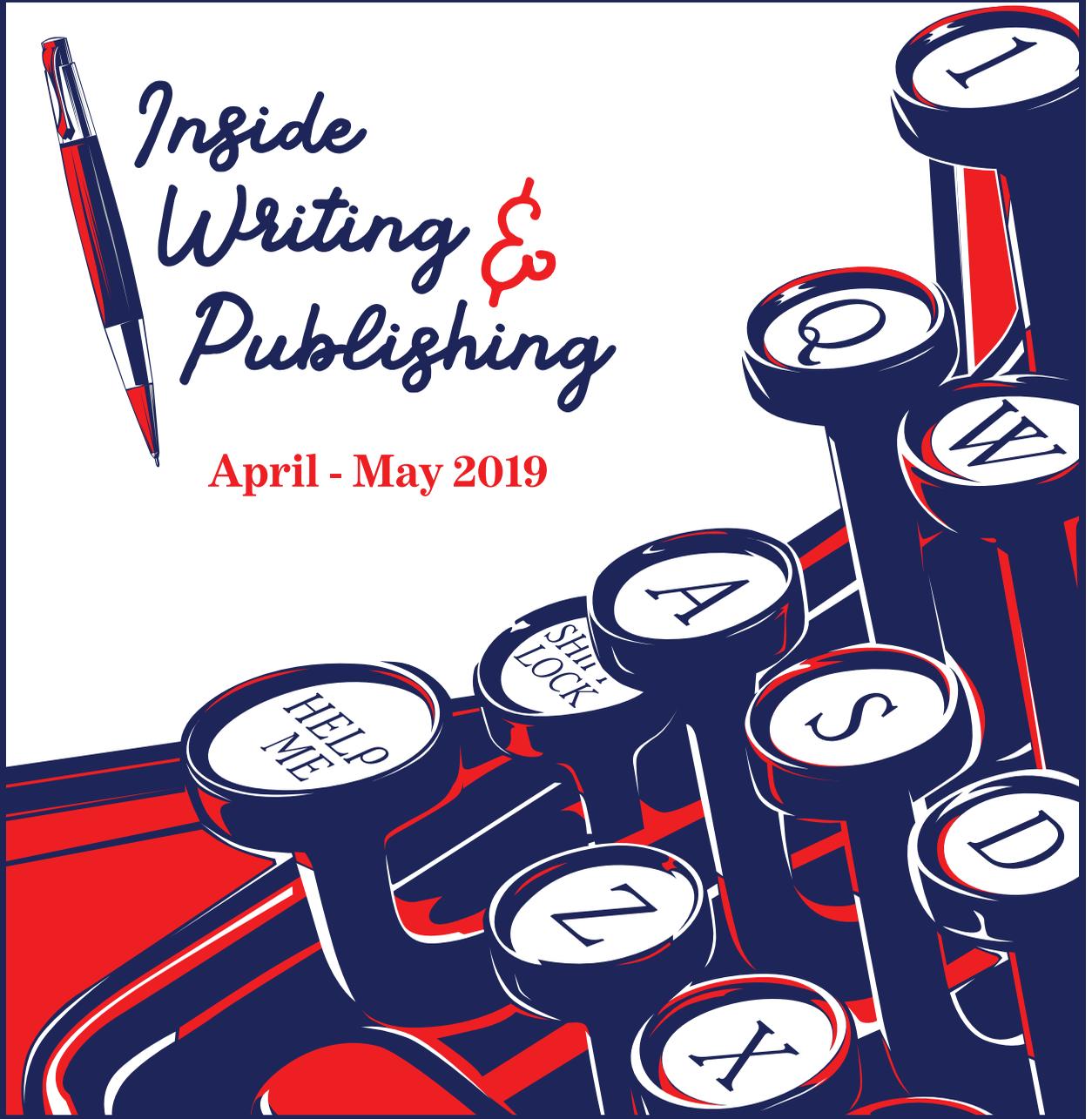




# Inside Writing & Publishing

April - May 2019



A series of free programs presented by participating libraries in north and northwest suburban Chicago.

Deerfield Public Library · Des Plaines Public Library · Elmhurst Public Library  
Fremont Public Library · Schaumburg Township District Library



## **SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS**



Registration is recommended for all of these programs. Please contact the host library of the program you would like to attend for information and registration.

### ***Barbara Barnett – Scrivener Made Easy***

Scrivener can be one of the most powerful tools in a writer's toolbox. From outlining to brainstorming to story analysis and revision, Scrivener saves time and stress, but its many features sometimes make it too complex to unravel for most. Award-winning author/editor Barbara Barnett will demystify Scrivener while demonstrating its most essential features in this entertaining, multimedia talk.

**Fremont Public Library  
Des Plaines Public Library**

**Saturday, April 6 2 – 3:30 pm  
Saturday, April 27 2 – 3:30 pm**

### ***Kaylynn Hills – Types of Editing and When You Need Them***

All writers know that editing is a crucial step toward improving a manuscript for publication, but even many seasoned authors couldn't tell you the difference between copy editing and proofreading. Editing has many facets, functions, and forms. In this lecture, editor Kaylynn Hills will describe the different types of editing; what they are used for, and how to tell which type your manuscript or project needs. Gain industry knowledge and learn how to improve your own self-editing skills.

**Fremont Public Library  
Des Plaines Public Library  
Ela Area Public Library  
Schaumburg Township District Library**

**Monday, April 8 7 – 8:30 pm  
Wednesday, April 10 7 – 8:30 pm  
Wednesday, April 17 7 – 8:30 pm  
Thursday, April 25 7 – 8:30 pm**

### ***Joyce Becker Lee – Writing a Winning Short Story***

Joyce Becker Lee of the Mundelein Arts Commission will help participants understand how to build a short story, with an eye toward entering contests. Topics to be presented include the elements of the short story: Conflict, Plot, Character, Theme, and Setting, along with such important aspects as point of view, tone/voice, figurative language, dialogue, and conventions.

**Fremont Public Library**

**Saturday, April 6 10 – 11:00 am**

## ***Carmela Martino – Turning Life into Fiction***

Writers often base their stories on actual people, places, and events, either from their own lives or the lives of others. But translating real life into compelling fiction can be a challenge - it often requires letting go of “what really happened” in favor of what best serves the story. In this presentation, author and writing teacher, Carmela Martino describes some of the steps in this process. Using examples from her own work, she shares techniques for creating composite characters, researching setting details, and mining memories for story ideas.

**Fremont Public Library**

**Wednesday, April 17 7 – 8:30 pm**

## ***Susan Miura – Nail That Pitch***

Writers planning to pitch a manuscript to an editor or agent will learn how to prepare for, conduct, and follow up an in-person pitch. Participants will find out what to bring, what to expect, and how to respond to comments and questions. They will also learn the key phrases to know before an editor/agent appointment. Comments from agents and editors will be shared, and role-playing will take place for those willing to participate. Susan Miura is a multi-published author, winner of a 2018 Readers’ Favorite award, vice president of ACFW-Chicago, and member of SCBWI.

**Schaumburg Township District Library**

**Saturday, April 13 11 am – 12:30 pm**

## ***D.M. Pirrone – Why These Words Now? An Actor Looks at Dialogue***

In real life, people talk just to talk. We use speech as social glue, and a lot of our words aren’t that important. In fiction, characters talk because they need to. Author, actor and audiobook narrator D.M. Pirrone brings an actor’s perspective to the fine art of dialogue: what works on the page, what doesn’t, and the compelling reasons characters talk in the first place.

**Ela Area Public Library  
Schaumburg Township District Library  
Des Plaines Public Library**

**Wednesday, May 1 7 – 8:30 pm  
Thursday, May 2 7 – 8:30 pm  
Wednesday, May 8 7 – 8:30 pm**

## ***Allie Pleiter – How to Write When Everything Goes Wrong***

Learn sensible tools and tactics for any writer to stay productive and creative when the rest of your life is in chaos. As the author of over 30 books, Allie Pleiter has met deadlines in the midst of some imposing traumas. She will share practical and inventive strategies for how to stay afloat and creative amid life’s stormiest seas.

**Deerfield Public Library**

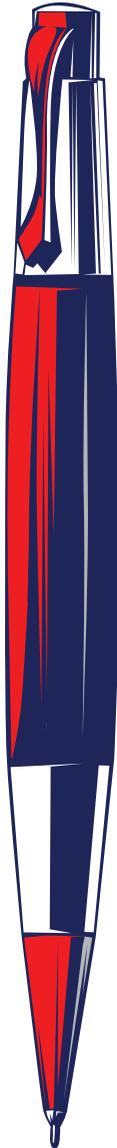
**Tuesday, April 9 7 – 8:00 p.m.**



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## PARTICIPATING LIBRARIES

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### ***Deerfield Public Library***

920 Waukegan Road  
Deerfield, IL 60015  
847-945-3311  
[www.deerfieldlibrary.org](http://www.deerfieldlibrary.org)  
Contact: Kay Palecek

### ***Des Plaines Public Library***

1501 Ellinwood Street  
Des Plaines, IL 60016  
847-827-5551  
[www.dppl.org](http://www.dppl.org)  
Contact: Christine Posinger

### ***Ela Area Public Library***

275 Mohawk Trail  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
847-438-3433  
[www.eapl.org](http://www.eapl.org)  
Contact: Valerie Stern

### ***Fremont Public Library***

1170 N. Midlothian Road  
Mundelein, IL 60060  
847-566-8702  
[www.fremontlibrary.org](http://www.fremontlibrary.org)  
Contact: Rachael Rezek

### ***Schaumburg Township District Library***

130 S. Roselle Road  
Schaumburg, IL 60193  
847-985-4000  
[www.stdl.org](http://www.stdl.org)  
Contact: Susan Gibberman