

## NaNoWriMo Tools and Resources:

Here's a list of resources to help you with your NaNoWriMo novel writing:

- **Writing Prompts:** Use our collection of writing prompts to the workshop to help kickstart your creativity when you're feeling stuck. You can also find prompts online [writingprompts.tumblr.com](https://writingprompts.tumblr.com) or [reedsy.com/writing](https://reedsy.com/writing).
- **Reference Materials:** Depending on your genre, bring any reference materials or research notes you might need to consult while writing.
- **Noise-Canceling Headphones:** In a write-in workshop, it can get a bit noisy with discussions and typing sounds. Noise-canceling headphones can help you focus.
- **Earplugs:** If noise-canceling headphones aren't your preference, consider earplugs to block out distractions.
- **Timers:** Bring a timer or use a timer app to set writing sprints. This helps maintain focus and productivity during the workshop.
- **Writing Craft Books:** If you have favorite books on writing, consider bringing them or checking them out from the library for inspiration or guidance during the workshop. Try these titles from our catalog:  
[https://sandiego.bibliocommons.com/list/share/542053388\\_sdpl\\_humanities/2411949509\\_nanowrimo\\_2023](https://sandiego.bibliocommons.com/list/share/542053388_sdpl_humanities/2411949509_nanowrimo_2023)
- **Personal Writing Goals:** Set specific writing goals for the workshop, whether it's a word count target or completing a specific scene. For NaNoWriMo, 1600+ words per day will keep you on track to finish 50k by the end of the month.
- **Wi-Fi Hotspot:** If you're attending a workshop in a location with unreliable Wi-Fi, consider having a mobile hotspot as a backup. San Diego Public Library lends out wi-fi hotspots for up to 90 days.
- **Outline or Plot Notes:** If you've outlined your novel or have plot notes, keep them handy for reference.
- **Writing Group or Critique Partner Contacts:** Bring the contact information of any writing group or critique partners you may want to connect with during the workshop.
- **Writing Challenges:** Participate in writing challenges provided by local workshop facilitators, if available.
- **Wrist Rest or Ergonomic Accessories:** To stay comfortable during long writing sessions, you may want to bring ergonomic accessories for your computer or workspace.
- **Printed Writing Resources:** If you have printed writing resources or worksheets that help with character development, plotting, or world-building, bring those along.
- **Personal Writing Toolkit:** Any other writing tools or personal writing rituals that help you get in the zone.
- **Positive Attitude and Open Mind:** Most importantly, bring a positive attitude and an open mind to make the most of the write-in workshop and connect with fellow writers.
- **NaNoWriMo Official Website:** The official National Novel Writing Month website ([nanowrimo.org](https://nanowrimo.org)) is a goldmine of resources, including forums, progress tracking, and more.
- **Writing Software:** Consider using writing software like Scrivener, Ulysses, or Google Docs to help you organize and write your novel efficiently.

- **Writing Prompts:** Websites like Writing Prompts ([writingprompts.tumblr.com](https://writingprompts.tumblr.com)) or the Reedsy Writing Prompts Contest ([reedsy.com/writing](https://reedsy.com/writing)) can inspire creativity.
- **Writing Communities:** Join writing communities on platforms like Reddit ([r/nanowrimo](https://www.reddit.com/r/nanowrimo)), or visit the NaNoWriMo forums for support and advice.
- **Books on Writing:** Explore books like "No Plot? No Problem!" by Chris Baty, the founder of NaNoWriMo, or "On Writing" by Stephen King for valuable insights.
- **Writing Workshops:** Attend writing workshops in your local area or online to hone your skills.
- **Writing Blogs and YouTube Channels:** Blogs like "The Write Practice" ([thewritepractice.com](https://thewritepractice.com)) and YouTube channels like "Grammar Girl" offer practical advice and motivation.
- **Writing Apps:** Utilize writing apps such as Evernote, Grammarly, or Hemingway Editor to improve your writing process.
- **Word Sprints and Timers:** Use word sprint tools like [4thewords.com](https://4thewords.com) or apps like Forest to increase your writing speed.
- **Character and Plot Development Tools:** Software like Scrivener or dedicated tools like Campfire Pro or World Anvil can help you develop characters and plots.
- **Online Writing Courses and Websites:** Platforms like Coursera and Udemy offer writing courses that can enhance your writing skills. Learn from writers like R.L. Stine at his website: <https://rlstine.com/rlstine-writing-program.pdf>. Try the library's website: <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/news-events/localauthors/resources>.
- **Writer's Block Resources:** When you hit a wall, turn to resources like "The War of Art" by Steven Pressfield for help overcoming writer's block.
- **Daily Writing Goals:** Tools like Pacemaker ([pacemaker.press](https://pacemaker.press)) or 750 Words ([750words.com](https://750words.com)) can help you set and track daily writing goals.
- **Writing Podcasts:** Listen to podcasts like "Writing Excuses" or "The Creative Penn" for writing tips and inspiration.
- **Beta Readers and Critique Groups:** Seek out beta readers and join critique groups to get feedback on your work.
- **Writing Conferences and Events:** Attend writing conferences and author events, which often provide valuable insights and networking opportunities.
- **Note-taking Apps:** Use apps like Evernote, OneNote, or Notion to keep track of your ideas and research.
- **Plot Outlining Tools:** Tools like Plottr or Plot Factory can help you outline your novel's plot.
- **Research Databases:** Utilize resources like JSTOR, Google Scholar, and your local library for in-depth research.
- **NaNoWriMo Prep Resources:** Check out NaNoWriMo's official prep resources, including their "NaNo Prep Handbook."

These resources will help you make the most of your write-in workshop and ensure that you're prepared to have a productive and inspiring writing session. Remember that the best resources for you may vary based on your writing style and preferences, so explore and find what works best for you. Good luck with your NaNoWriMo novel!