your character and take him or her out for a test drive!

Workshop #4: Panning for Plots

Tu 10/30: 1:30 to 2:15 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

Yes, this workshop is also inspired by a chapter from *No Plot? No Problem!* This one is designed to inspire you to think at least a little bit about your plot. And remember, NaNoWriMo is just around the corner, so take advantage of this last chance to get ready before the writing begins!

NOVEMBER: 30 DAYS AND NIGHTS OF LITERARY ABANDON

Kickoff Celebration/Write-In

Tu 11/1: 10 to 11 AM & 1:30 – 3 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.

Write-Ins

Tu 11/6: 1:30 to 2:15 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

W 11/14: 1:30 to 2:15 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

Sat 11/17: 10:30 AM to noon, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

Tu 11/20: 1:30 to 2:15 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

Tu 11/27: 1:30 to 2:15 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

Join us! We'll have computers available, and of course snacks and other goodies. This year we're going to introduce some more writing sprints and contests to help keep everyone motivated throughout the month.

Race to the Finish and Celebration

F 11/30: 1 to 2:30 PM, Oakton Community College Library Classroom 2418

Now you've done it! Join us to write those last few words, upload your 50,000 word novel to the good people at the Office of Letters and Light, and enjoy a few refreshments as you catch your breath and give and receive some well-deserved pats on the back!

DECEMBER: LIFE AFTER RAIDERWRIMO

I Wrote a Novel. Now What?

Tu 12/4: 1:30 to 2:15 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 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!

We're also working on bringing in a real-life local publisher to answer your questions about what happens once you enter the big bad world of book publishing. Details to follow.

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 revising her 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 has no idea what she's going to write 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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