

Getting Started or Jumpstarting Your Writing A Few Resource Ideas

Examples of Collaborative Platforms

- NaNoWriMo National Novel Writing Month www.nanowrimo.org/
- Storystorm <https://taralazar.com/storystorm/>
- 12x12 www.juliehedlund.com/12-x-12
- www.figment.com
- Story Mash <http://storymash.com>
- Wattpad www.wattpad.com/
- Writers Café www.writerscafe.org
- Zoetrope www.zoetrope.com

Writing Groups and Organizations

Western Washington Region:

- Bellingham Writers Group: <https://bellinghamwriters.wordpress.com/>
- Epic Group Writers, Edmonds: <http://www.epicgroupwriters.com/>
- Hugo House: <https://hugohouse.org/>
- Pacific Northwest Writers Association: <http://www.pnwa.org/>
- Red Wheelbarrow Writers, Bellingham: <http://www.redwheelbarrowwriters.com/>
- Shack Art Center (includes writing classes in its roster): <http://www.schack.org/>
- Skagit Valley Writers League: <https://www.facebook.com/skagitvalleywritersleague>
- Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Western Washington Chapter: <https://wwa.scbwi.org/>

Broader:

- List of Groups: <http://www.writersrelief.com/writers-associations-organizations/>
- Association of Writers and Writing Programs www.awpwriter.org
- Biographer's International Organization www.biographersinternational.org
- Independent Book Publishers Association www.ibpa-online.org
- Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) www.scbwi.org

Indie/Digital Publishing

- www.createspace.com
- www.kindledirect.com
- www.lightningsource.com
- www.lulu.com
- www.smashwords.com
 - Smashwords Ebook Publishing Workshops on Youtube
<http://blog.smashwords.com/2013/10/smashwords-ebook-publishing-workshops.html>

A Few Other Web Resources

- Editors and Preditors www.pred-ed.com
- Goodreads www.goodreads.com
- The Independent Publishing Magazine www.theindependentpublishingmagazine.com
- JacketFlap <http://www.jacketflap.com>
- Media Bistro www.mediabistro.com
- Some helpful online writing resources:
 - Writing Guide for Students - <https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/college-writing-guide/>
 - Preventing Plagiarism Guide - <https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/preventing-plagiarism/>
 - Being Aware of Plagiarism- <https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/plagiarism-prevention-and-awareness/>