

LAPL ELECTRONIC RESOURCE OF THE MONTH!

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LAPL Writes



HOW DO I FIND LAPL Writes?

In-Library and Home (Remote Access with a valid LAPL Library card)

LAPL Writes, a relatively new feature, is available online at all LAPL locations and remotely from the **LAPL** website under **Collections & Resources** which opens (as shown below) when you hold your cursor over the category. Click on **LAPL Writes** to open the site.

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Once any item is checked in Collections & Resources section, the contents of the whole section is displayed on the left side, allowing movement from one subject to another.

DESCRIPTION:

The introduction to the site is the “Welcome message” that sums up the site and its purpose:

Welcome to LAPL Writes, our guide to the Los Angeles Public Library's many resources for our local author community. Take a look at what the Library has to offer and find useful advice on everything from overcoming writer's block to getting your work published.

HOW TO BEGIN:

The site is divided into five subject areas, select one that you would like to pursue and click on it:

- 1) **Book Lists** shows sample book, eBook and e-Audio book covers in six areas of writing such as *General Writing Advice*, *Screenwriting*, and *Editing & Publishing*. All items are in the Library catalog. If you click on the [Click for a selected list](#) under each area, more titles will be listed.
- 2) **Online Resources** contains online courses and databases with topics related to writing. You only need a valid library card to use the materials.

- 3) **Library Journal SELF-e** offers the opportunity to L.A. residents to become part of a public library eBook discover service. Partnering with the Library Journal, LAPL provides L.A.'s self-published authors the chance to submit their eBook for circulation, and readers to have access to new literary voices. All of the initial submission information and requirements are contained here.
- 4) **Submission Policy** covers instructions and factors for selection on how a person who has written a book can submit the title for the Library's consideration.
- 5) **Events** announces upcoming Events related to the *Aloud lecture series* presented by the Library Foundation, *Author-related programs* at the Central or Branch Libraries, and *Writing Groups* that meet at the Libraries, or any *Other Literary Events*.

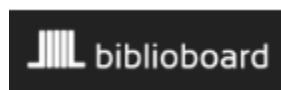
More Information about SELF-e: [All that is required is an engaging story and your eBook file.]

The **SELF-e** platform is free and available to the Library's patrons and local writing community. This section contains the initial submission steps and answers questions regarding the purpose and process when you --**"click here"** within the text. **FAQs** and **Getting Started** outline the Terms of Agreement and Submission requirements.

There are two free tools listed that can be used to convert files: *Online-Convert* and *2epub.com*. (Submissions must be in the epub or pdf file format.)

A form to submit any questions is included.

LAPL will feature the collection of self-published titles on the BiblioBoard platform.



Located under e-Media on the Home Page

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[More information will be forthcoming as the program is established.]