



RAIDER WRITING MONTH 2011

Workshops and Write-Ins
Oakton Community College

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-RaiderWriMo 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.

AGENDA

- Why RaiderWriMo?
- Why Now?
- What is RaiderWriMo?
- Sign on the Line—*The Month-Long Novelist Agreement and Statement of Understanding*
- Become an Official WriMo
- Find the Time—*The Time Finder*
- Find the Space—*Your Writing Zone*

WHY RAIDERWRIMO?

“The biggest thing separating people from their artistic ambitions is not a lack of talent. It’s the lack of a *deadline*. Give someone an enormous task, a supportive community, and a friendly-yet-firm due date, and miracles will happen. – Chris Baty, *No Plot? No Problem!* (14)

WHY NOW?

The Time Is NOW.
Busy People Get Things Done
Writing Is Discovery
There’s Only One Way to Become a Writer

WHAT IS RAIDERWRIMO?

50,000 words, 30 days, 1 novel.

SIGN ON THE LINE

Make a Real Commitment: Sign *The Month-Long Novelist Agreement and Statement of Understanding*

BECOME AN OFFICIAL WRIMO

Make a Real Commitment: Sign Up! www.nanowrimo.org
Discover Your Writing Community

FIND THE TIME

Use **The Time Finder** to carve out one hour of writing time per day.

YOUR WRITING ZONE

Find the Space—Discover your writing zone

UNTIL NEXT TIME . . .

I’m so happy that you’re planning to join the RaiderWriMos this year. As you go through this next week, make sure you do the following:

- Check out the various WriMo groups and communities listed on page 5.
- Convince your friends to join you. The more the merrier!
- Use the Time Finder to find at least one hour per day that you can dedicate to writing in November.
- Find your writing zone and claim it!
- Plan to join us next week for **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

FOR MORE INFORMATION . . .

OCC’s NaNo Guide: <http://researchguides.oakton.edu/nanowrimo>
Lori Oster’s RaiderWriMo page: <http://www.oakton.edu/user/0/loster/RaiderWriMo.html>
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