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2016 Summer Writing Retreat

Hello, West Texas:
Here we come!
It's not too late to join us
July 17-22 in Alpine.
Seats Are Still Available!



The forecast for the foreseeable future here in Austin is triple digit heat. It's a great time to be heading to West Texas and the Davis Mountains.

In just twelve days, the Writers' League of Texas' 10th Annual Summer Writing Retreat kicks off -- and we can't wait.

Ever want to get away from it all and spend a week immersed in your craft, taking in a truly breathtaking setting, and meeting fellow writers?

Here's your chance with our upcoming Summer Writing Retreat at Sul Ross State University in scenic Alpine, deep in the heart of West Texas. Kicking off with an orientation the evening of Sunday, July 17, five classes are taught simultaneously by five terrific instructors, Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22.

For additional information about this one-of-a-kind event, [CLICK HERE](#). Seats are still available in one of the five classes!

Member News

Ashish Malpani (Austin) released his first crime novel, *Ten Days in October*, on June 16. Find out more about the novel on his [website](#), and find the book on [Amazon](#) and [Smashwords](#).

Manning Wolfe (Austin) will be speaking on BookPeople's July 12 Mystery People panel at 7 pm with two other authors who have drawn inspiration for their novels from their professional lives. Following the discussion she will be signing *Dollar Signs*, the first in her Texas Lady Lawyer series. More info on [Facebook](#).

Are you a current WLT member interested in submitting to Member News? Email your 50-word blurb (with links!) at member@writersleague.org. For a full list of guidelines, click [here](#).

Community Member News

Ageless Authors (Dallas) is now accepting submissions! Writers and artists age 65 and older are welcome to submit their essays, short stories, poetry, and line art for the Ageless Authors Writing and Art Contest. Deadline is August 15. Win cash prizes and get published this fall. Visit agelessauthors.com to learn more and submit your work.

Erica Hurtak (San Antonio) recently joined the Storyboard for a Texas Public Radio program called "[Worth Repeating](#)." Think *This American Life* or *The Moth*. WR is performed live at the Josephine Theatre in San Antonio. 7 speakers tell 7 true stories in 7 minutes each, all under a chosen theme. Erica is seeking interested storytellers for upcoming events. Email erica@ericahurtak.com for more info.

Texas Writes

"Capturing Real Life: Long-Form Narrative in a Short-Form World" with Michael Hall

ONLY 1 SEAT REMAINING!

With a winning combination of morning instruction & discussion and afternoon writing assignments, as well as personalized feedback from the instructor, this course will give you the basic tools to write lengthy, narrative-driven stories that are more about attitude than objectivity, more about getting at the heart of a story than just the facts. Visit the [class page](#) for more info and to sign up for this class.



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Texas Writes

Join us in Marathon, TX! For our first Texas Writes event of the 2016/17 season on July 16.



1 PM - SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016

MARATHON PUBLIC LIBRARY

106 NE 3RD STREET

MARATHON, TEXAS 79842**

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Pre-registration Suggested: Call (432) 386-4136



Our next two Texas Writes events will take place in West Texas to coincide with our Summer Writing Retreat: **In Marathon on Saturday, July 16 at 1:00 pm and in Marfa on Saturday, July 23 at 10:00 am.**

We're just starting to schedule our next round of events. The 2016/2017 schedule, available on the [Texas Writes](#) page on our website, will be updated as we add new libraries.

Our Next Open Office Hours is July 14, 2016
Registration closes July 13 at 12 pm

Members: Meet one-on-one with a WLT staffer (in person or call in).

Click [here](#) for guidelines and to sign up. Current members only.

Manuscript Contest

Congratulations to the 2016 Manuscript Contest winners and finalists! Click [here](#) for the list.

If you entered the contest and **have not yet received your written feedback**, please email our contest coordinator at sara@writersleague.org so that we can confirm your contact info and resend. **All critiques have been sent as of May 20.**

2016 marks the Writers' League of

Refreshments Provided

****Meet at the Marathon Public Library at 1pm; the program will take place across the way at the Community Center**

Texas Writes is a statewide program that brings accomplished authors to rural libraries for a half day of presentations and panel discussions. Each event is free and open to the public.

Our first event of the 2016/2017 season will take place in Marathon, TX, on Saturday, July 16, and will feature presentations by Donna M. Johnson and Michael Hall speaking about:

Your Life as Story: Transforming Memories into Compelling Memoir

Whether working on a memoir for publication or putting together a personal narrative for children and grandchildren, our goal as writers is to unlock the meaning of the past. Donna M. Johnson, author of *Holy Ghost Girl*--a two-time entry on Oprah's "Memoirs We Love" list--explores how to tease apart events and memories to find the real stories hidden away in our everyday experience. She discusses techniques for breaking open facts so that they serve a literal and poetic truth. The point, she says, is not so much what happened, but how what happened changed you.



Donna M. Johnson is the author of Holy Ghost Girl, a critically acclaimed memoir deemed "enthraling" and "a sure bet" by the New York Times and "compulsively readable" by Texas Monthly. The book was hailed by the Oprah magazine and made the Oprah.com "Memoirs We Love" list twice. Named by Publishers Weekly and The Nervous

Breakdown as a Top 10 pick, Holy Ghost Girl took top honors in the Spirituality category at the New York Books for a Better Life Awards.

Place as Character in Nonfiction: How Setting Shapes True Stories

During this afternoon discussion, *Texas Monthly's* Michael Hall will examine the ways the "where" of a nonfiction piece is as essential as the "who, what, and when." Participants will read a few short pieces that have brought the "where" to life especially well, discussing the techniques used to successfully establish setting in each. For writers interested in injecting authenticity into a nonfiction narrative, this presentation will be especially valuable.



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Texas' 35th Anniversary.



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To celebrate this milestone, we're asking members to consider renewing their membership in 2016 at the special Anniversary Level or one of the Premium Levels. Details on the various membership levels and associated benefits can be found [HERE](#).

Share Your Writers' League of Texas Story!

We're collecting stories, memorabilia, and photos from our members past and present to celebrate our 35th Anniversary.

We've created a form to make it easy to share stories or photos from our history. Click [here](#) to submit your contribution.

For more information on our 35th Anniversary plans, click [here](#).

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For more information on our Texas Writes program, including updates on future events, [CLICK HERE](#).

**Friends, Texans, Writers!
Lend Us Your Ears!**

Our Third Thursday Podcast is now on Soundcloud!

The WRITERS' LEAGUE OF TEXAS' THIRD THURSDAY program offers free monthly discussions on the craft and business of writing at BookPeople in Austin, Texas.

We're now proud to share these conversations with writers everywhere via our new podcast.

Find the podcast online at soundcloud.com/writersleagueoftexas. Visit writersleague.org or call us at 512-499-8914 for more info.

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