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## **Los Angeles Public Library to Participate in National Novel Writing Month** *Downtown Central Library Invites Authors to Come Write In During November*

**Los Angeles, Oct. 19, 2015**—The Los Angeles Public Library encourages both budding authors and established writers to try drafting a 50,000-word novel during the annual National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) this November, and will offer a meeting room at Central Library where participants can chase the muse together. The Literature and Fiction Department of the Central Library will open Lower Level Room 420 to writers from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. every Monday night in November at 630 W. Fifth St., downtown Los Angeles.

This year's theme is "The NaNoWriMo Library," and the Central Library is listed as a "Come Write In" center where writers can work with others committed to the same goal. The library will also provide NaNoWriMo participants an opportunity to share their finished novels by submitting their work to the library's SELF-e e-book collection. SELF-e, provided in partnership with *Library Journal*, offers local self-published authors the opportunity to submit their e-books for circulation at Los Angeles Public Library, libraries throughout California, and possibly libraries nationwide.

More than 325,000 individuals worldwide signed up for NaNoWriMo last year to try writing a new novel in a single month. Of those, 58,917 writers met the goal of finishing a 50,000-word first draft by the 11:59 p.m. deadline on November 30.

A 2015 recipient of the nation's highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than 6 million books, state-of-the-art technology accessible at [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org), and more than 18,000 public programs a year provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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