

Welcome to NaNo '22

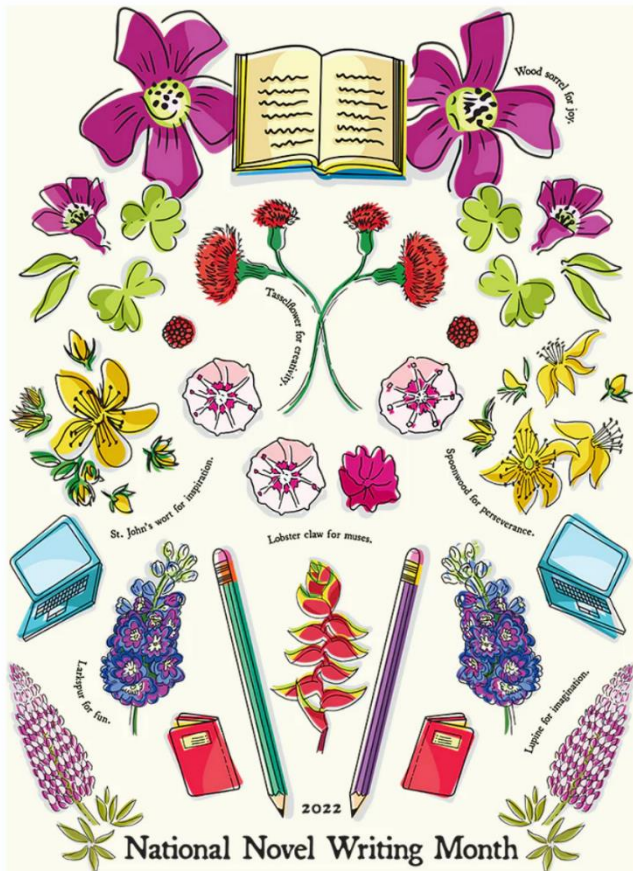
Wow. How'd it get to be T-minus a couple of days until the start of the 2022 NaNoWriMo season?

We wish all of you the best of success in your writing goals this year. Let us know how we can help!

Remember: NaNoWriMo is less about hitting a 50k threshold than it is about stretching your talents as a writer. No matter what you do, do it with intention. And with that, you'll be a double-platinum winner in our books.

Onward to victory!

— Jason & Mel



2022 FAST FACTS

Here's the low-down on what you need to know to have a successful year this year:

- Your two municipal liaisons (i.e., the chief cooks and bottle washers) for our region are **Kessalia** (Mel) and **jegillikin** (Jason). This is our second year as an ML duo.
- Although our region is called "Ottawa County – Grand Rapids" we cover the entire 616 area code, and then some.
- We do most of our stuff on Discord, which is a modern text/video chat tool. Join us at <https://discord.gg/MUKAdyx>
- Find us on Twitter @OCGRwrimos or follow our Facebook page.
- We encourage all participants to make responsible choices about their health and about the spread of socially transmitted illnesses like Covid-19.
- Our "Day of Knockout Noveling" is an eight-hour free potluck and massive write-in. We will hold an auction to raise funds and host several breakout sessions for games and educational activities. All activities at DOKN are in-person only. Sign-ups open 11/12.
- Many of our activities are hosted at a place called "The L&G Center," located at 44th and Burlingame in Wyoming. It's the home of Lakeshore Literary, which is owned by ML Jason. This space is free for regional events. There is no obligation to patronize Lakeshore Literary. The L&G Center offers free masks, gloves, and sanitizer and uses commercial-grade disinfectants on tables and chairs.

2022 WRITE-IN SCHEDULE

Join us for the following write-ins this year:

Sunday

- 6p – 10p, hosted by AluraDeVries [Discord]

Monday

- 6p – 8p, hosted by RCKthewriter [Schuler Books & Music, 2660 28th St SE, Gd Rapids]

Tuesday

- 6p – 8p, hosted by Kessalia [Loutit Library, 407 Columbus Ave, Grand Haven]
- 6p – 8p, hosted by fairyFriend [Hastings Public Library, 227 E State St, Hastings]

Wednesday

- 6p – 9p, hosted by KingGramJohnson [Panera Bread, 32 44th St SW, Grandville]

Thursday

- 10a – 2p, Come Write In [The L&G Center, 1590 44th St SW, Wyoming]

Friday

- 7p – 10p, All-Region Write-In [Discord]

Saturday

- 10a – noon, hosted by JEGillikin [The L&G Center, 1590 44th St SW, Wyoming]
- 3p – 5p, hosted by HufflepuffWrites [Discord]

No events or write-ins, either in-person or virtual, will occur on Thanksgiving Day.

Contact each write-in host for more information; their NaNoWriMo usernames are listed, above.

Come Write In venues are open drop-in for writing and editing. No hosts or programming.

2022 EVENT SCHEDULE

The following major activities are planned for the region this year:

PrepTober I

- Mon. Oct. 17, 7p, Discord
- Open forum for help, ideas, & chat

PrepTober II

- Wed. Oct 19, 7p, The L&G Center
- 1590 44th St SW, Wyoming
- Snacks and drinks provided
- Open forum for help, ideas, & chat

PrepTober III

- Sat. Oct 22, 2p, Discord
- Open forum for help, ideas, & chat

Kick-Off Party

- Sat. Oct 29, 2p – 4p, Hagar Park
- 8134 28th Ave, Jenison
- VanderLaan Room
- Pizza, snacks, and drinks provided
- Goodie bags distributed
- Intro content will be recorded/streamed

Day of Knockout Noveling

- Sat. Nov. 19, 10a – 6p, The L&G Center
- 1590 44th St SW, Wyoming
- Potluck and auction; in-person events only
- Sign-ups for food and raffle open 11/12
- Special events throughout (games, talks)

The End Is Nigh

- Wed. Nov 30, 6p – midnight, Discord
- Celebrate the winners, discover the award recipients, and bring in your 50k at the very last second

December Is For Editing

- Sat., Dec. 3, 11a to 2p, The L&G Center
- Strategies for editing and publishing