



National Novel Writing Month

Celebrating 10 years of literary abandon!

November 1st-30th

NaNoWriMo Kick-Off

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October 29, 2008, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Lakes Region Library, Inverness

Now is the time to participate in NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) with the Citrus County Library System. The “Kick-Off” program will include authors Belea Keeney, Elissa Malcohn, and Loretta Rogers. Topics to be discussed will include: how to get started with putting ideas on paper, motivation and time management, creating a story plan, book proposals, and getting your book published. Light refreshments will be offered.

From the NaNoWriMo Web site:

“National Novel Writing Month is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to novel writing. Participants begin writing November 1. The goal is to write a 175-page (50,000-word) novel by midnight, November 30.

Valuing enthusiasm and perseverance over painstaking craft, NaNoWriMo is a novel-writing program for everyone who has thought fleetingly about writing a novel but has been scared away by the time and effort involved.

Because of the limited writing window, the ONLY thing that matters in NaNoWriMo is output. It's all about quantity, not quality. The kamikaze approach forces you to lower your expectations, take risks, and write on the fly.

Make no mistake: You will be writing a lot of scrap. And that's a good thing. By forcing yourself to write so intensely, you are giving yourself permission to make mistakes. To forgo the endless tweaking and editing and just create. To build without tearing down.

As you spend November writing, you can draw comfort from the fact that, all around the world, other National Novel Writing Month participants are going through the same joys and sorrows of producing the Great Frantic Novel. Wrimos meet throughout the month to offer encouragement, commiseration, and—when the thing is done—the kind of raucous celebrations that tend to frighten animals and small children.

In 2007, we had over 100,000 participants. More than 15,000 of them crossed the 50k finish line by the midnight deadline, entering into the annals of NaNoWriMo superstardom forever. They started the month as auto mechanics, out-of-work actors, and middle school English teachers. They walked away novelists.”

These programs are Free and open to the public. For persons with special needs requiring reasonable accommodation, please contact a library at least two working days prior to the program. For the deaf or hearing impaired, TTY lines are available at all libraries or contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771.