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# Kansas Writers, Inc.

## November 2025



## Notes From the Margins:

Dear Writers,

As November arrives with its cool air and quiet golden light, it invites us into a season of reflection and creative intention. This is the month when we often pause to take stock—of our progress, our challenges, and the stories still waiting inside us. It's also a time to recognize the small victories that carried us here: a single strong paragraph, a brave new idea, the discipline to return to the page when it wasn't easy.

For many, November is also National Novel Writing Month, and whether you're tackling 50,000 words or simply committing to a few minutes of writing each day, I hope you'll let this month encourage you rather than intimidate you. Creativity thrives not in perfection, but in persistence.

As a group, we continue to inspire one another with our diverse voices and generous support. I'm grateful for the enthusiasm, vulnerability, and courage each of you brings to our meetings. May this month remind us of the gift of community—of having people who understand the work, the doubt, and the joy of shaping stories. Here's to a November filled with fresh ideas, warm conversations, and pages that surprise even you

Billie-Renee Knight  
President

# KWI Meetings

## Future Meetings

When: December 13, 2025  
Where: Hayden High School Library  
Topic: Holiday Party and Raffle

When: January 24, 2026  
Where: Topeka Library, Anton Room  
Topic: TBA

When: February 28, 2026  
Where: Topeka Library  
Topic: TBA

## Meeting Format

Program: 10:00 a.m.  
Board Meeting 11:00 a.m.  
Critique: 12:00 noon

## November Meeting

Our regular meeting will be held November 22, in the Anton Room at the Topeka Library. A panel of KWI member authors will be on hand to talk about their writing, publishing and marketing experiences and to answer questions.



## From the Slush Pile

### December Holiday Party

The holiday party will be held on December 13 at the Hayden High School library, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Bring a covered dish to share, and an unwrapped prize if you want to participate in the raffle.

### November Writing Marathon

November, and the November Challenge, isn't over yet. How is everyone's writing going? There was a good turnout for the November 15 writing marathon at the Hayden High School library—a big thank you to Lissa Staley and Billie-Renee Knight for organizing and hosting the event.

You can follow and learn about upcoming events on the Topeka Wrimos - 50,000 words in 30 Days Facebook page.

### 2026 Meeting Program Ideas

This year will soon come to an end. We need your input on programs and speakers you would like to see featured in 2026. Is the craft of writing your jam? Are you interested in finding a publisher? Is marketing and promotion a stumbling block? Let us know

## Financials

### October 2025

Financials were not available at time of publication.

### Year 2025-2026 Budget

Anticipated Income \$405.00  
Anticipated Expenses \$415.00  
Income Gain / Loss (\$10.00)

### Zoom Access

Based on member feedback, we are implementing Zoom for our monthly meetings. The link to join will be sent the morning of the meeting.

### Member Dues

Annual dues of \$25 are still being accepted. However, effective October 1, a \$5 late fee will be assessed.

### Novel Revision

We worked hard in November, amassing words for our next novel, screenplay, or non-fiction piece. It's ready to be published, right? Not yet. Tuck the manuscript away until after the holidays. Then it's time for the hard work of revision. Patrick Walsh has an excellent YouTube video, "I edited 100 Manuscripts. Here are the 7 Mistakes every Author Makes." You can view it at: [Patrick Walsh](#)

Here are our members at the October meeting with story plot points percolating, pencils sharpened, and computers charged, ready for November.



### **Out and About**

Curious minds want to know when and where members will be participating in upcoming events. Please let us know by emailing [conniebeckett942@gmail.com](mailto:conniebeckett942@gmail.com).

## **December Online Writing Courses**

### **Beta Reader Ready: Get the Feedback you Actually Need**

Date: December 4, 2025 - January 1, 2026

Presenter: Jessica Berg

[Writers Digest University](#)

### **Read Like a Writer: Learn from the Masters**

Date: December 18, 2025 - January 29, 2026

Presenter: Mark Spencer

[Writers Digest University](#)

### **Writing Christmas Books**

Dates: December 8-21, 2025

Presenter: Margaret Bates

[www.savvyauthors.com](http://www.savvyauthors.com)

### **Scene of the Paranormal Crime**

Dates: November 24 - December 21, 2025

Presenter: Beth Daniels

[www.savvyauthors.com](http://www.savvyauthors.com)





## Kudos

We have Kudos to report this month. Congrats to Alisha Davis and Connie Beckett.

Alisha Davis, writing as A.D. Childers, gave an author talk about her newest novel, A History of Madness, on November 2 at the Topeka/Shawnee County Library.

Connie Beckett spoke to the Emporia Recreation Center's book club on November 7 about her novel Hidden Rooms, Secret Spaces.



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**Meeting Minutes**

*The October 25 Minutes were not available at the time of  
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