Upcoming Events...

GWP Writing Retreat – November 12 & 13

GWP TCs will gather together for a weekend of writing at Toddhall Retreat Center in Columbia, Illinois. During the retreat there will be guided writing activities, sessions to share, a social hour on Saturday evening and as much quiet writing time as you want. All you have to bring is your writing materials and your inspiration. By the time you leave mid-afternoon on Sunday, you’ll be refreshed and rejuvenated. Your cost? $62 for a single room or $40 per person for a double room. Meals and group meeting spaces will be provided by GWP. It’s not too late! Click here to reserve your space by Nov. 4. Contact Sioux Roslawski with questions.

GWP Cooks at Ronald McDonald House – November 22

Looking for a way to give back this holiday season? Join us at the Ronald McDonald House on November 22. We will bring ingredients and prepare a meal for families whose children are staying at St. Louis Children’s Hospital. For more information or to sign up contact Tracy Brosch.

NaNoWriMo

November 1 – 30

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. On November 1, participants begin working towards the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by 11:59 PM on November 30. You can sign up at the NaNoWriMo website to get support and encouragement. You can also find out about local events related to NaNoWriMo.

Interested in NaNoWriMo for your students? Check out the new website for the Young Writers Program.

Summer Institute

June 5 – 29, 2017

Have a few colleagues who you think would be great for the Summer Institute? You’re our best advertisement. Please pass along this flier and encourage your best colleagues to apply. Don’t forget, we want teachers from all grade levels and disciplines.

Summer Institute 2017 Flier
Teachers as Writers

- **Slice of Life Tuesdays**
  Do you find stories in everyday moments? Maybe a poem comes to mind as you are checking out at the grocery store. Maybe the way your child fixes their hair reminds you of a funny story from your past. Turn one of your small daily snippets into a story to share. Link up with Two Writing Teachers and share your Slice of Life every Tuesday.

- **Missouri Teachers Write**
  Missouri teachers have their own literary magazine! *Missouri Teachers Write* seeks teacher-written pieces of poetry, memoir, drama, essay and short story for its 2017 online edition. Send your piece to moteachenglish@gmail.com

- **GWP Monthly Writer’s Group**
  **When:** Last Tuesday of the month at 4:30  
  **Where:** Fergie’s Bar & Restaurant  
  Click here for more information.

Youth Writing Opportunities

- **Scholastic Writing Awards**
  The 2017 Scholastic Writing Awards are now open. The Missouri region anticipates more than 1,000 entries from students in grades 7-12. With eleven categories, students can submit writing in the genre of choice. Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention awards are distributed in each category, and winners are invited to the annual Scholastic Writing Awards Ceremony at the Tan Tar-A resort in February. The Scholastic Writing Awards are a national competition and Gold Key winners from Missouri advance to the next level. Visit www.artandwriting.org to submit student work. Contact Katie Kline if you have any questions about this year’s competition or would like some posters sent to your school.

- **GWP Youth Publishing Forum**
  Do your students need a place to publish their writing. Have them visit the Youth Publishing space on our website.

Spotlight on...

...the Youth Writing Festival! Over 140 students in grades 3 – 8 joined us on October 20 to celebrate the National Day on Writing. Check out this article in the UMSL Daily. We want to give A BIG SHOUT-OUT to the following TCs who gave their time and talent to inspire the youth writers:

- Colette Book
- Tracy Brosch
- Mary Ann Crump
- Vicki Fricke
- Barbara Hodges
- Randy Meyer
- Cathy O’Brien
- Jill Orr
- Sioux Roslawski

A special THANK YOU to Assistant Director of Youth Writing, Cathy Griner, who helps plan and organize the festival each year!

Do you know a GWP TC who should be spotlighted? Send info to Katie O’Daniels.