

## Writing Secrets Revealed!

**Write your novel in 30 days!**

November is National Novel Writing Month and your chance to spend one month of the year in a fever of creativity.

**The goal is 50,000 words.**

The *secret* is the tight deadline, which forces you to lower your expectations, take risks, and write on the fly. You'll quash your inner editor and write for the sheer joy of it.

"If you want to write a novel, there's no better way than to sit down and knock out a first draft in a month," says founder Chris Baty. "You'll jump a year ahead of schedule at least. NaNoWriMo provides you with the gift of a deadline, at no real loss in quality."

## WE BELIEVE IN AMBITIOUS ACTS OF THE IMAGINATION

National Novel Writing Month is brought to you by the Office of Letters and Light, a 501(c)3 non-profit based in Oakland, California. We organize free events where children and adults find the inspiration, encouragement, and structure they need to achieve their creative goals. Our projects, including the Young Writers Program and Script Frenzy, are funded primarily by participant donations. Find us online at [www.lettersandlight.org](http://www.lettersandlight.org).



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## Riding the Currents of Creativity



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## ▶ The Largest Writing Contest in Spokane!

At midnight on November 1st, writers in Spokane will begin their NaNo novels.



Just 1667 words a day wins!

During November, they will trade ideas, advice and recipes for writing fuel (cake-in-a-mug anyone?) on the NaNoWriMo website and the SpokaNaNo chat room; participate in Word Wars and accept challenges to further their story-lines; and have a glorious time indulging their imagination.

Some won't reach the 50K goal, some will, but all of them will have more written words toward their "Great American Novel" than if they had never tried.

Sarah Gruen's, #1 New York Times Best Seller, *Water for Elephants*, began as a NaNo novel.

### Already November?

To reach fifty thousand words in November, you need to average about 1,667 words per day. Some Wrimos (NaNo writers) have written upwards of 8,000 words in a day, and a few authors have written all 50,000 words in a single week!

Though you can sign up for NaNoWriMo as late as November 30th, the sooner you dive in, the more likely you are to succeed.



It's never too late to start!

In 2011, authors in the Spokane Region wrote 5,614,174 words during November and finished in the top 25% of all regions world-wide for total words written.

Try us! We'll help you get there with almost daily write-ins, pep talks and treats!

### Not an adult?



Join the Neo Adventure Writers!

The Young Writers Program of NaNoWriMo (YWP) allows 17-and-under participants set reasonable, yet challenging, individual word-count goals.

Join the Spokane Region of YWP, the Neo Adventurer Writers, and tell us your story! We don't meet as often as the grownups, but we celebrate just as often.

Ask about our Anthology, *...And Then What Happened?*, to see us in action!

### Who Are We?

The Spokane River Writers (aka SpokaNaNo) are the combined force of the Greater Spokane area NaNoWriMo participants. We have been an active group since 2002, supporting each other in our writing and other creative endeavors throughout the year.

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