

Family

Challenge goes out to write novel in November

This week I have been spurred by conversations with friends to share resources that may contribute to and inspire your creativity.

As the temperature drops, we need special projects to help us grow, learn and thrive. This week's thoughts began when a friend told me about NaNoWriMo. He had an e-mail challenging him to join the endeavor. I asked what in the world was NaNoWriMo?

It turns out to be a writing challenge to celebrate National Novel Writing Month. This is for those of us who have always wanted to write a book but never have completed the task.

During November you have 30 days to write a 175-page (50,000-word) novel by midnight on Tuesday, Nov. 30. The goal is to just get it done. They want you to concentrate on quantity not quality. "The kamikaze approach forces you to lower your expectations,



Melany Wilks

Library Links

take risks, and write on the fly... By forcing yourself to write so intensely, you are giving yourself permission to make mistakes. To forgo ... editing and just create..." (www.nanowrimo.org/eng/whatsnano).

The site has some people who became talented authors and this project helped them. Several groups in Kansas are taking on this challenge. Do we have any in this area that want to form a group for encouragement (www.nanowrimo.org/eng/og?page=3)?

If you need inspiration, read the children's book "A Beginning, a

Muddle, and an End: The Right Way to Write Writing." by Avi and Tricia Tusa. Avi is a renowned author of children's and junior/young adult books.

I tout this author because it is often harder to write a young person's book than one for adults. The younger the audience, the more concise the discussion and the more creative a person needs to be.

Our library has added a few free verse poetry books. The first is "The Years and Beyond: Inspirational Poetry," by William Furr. It starts with a tribute to the heroes that fought and died. It also talks of our country, the land, life's journeys and most notably a lengthy poem called "God is."

Two other poetry and essay books are from the Kansas City Writers' Group - "Beginning From the Middle" and "The Season of Light: A Holiday Collection

of Poetry, Fiction and Essays..." "The Season of Light" is stories and poetry about Christmas and winter. I loved the poem "In Winter." Everyone that teaches English grammar will be warmed with the use of terms in this work. "Christmas at the Grain Elevator" looks good, and "Gabriel's Annunciation Briefing."

Another book - not poetry but part of the American Poets Project - is "Stephen Foster and Co.: Lyrics of the First Great American Songwriters," by Stephen Foster and Ken Emerson. This book has plantation melodies, parlor ballads, songs of protest and poverty, drinking and temperance songs, war songs, and comic songs.

I found a humorous song Sam Ramey sung when the Western Plains Art Association brought him to Colby in April, "If You've

Only Got A Mustache." It tells young men not to despair if they don't have looks, money or fame - all they need is a mustache! This book does not have musical scores, only words.

Now consider learning from "How to Say It: Choice Words, Phrases, Sentences, and Paragraphs for Every Situation," by Rosalie Maggio. This book has letters on just about anything: apologies, cover letters, fundraising, resumes, sympathy, wedding correspondence and more.

If you like to explore things with your hands, you might consider the books: "Real Simple 869 New Uses for Old Things," by Editors of Real Simple Magazine; "Furniture Repair and Restoration," by Brian D. Hingley; "Making Money from Home: How to Run a Successful Home-

Based Business," by Donna Par-tow; "Sew Magical For Baby," by Laura Lee Burch (a Leisure Arts Publication); "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Self-Sufficient Living," by Jerome D. Belanger; and for the collector, "A Guide Book of United States Coins," by R. S. Yeoman and Kenneth Bressett.

Now - calling all trivia buffs! It is time to make a team up of six to eight people to compete and have loads of fun at Trivia Night in the Pioneer Memorial Library.

We have set the event for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4. We will also form teams on a first-come, first-serve basis that night if you do not have a team to play on.

We open at 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday, closing at 8 p.m. weeknights, 5 p.m. Friday, and 4 p.m. Saturday. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m. See you at the library!

Daughters of the American Revolution

The John Athey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met Sept. 13 at Kay Weber's home in Hoxie.

Fran Mann opened the meeting with the President General's address. Sharon Maurath was installed in the regent's chair for the next three years.

The members and guest Dee Ann Smith answered roll call with "my favorite quilt pattern." A new member, Cleta Ann Hopper of Colby, was welcomed. Janet Hinthor of Oakley received an award for being the oldest member in Kansas.

Maurath announced a joint

meeting with the Hays Chapter on May 21.

A merger with the Good Land Chapter was proposed and will be voted on later in the year.

A new state officer, Mary Banister Frisch, will be in Oakley for brunch on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Weber gave a lesson on quilts and had her own quilts out for viewing. The new quilt project for the year will be "Patriots and Petticoats."

The meeting was adjourned for

lunch at Tricia's Steakhouse.

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Gladys Rowley's home in Oakley, followed by a visit to the museum.

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