

Writers Group Startup - January 24th 6:00pm

Deciding some ground rules...and perhaps writing them down!

Summary

Round the table introductions / In attendance: Linda, Rebecca, Susan, Dawn, Bonnie, Audrey, Kirsten, Laramy, Kevin, Justin, Angela (Vermilion Voice) Sheila (Library)

Attendees have a range of writing experience in a variety of genres and share a passion or interest in writing

Handouts and Contact list – see attached

Library role – offer free space, basic photocopying for meetings, advertising, promotion, and will work with the group to arrange guest authors, presentations, workshops

Brief look at how the Wainwright group works – members submit writing samples to the group for feedback/critique/editing.

Group comments/thoughts/aspirations/direction for the Vermilion group:

Support, encouragement, writing tips, writing activities and prompts, guest speakers, informational presentations, constructive conversation, help with structure, place to share and bounce ideas, a sense of belonging to a writing community, help members with writing consistency and enthusiasm, networking, sharing knowledge (writing and publishing experience, books about writing) Could include members submitting samples for group critique. Samples best submitted before a meeting via email.

Meetings scheduled every 3 weeks on a Thursday from 6-7pm at the Library. Members take turns chairing/organizing meetings and taking minutes.

The next meeting is Thursday, February 21, 6-7pm Vermilion Library Meeting room

Meeting focus: a brainstorming session to plan the topics of future meetings and to create a list of members who will take the lead at these meetings. Kevin Sommer is the lead for February's meeting. Linda Jacejko will take minutes.