

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) Drop in Writing Center

Waukegan, IL (November 6, 2017) — WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT-CULTURAL ARTS DEPARTMENT – National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. The Jack Benny Center for the Arts will be a drop in writing center during the month of November. On Tuesdays, from 10:30am-8:30pm and Saturdays, from 9:30-3:30pm writers can get away from home and family and work in a quiet space with fellow writers to get more words toward their NaNoWriMo goals!

On November 1, participants begin working towards the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by 11:59 PM on November 30. Valuing enthusiasm, determination, and a deadline, NaNoWriMo is for *anyone* who has ever thought about writing a novel. National Novel Writing Month believes in the transformational power of creativity. We provide the structure, community, and encouragement to help people find their voices, achieve creative goals, and build new worlds—on and off the page.

Writers can drop in and write at the Jack Benny Center! There are power outlets, outside food and drink are permitted, location and space are accessible, and parking is free but there is no Wi-Fi. A Keurig compatible k-cup is available for those who wish to bring their own mug and favorite tea or coffee pods.

For information on other programs and classes, including private music lessons, please contact the center for further information at 847-360-4740. The Jack Benny Center for the Arts is located in Bowen Park 39 Jack Benny Drive, Waukegan, IL. Partial sponsorship of the

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About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 735 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 61 full-time and over 230 part-time, year round, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.

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