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Write Your Novel at the Library

(PANAMA CITY, FL) – The Bay County Public Library and National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) invite you to check out your imagination and write a 50,000-word novel this November!

NaNoWriMo challenges people to write 50,000 words of a novel in the 30 days of November. Crazy? Yes. Doable? Absolutely!

Over 250 NaNoWriMo novels have been traditionally published. They include Sara Gruen's *Water for Elephants*, Erin Morgenstern's *The Night Circus*, Hugh Howey's *Wool*, Rainbow Rowell's *Fangirl*, Jason Hough's *The Darwin Elevator*, and Marissa Meyer's *Cinder*.

The Bay County Public Library will host a NaNoWriMo Kick-Off Party on October 19th from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Learn about NaNoWriMo, receive writing tips from local authors including Michael Lister, Tony Simmons, and Sharman Ramsey, and enjoy light refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries. Attendees may also enter a drawing for three gift boxes, each of which includes goodies and the book that started it all, *No Plot, No Problem: A Low-Stress High-Velocity Guide to Writing a Novel in 30 Days* by NaNoWriMo founder Chris Baty.

The library will also host "Come Write In" sessions each Monday in November from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Library staff will be available for support and encouragement; participants are welcome to bring their own refreshments.

The library will host a "Thank God It's Over" party on December 7th to celebrate finishing (or at least attempting to finish) your novel. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries.

"We have some staff members who are going to participate in NaNoWriMo this year," said Regina Burgess, Community Relations and Marketing Coordinator for the Northwest Regional Library System. "I'm one of them, and I am both looking forward to it and scared out of my wits! So far, I have no idea what I'm going to write about or even what genre I'll attempt. But the unknown is half the fun!"

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Last year, NaNoWriMo welcomed 351,142 writers from around the world. Of those participants, 58,917 writers hit their goals, completing a 50,000-word draft of a novel in November 2014.

For more information, visit www.nanowrimo.org or call 522-2120. The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 West 11th Street in Panama City.

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