

BCPL's National Novel Writing Month

Part of the Brigham City Library Writing Group
Brigham City Library, 26 East Forest Street, Brigham City, UT 84302
435-723-5850

What is National Novel Writing Month at the Brigham City Library?

50,000 words, that's the official version at NaNoWriMo.org. BCPL's National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo or NaNo) is a fun tie-in and a way to get that story you've wanted to write, written in one month. For BCPL's NaNo, you create your own personal goal. When you plan your writing for November, make a goal to fit your life and your personal writing.



Write for a chance to win one of our prizes.

So, if you're going to write like mad for 30 days, why not do it for a chance at a prize? BCPL's NaNo prizes all have to do with books and writing, including three \$25 Amazon gift cards. Of course, the real prize will be the one you give yourself in all the words you've written as you've worked to achieve your NaNo Goal.

Limit: One prize per participant. **Drawing will be held on 6 Dec 2023 at 7 p.m. at Open Mic Night.** You must be present or have a representative present to win. Prizes will be awarded based on the order names are drawn. Not all participants are guaranteed a prize. To win a prize, individuals must be signed-up for BCPL's NaNoWriMo event.

How do I get started?

1. **Sign-up** at the library and **declare your personal goal.** (You can sign-up as early as Monday, 2 October 2023 by filling out the sign-up sheet and turning it in at the library's circulation desk or by e-mailing aessler@bcutah.org, subject: NaNoWriMo or NaNo, the information asked for on the sign-up sheet at the circulation desk or in our PDF NaNo packet available at: <http://bcpl.lib.ut.us/Adobefiles/NaNoWriMoBCPLINFO.pdf>.)
2. **Start writing** as early as **1 November at 12:00:00 a.m.** and keep track of your words. (Word processors will do this for you if you know where to look.) **YOU CAN'T COUNT ANY WORDS WRITTEN AFTER 11:59:59 P.M. ON 30 NOVEMBER.**
3. You can use our **Goal Tracker Calendar** (found in our NaNo packet) to pace yourself during NaNo and to help remind you when to report your word counts.
4. **If you have any questions,** call 435-723-5850.

Entering the Drawing

There are three drawing tiers. Each tier you reach will give you another chance to be drawn. Only Gold level participants will have a chance at one of the three gift cards.

- **Bronze level:** Earn two points to be entered into this drawing.
- **Silver level:** Earn two more points (4 total pts.) to be entered into this drawing.
- **Gold level:** Earn two more points (6 total pts.) to be entered into this drawing.

Earn one point for each participating event:

(Total points possible: 12 pts.)

1. Attend a festival author event in Oct (3 events)
2. Attend a Writing Wars event in November (2 events)
3. Report your words each week (4 weeks)
4. Reach your personal goal (set by you when you sign-up)
5. Reach or exceed the NaNoWriMo goal of 50,000 words.
6. Bonus: Sign-up to read (or have read) a passage of your work at Open Mic Night*



Reporting Your Word Counts

Word counts may be reported in-person at the library, by calling the library at 435-723-5850, or by e-mailing Alisha at aessler@bcutah.org. We'll mark down your point once it is reported to us.

- **Weekly word counts** include your TOTAL November word count, up to that day. (Example: Week 1: I wrote 500 words, Week 2: I wrote 300 more words, so for week two I report my total at 800 words. And so on.)
- Your **final word count** for the month of November should be reported by 6 December 2023 so your points can be tallied before the drawing for that evening's Open Mic Night at 7 p.m.

NaNoWriMo-Related Events

Don't miss our author events in September and October, part of the Brigham City Library Book Festival and the Utah Humanities Book Festival.

Boost your words through some competitive writing by attending our **Writing Wars on Wednesday, 8 November and Wednesday, 15 November 2023 at 7 p.m.** In the Wars you'll help your team vie for the highest word counts in a series of writing battles. Come ready to write-write-write and have some fun! By the end of the evening, you'll have more than a few words under your NaNo belt. Bring your computer with a word processing program that can count your words.



Come on **Wednesday, 6 December 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to Open Mic Night**, where the drawing will be held. The drawing will take place at the beginning of Open Mic Night. You, or your representative, must be in-person or virtually present to win. Refreshments will be served.

*Slots for readers are limited at Open Mic Night because of time restraints. Please only sign-up if you plan to do a reading. You must sign-up in advance. If you want to have some of your work read, but do not want to read it yourself, you may ask someone you know to get up and read your work for you.

Festival Author Events

Brigham City Library, 26 East Forest Street

AUTHOR EVENT—Tuesday, 3 October 2023, 7 pm



Elizabeth Drysdale



Mike Nelson



Heather Braegger



Elizabeth Suggs

Amanda Norr

A book signing will follow.
BOOK SALES PROVIDED INDIVIDUAL
AUTHORS.

AUTHOR EVENT— Tuesday, 10 Oct 2023, 7 pm



Mary Martinez



Sara Fitzgerald



Marie Higgins



K. R. Bailey

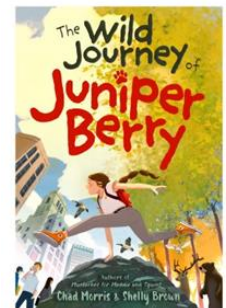


Stacey Haynes

A book signing will follow.
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AUTHOR EVENT—Tuesday, 17 October 2023, 7 pm

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, SHELLY BROWN,
TALKS ABOUT KINDNESS, LAUGHTER, AND BOOKS.



Credits & Partnerships: Part of the Brigham City Library Book Festival:
Celebrating Books, Ideas, and Imagination.



This event is made possible in partnership with [Utah Humanities](#) as part of the annual [Utah Humanities Book Festival](#).



That's how novels get written.

You write. That's the hard bit that nobody sees. You write on the good days, and you write on the lousy days. Like a shark, you have to keep moving forward or you die. Writing may or may not be your salvation; it might or might not be your destiny. But that does not matter. What matters right now are the words, one after another. Find the next word. Write it down. Repeat. Repeat. Repeat.

~Neil Gaiman, NANOWRIMO Pep Talk 2007

For more NANOWRIMO Pep Talks visit:
nanowrimo.org/pep-talks.

GOAL TRACKER:

Try using this calendar to keep track of your progress toward your goal.

You can write in your progress at the end of each day, maybe even make a note as to how far you'd like to be by a certain day, so you'll know if you are ahead of schedule or behind.

My NaNoWriMo goal is: _____

NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Report word count / goal progress.		Writing War – 7 pm Please RSVP			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Report word count / goal progress.		Writing War – 7 pm Please RSVP			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Report word count / goal progress.					
26	27	28	29	30		
	Report word count / goal progress.			Report final word count.		
			December 6 Open Mic Night – 7 p.m. – NaNoWriMo Prize Drawing– Reading? Please RSVP			

BCPL's National Novel Writing Month Sign-Up

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Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

My personal writing goal for the month of November is:

_____ (Example: 50,000 words)

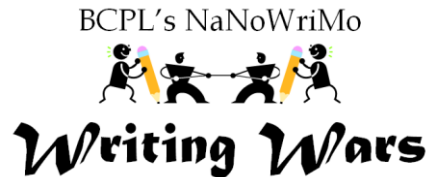
I'm signing-up in the age category:

- Pleasureful Plotters (18+) Super Storytellers (?-11)
 Fantastic Fictioneers (12-17)

I want to sign-up for the following NaNoWriMo-related events:

Writing Wars

- Wednesday, 8 November 2023 at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, 15 November 2023 at 7 p.m.
- **Please send a reminder text**



- Bring your own laptop
- Borrow a library laptop



NaNoWriMo **Prize Drawing** at **Open Mic Night** on Wednesday, 6 December 2023 at 7 p.m.

- Will attend for the prize drawing and as an audience member only.
- Sign me up to do a reading at Open Mic Night!
- **Please send a reminder text**

Turn your sign-in sheet in at the Library's circulation desk or e-mail this information to aessler@bcutah.org between 2 October 2023 and 13 November 2023 and get ready to start accomplishing your 2023 NaNo goal!