Harrison Center Writer's Group Forming Summer 2008
2nd and 4th Saturdays beginning July 12, 2008
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Writing is a solitary craft, but writers need encouragement and feedback from others to improve.

All writers, 18 years old and up, can apply to be a member of this group.

Writers from all genres (mystery, thriller, crime, horror, science fiction, fantasy, historical, romance, chick-lit, YA, etc) are welcome to apply. Writers of erotic fiction are discouraged from applying.

This group is a working writers group. Participants need not be professionals, but will be expected to have a clear goal of getting a work ready to submit for publication. To that end, participants will be expected to share their work with the group and accept feedback and constructive criticism from others. This means writers should be prepared to bring back revisions of pieces to the group for follow-up to see how suggested changes work.

This group is not a writing workshop or a "how-to" class. While elements of technique may be discussed as part of critiquing, technique will not be taught during meetings.

Regular e-mail access will be required for group participation to receive meeting notices and other announcements. Participants will also need to bring 12-15 copies of a work for critique and therefore need access to a printer or photocopier or pay for copies to be made.

During critiques, participants should be sensitive to political/religious/social viewpoints other than their own and limit critiques to the writing technique, not the information presented.

Personal attacks or comments belittling the writer (ex: You couldn't write your way out of a paper bag) will not be tolerated. Group members who violate this principle will be asked to leave.

Group meetings will be held at the Harrison Center for the Arts on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month (unless it is a holiday weekend). There will not be childcare during meetings and parents are discouraged from bringing children to a meeting as they may make other participants distracted or embarrassed to read their piece if it has more mature content in it.

The group leader is Bethany K. Warner. Bethany holds her masters degree in journalism and worked as a reporter for five years covering local politics and government in Springfield Ill., and Oshkosh, Wisc. She won back-to-back first place awards for short fiction at the Aestival Festival in 2004 and 2005. In 2005, she launched the Word Nerd blog (bkwriter.blogspot.com) where she reviews books, talks about her writing challenges and interviews authors. Bethany was the co-founder of the Oshkosh Area Writers Club in 2003. She is currently working on the manuscript of a novel.

Meetings will begin on July 12, 2008.
Tentative meeting schedule for 2008

July 12	July 26	August 9
August 23	September 13	September 20
October 11	October 25	November 8 (?)
November 22	December 13	