

Special Series for Aspiring Authors

Would-be writers can get help from professional authors, including bestseller Paula McLain, this November at Mentor Public Library .

For the second consecutive year, the library will celebrate National Novel Writing Month with free programs that are open to everyone, readers and aspiring authors alike.

Highlights include:

- McLain, author of “The Paris Wife” and “Circling the Sun,” will visit the library’s Main Branch on Wednesday, Nov. 15, to discuss her work.
- D.M. Pulley, the award-winning author of “The Dead Key,” will both kick off and conclude National Novel Writing Month at Mentor Public Library. She’ll offer writing tips and encouragement for facing the blank page on Wednesday, Nov. 1. Then she’ll lead a session where writers can share and discuss their stories Thursday, Nov. 30. That will be followed by a free author talk where Pulley will discuss her newest novel, “The Unclaimed Victim,” which was inspired by the Cleveland Torso Murderer.
- Claire McMillan, author of “The Necklace,” will teach how to craft convincing dialogue on Tuesday, Nov. 7.
- Author Jennifer Kelly will share her perspectives and insight

on independent publishing on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Wildwood Cultural Center—7645 Little Mountain Road. She’ll explain how to edit, format, and otherwise prepare one’s text for publishing.

- Jill Grunenwald will teach the art of the flash essay—a short story, no longer than a few hundred words—on Monday, Nov. 20. Afterward, she will discuss and sign copies of her book, “Running with a Police Escort.”
- Author Alexandra Hupertz will host a series of write-ins on Nov. 2, 9 and 29 at Wildwood Cultural Center. Writers can discuss ideas, share selections of their work, and get their creative juices flowing.

All programs begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be at Mentor Public Library Main Branch, unless otherwise indicated. They are free and open to the public. However, registration is required. You can sign up on our event calendar or by calling us at (440) 255-8811 ext. 216.

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