



# 2018 National Novel Writing Month

**NaNoWriMo**  
in Naperville = [NaperWriMo.org](http://NaperWriMo.org)

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 6 <sup>th</sup> , Nichols Library (Naperville)	<b>Allie Pleiter's innovative Chunky Method</b> offers practical, real-world productivity advice in an easy to read and inspiring workbook. Follow a step-by-step plan to identify your unique writing "Chunk" and wield it to create a solid plan that works "even when life gets in the way." No matter what your writing style, The Chunky Method Handbook will help you chart an individualized path to your creative writing goals.
1-4 pm, Saturday, Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> , Nichols Library (Naperville)	<b>Outlining Your Novel, a workshop by Jennifer Smith.</b> Find out how and why to create an outline for your novel. Learn tips, tricks and see a demo of a useful software application to help with the process. There will be several exercises and examples to illustrate the topics presented. Bring an open creative mind, paper, pencils, and/or a laptop.
1-3 pm, Sunday, Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> , Glen Ellyn Public Library (Glen Ellyn)	Join author <b>Daniel McCullough</b> for <b>The Part Where They Talk to Each Other (A NaNoWriMo Prep Workshop)</b> What is dialogue? Its the part of the story where the characters talk to each other. Come join this interactive workshop on how dialogue can be used in stories and learn tips for writing it.
1-3 pm, Saturday, Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> , Nichols Library (Naperville)	<b>Show and Tell: It's not just for Kindergarten:</b> One of the most widely spread "rules" of writing is the infamous "show don't tell." In this program, we break down the hows and whys of this important guideline, and also discuss situations in which it's better to tell than to show. This session will provide some quick and dirty tips to ensure readers experience the story through action, thoughts, senses, and feelings rather than through exposition, summarization, and description. <b>j. leigh bailey</b> is an office drone by day and the author of 8 Young Adult and New Adult LGBT Romance by night.

Visit our regional forum at [nanowrimo.org/regions/usa-illinois-naperville](http://nanowrimo.org/regions/usa-illinois-naperville)

Learn about local events and helpful resources:  
[naperwrimo.org](http://naperwrimo.org)

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

Bring a dish to share and get energized at our fun pot-luck lunch kick-off event, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at the **Naperville Municipal Center** (be sure to RSVP at the online [nanowrimo.org](http://nanowrimo.org) forum)

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