



2023 Regional Overview

It's 2023. A/k/a, *your year to shine*. Join us for an amazing 30-day voyage of astonishing literary accomplishment. Write a novel in a month. Or, use the month to make meaningful progress on a writing-related goal or project. The possibilities are endless. What adventure will *you* choose?

News You Can Use

- Blog
 - The primary source of news and information for the region is our brand-spankin'-new blog, at <https://www.nanogr.org>. This website is our sole "source of truth" for events and updates. Subscribe to get immediate emailed contents of all new posts.
- Email
 - Use the address **ml@nanogr.org** to send messages to both MLs (Jason and Kessalia) at the same time.
- Surveys
 - Go to <https://survey.nanogr.org> for the initial regional survey (it asks for your name, but not "tough" evaluation questions), for your Fantasy Quest points tracker, and a de-identified end-of-season evaluation survey.
- Social Links
 - Discord (chat): <https://discord.gg/MUkAdyx>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1491512844486909/>
 - X/Twitter: @nanowrimo_gr
- Fantasy Quest
 - New this year! Track points to obtain valuable end-of-season rewards.
 - Regional leaderboard updated regularly. Gamification #ftw!
- Come Write In
 - Bettie's Pages, Lowell (Kent) — Wednesdays, 11a to 7p
 - Jason's Books & Coffee, Wyoming (Kent) — Tuesdays, 8a to 2p

Calendar o' Featured Events

- PREPtober Preparation
 - 10/4: "Writing for the Market: Genre, Theme, & Archetypes"
 - 10/11: "Characters in Conflict"
 - 10/18: "Planning A/B/C Plots in a 5-Act Structure"
 - 10/25: "The Pearls and Perils of Dialogue, Setting, & Action"
- Kickoff
 - 10/28, 1p-3p, Allendale Township Library, Allendale (Ottawa)
- Day of Knockout Noveling
 - 11/11, 11a-7p, Jason's Books & Coffee, Wyoming (Kent)
- NaNo Wrap Party
 - 11/30, 6p-8p, The Bluestocking Bookshop, Holland (Ottawa)
- The End Is Nigh
 - 11/30, 9p-midnight, Discord
- Thank Goodness It's Over — Now What?
 - 12/2, 2p-3p, Jason's Books & Coffee

Calendar o' Write-Ins

- Monday
 - The OG Write-In, 6p-9p, Jason's Books & Coffee [jegillikin]
- Tuesday
 - Library in Muskegon (details TBD) [mnuz]
- Wednesday
 - Wednesday Weirdos, 7p-9p, Discord [rckthewriter]
- Thursday
 - M(e)L at the Lakeshore, 6p-8p, Loutit Library (Grand Haven) [kessalia]; not Thanksgiving Day
 - Thursday Night Virtual, 8p-10p, Discord [aluradevriesauthor]
- Friday
 - G.R. Queer Writers, 6p-8p, Lotus Brew, Grand Rapids [jwxoffline]
 - All-Region Friday Night Write In, 7p-9p, Discord [jegillikin; kessalia]
- Saturday
 - Panera and Prose, 4p-6p, Panera Bread (Grandville) [aluradevriesauthor]
- Sunday

One write-in, at Bettie's Pages, is still being finalized.