

# The Writer's Wire

Women Who Write: A Place, a Space, a Voice

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## LOVE IS IN THE AIR



I suspect a whole lot of poetry is written or read in the name of love during the month of February. But it's always about the same thing: I love you and I hope you love me. However, this February, Women Who Write asks the question: do you love you? For the first time ever, Women Who Write is hosting a Hollywood movie night at Cinemark Theaters, Mall St.

Matthews, on Wednesday, Feb. 25, to answer that question.

Written and directed by women, *Muffin Top: A Love Story* is a humorous romantic comedy. It looks at the stereotypes of what it means to be the perfect woman in today's society, and the lengths to which women are willing to go to find someone who will love them, when all along what we really need is to love ourselves. One way to do this is with good friends and lots of wine and chocolate.

We hope you can join us for a girls' night out, learn more about what our women's writing group can do for you, and what we have on tap this year. (See details about the movie event on page 2 of this issue of the *Writer's Wire*.)

While this movie is meant to be fun and a bit irreverent, it does raise serious questions about what constitutes an authentic female experience. For each of us, it is different and unique.

At Women Who Write, we offer support for all our members to explore their own experiences and provide a place to share them in safety and security. I have been blown away over the past year by the simple, honest and true voices that have been expressed in poetry, prose and blogs. I am thrilled that so many of you are finding your own true, one-of-a-kind voices.

So whether we are taking a lighter, more humorous look at the female condition, or examining the heart of a serious matter, everyone is on their own personal journey of discovery. Sharing it with others makes it all the sweeter.

—Jessica Luetzow

## WWW MEMBER AWARDED GRANT

Women Who Write member **Judith C. Owens Lalude** (Louisville) recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women. The grant will enable her to translate a series of books and related programs about slavery and the struggle for civil rights into braille, large print, and audio for the visually impaired.

## WISDOM FROM WRITERS

“One should never use exclamation points in writing. It’s like laughing at your own joke.”

—Mark Twain

“If it sounds like writing, rewrite it.”

—Elmore Leonard

## ABOUT WOMEN WHO WRITE

**Membership:** Our goal is to encourage, support and educate all women who aspire to write. Our group is diverse and dynamic, and includes writers who are just starting out, those who are newly published, and those in the middle of their careers.

**Regular meetings** are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Highlands-Shelby Park Library, Mid City Mall, 1250 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, Kentucky.

## WOMEN WHO WRITE BOARD

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## MUFFIN TOP: A LOVE STORY

Date Change for Movie Screening to Benefit WWW



A special screening of the new romantic comedy *Muffin Top: A Love Story*, written and directed by women, will benefit Women Who Write. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, Feb. 25** (a different date than originally announced), and head to Cinemark Theaters at Mall St. Matthews. Doors open at 7 p.m. for fun and prizes; film rolls at 7:30 p.m. The *Muffin Top* cast includes:

Marissa Jaret Winokur (*Hairspray*)  
Diedrich Bader (*Drew Carey Show*)  
Melissa Peterman (*Reba*)  
David Arquette (*Scream*)  
Dot Marie Jones (*Glee*)  
Haylie Duff (*Napoleon Dynamite*)  
Retta (*Parks & Recreation*)  
Markie Post (*There's Something about Mary*)

**Tickets are available online only.** For more information, and to order tickets, share event information and invite friends, visit our website: [www.womenhowrite.com](http://www.womenhowrite.com).

## CONTESTS, MARKETS & GRANTS\*

- [Harriet A. Rose Legacies Contest](#) for writers over 55; poems, stories, essays or memoir. Reading fee: \$10 per five-page entry. First prize: \$100; second, \$50. Deadline Feb. 20.
- [Tethered by Letters Literary Contests](#): Short stories, flash fiction and poetry. Prizes: \$500 for short story, \$150 for flash fiction, and \$150 for poetry. Entry fees: \$7 for flash fiction or poetry, \$15 for short story. Deadline Feb. 28.
- [Ginosko Flash Fiction Contest](#): For fiction no longer than 800 words. Prize: \$500. Entry fee \$5–10. Deadline March 1.
- [Phoebe Contests](#): For fiction, creative nonfiction and poetry. Winners receive \$850 and publication. Entry fee: \$17. Deadline March 1.
- [Summer Residency Program, Hopscotch House](#): If your writing supports feminism or social change, consider this residency sponsored by the Kentucky Foundation for Women. Recipients spend a week at Hopscotch house with writer-in-residence Crystal Wilkinson. Deadline March 6.
- [National Endowment for the Arts Literary Prose Grants](#): Awards \$25,000 in grants for prose (fiction and creative nonfiction) to published writers. Deadline March 11.
- [Stella Kupferberg Short Story Prize](#): 750-word maximum. \$1,000 and online publication. Entry fee \$25. Deadline March 15.
- [Prime Number Contest](#) for unpublished poems. First prize \$1,000 and publication. Entry fee \$15. Deadline March 31.
- *The Notebook's* spring issue theme will be “difference.” See complete submission [guidelines](#) for details. Deadline April 1.
- [Paterson Fiction Prize](#) for a novel or collection of short fiction published in 2014. \$1,000 prize. No entry fee. Deadline April 1.
- [Writer's Digest Self-Published Book Awards](#): Winner gets \$8,000, a trip to the WD annual conference and other prizes. Deadline April 1.
- [Allen Ginsberg Poetry Awards](#) seeks unpublished poetry. Prizes: \$1,000, \$200, and \$100. Entry fee \$18. Deadline April 1.
- [Tom Howard/John H. Reid Fiction & Essay Contest](#): submit short stories or essays up to 6,000 words. First-place winners in each category receive \$1,500. Entry fee \$16. Deadline April 30.

\*Check contest websites for rules and details.

## EVENTS FOR WRITERS



- **Selected Carnegie Center Classes** (see complete list at <http://carnegiecenterlex.org>):  
[Sci-Fi/Horror Writing Group](#) with Jason Sizemore, Mondays, Feb. 16–March 23, 5:30 to 7 p.m., \$72. [Crafting the Poem](#) with Jeff Worley, Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$35. [Selling Your Book](#) with Hap Houlihan, Mondays, Feb. 23–March 16, 5:30 to 7 p.m., \$48. [Writing Picture Books](#) with Marcia Thornton Jones, Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to noon, \$30. Carnegie Center, 251 W. Second St., Lexington, KY.
- Feb. 17, 11:30: Rally to **support public libraries** features former Kentucky Poet Laureate Frank X. Walker. Capitol rotunda, Frankfort, KY.
- Feb. 25, 7 p.m.: [Muffin Top: A Love Story](#), Cinemark St. Matthews. *Tickets are not available at the door.* <https://www.tugg.com/events/13167>.
- Feb. 28, 11 a.m.: **Dr. Suess Birthday Bonanza and Parade**, [Joseph-Beth Booksellers](#), 161 Lexington Green Circle, Lexington, KY.
- March 6–7: [Bloggers at Midlife Conference](#), Opryland Hotel and Resort, Nashville, TN. Elisa Camahort Page (*BlogHer*) is the keynote speaker.
- March 7: [Kentucky Women's Book Festival](#), Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville. Features great women writers. Free and open to all; optional lunch is \$10.
- March 7: [Question Me a Novel Workshop](#). Hotel Preston, Nashville, TN. \$225 (\$150 for members of selected writing groups).
- March 14, 8:30–4: ["Writing & Publishing Your Book: From A to Z,"](#) taught by Cathy Fyock and Peggy DeKay. \$147.
- March 27, 6 to 7:30 p.m.: **"Polish Your Prose: Self-Editing for Fiction and Nonfiction Writers,"** taught by Susan E. Lindsey. Part of the Fat Friday series at [Shape and Flow Writing Studio](#), Mellwood Art & Entertainment Center, 1860 Mellwood Ave., Louisville KY. \$15.