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BRINGING OUR VIBRANT WRITING COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR NANOWRIMO

(Panama City, FL) What is NaNoWriMo? It's National Novel Writing Month with a goal to write a 50,000 word novel from November 1st through November 30th! You can create your profile and learn more about NaNoWriMo through www.nanowrimo.org/how-it-works. Examples of novels written during previous NaNoWriMo's include Sara Gruen's *Water for Elephants* and Erin Morgenstern's *The Night Circus*. Both titles are available in the Northwest Regional Library System for check out.

Bay County's active writing community has connected with several local venues for write-ins to take place this NaNoWriMo. The kick-off event to get everyone energized to write takes place on November 1st at 6:00 p.m. at Amavida St. Andrews (2997 W. 10th St., Panama City, FL). This will be a Pop-up Library Write-in featuring guest author Mark Douglas. Additional writing resources will be provided by Northwest Regional Library System's Outreach Librarian, Heather Ogilvie. Amavida will be open after hours with beverages available for purchase.

Write-in at the Bay County Public Library takes place on November 4th at 2:00 p.m. in the meeting room (898 W. 11th St., Panama City, FL). Guest author is Milinda Jay Stephenson. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries.

The St. Andrews Sketch Crawl & Shutter Stroll will be NaNoWriMo focused on Saturday, November 19th. Guest authors are Mark Boss, Tony Simmons, and Jayson Kretzer – an author for each stop! The St. Andrews Sketch Crawl & Shutter Stroll will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Andrews Coffee House (1006 Beck Ave., Panama City, FL). At 11:30 a.m., the group will relocate to Little Village (2808 W. 12th St., Panama City, FL). At 1:00 p.m., the final stop filled with creative inspiration is Floriopolis (1125 Beck Ave., Panama City, FL). Bring your sketchbooks, cameras, and writing journals. Drop in to any or all of the Sketch Crawl & Shutter Stroll stops.

The NaNoWriMo events are free to attend and open to the public. Bring your writing supplies!

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