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## You have one (1) month to write that novel—the Yelm library can help

- *November is “NaNoWriMo” National Novel Writing Month*
- *Library to hold two late-night writing events*

At midnight on November 1, 250,000 people around the world will set out to become novelists in a month with NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month, November 1-30). Can you possibly write a novel from scratch to “The End” in a month? Sure you can and the [Yelm Timberland Library](#) will provide support.



An official NaNoWriMo participant site, the library will be open from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight for write-ins on two Fridays, November 4 and 18, for adults and teens who accept the challenge to begin and finish a novel in 30 days. Among the writers will be Yelm Library Manager Nicole Thode and likely another library staff person as well. Refreshments and additional support will be provided by the Friends of the Yelm Library. Fuel will take the form of snacks, water and coffee. Write-in participants must arrive at the library by 8 p.m.

NaNoWriMo has no judges and no prizes. So, why do this? “Writing a novel in a month inspires incredible confidence in seasoned and first-time novelists alike,” said NaNoWriMo Program Director Lindsey Grant. “Completing a draft of the novel they’ve been contemplating for ages gives participants a tremendous sense of accomplishment and leaves them wondering what else they’re capable of.” Founder and Executive Director Chris Baty said, “The 50,000-word challenge has a wonderful way of opening up your imagination and unleashing creativity... Also it’s a great excuse for not doing any dishes for a month.”

NaNoWriMo began in 1999 with 21 participants. The number was 59,000 by 2005 and 200,500 in 2010. The event emphasizes creativity and adventure over creating a literary masterpiece. Nevertheless, more than 90 novels begun during NaNoWriMo have since been published, including *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen, and *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern, both #1 New York Times Best Sellers. Check out the website at [www.nanowrimo.org](http://www.nanowrimo.org).

The Yelm Timberland Library is at 210 Prairie Park Street. For more information, please contact the library at (360) 458-3374 or go to [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).