



Have you ever wanted to write your own novel? Maybe you've heard of **National Novel Writing Month** (aka **NaNoWriMo**), the free, annual challenge that takes place every November, where writers and would-be novelists strive to start, write and complete their 50,000+ word novel in just 30 days. Last year over three hundred and forty thousand people worldwide took up the challenge. Bolstered by online forums and local events, participants had fun along the way.

The Naperville region of NaNoWriMo, representing the cities and suburbs west of Chicago, has partnered with area libraries to offer **four preparatory workshops**.

Time/Date, Location	Description
1-3 pm, Saturday, Oct 7 th , Nichols Library (Naperville)	Join writer Anna Gabrielli for this informative workshop on character as intertwined with their world / general worldbuilding for any genre . Bring some paper and something to write with for the writing exercises. Worldbuilding is often viewed as a necessary evil that can frustrate many, though it is an important part of stories of every genre. Learn tools that will help you focus your creative efforts and show you how to weave worldbuilding with character development.
1-4 pm, Saturday, Oct 14 th , Glen Ellyn Public Library (Glen Ellyn)	Do you have a great idea for a novel, but are looking for help on how it should start? Have you created an amazing new world and a long list of interesting characters, but are in desperate need of a plot? Is there a story burning inside you, but you're not sure how to turn it into a novel? Is your story mostly planned, but there are still a few nagging issues you want resolved before you start writing? If you answered yes to any of these questions or are looking for ideas to help complete your novel planning, come out to the Story Wall Party , hosted by Sam McAdams . During this brainstorming event, participants will present their novel plans/ideas and receive advice on anything they're struggling with. Come prepared with note cards or visuals to quickly describe your novel ideas and explain your trouble spots. Then let the brainstorming begin. This is a preparatory workshop to help folks prepare for National Novel Writing Month. Join author Jenny Johnson for this workshop on structuring without plotting.
1-3 pm, Sunday, Oct 15 th , Nichols Library (Naperville)	This is a preparatory workshop to help folks prepare for National Novel Writing Month. Join author Jenny Johnson for this workshop on structuring without plotting . Designed to help those without an outline to still give structure to a story, this workshop dives into what drives a story and how to write a novel when you have no plot.
1-3 pm, Saturday, Oct 21 st , Nichols Library (Naperville)	Join writer Kira Swanson for this helpful workshop on how to handle emotion in stories . Prepare for National Novel Writing Month. Learn how to show it in your character actions and dialog, and how to pull your reader's heartstrings.

Learn about local events and helpful resources:
naperwrimo.org

Work on your novel with other writers at one of our **many write-in events** throughout November; see **naperwrimo.org/crawl** for information.

Bring a dish to share and get energized at our fun pot-luck lunch kick-off event, Oct 28th at the **Naperville Municipal Center** (be sure to RSVP at the online nanowrimo.org forum)

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