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## Writers' Workshop sponsored by The Idaho Librarian

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# Goals for this Session



To draw out your inner author and build your enthusiasm.



To generate or advance your ideas for new writing projects.



To provide an opportunity for brainstorming and peer feedback.

# Reflective Exercise

- Think about your most recent writing experience.
- What went well? What was hard or easy about it?
- What do you still need to learn, or learn to do better?

**Writing.**

**ls.**

**Hard!**

Write what you know.

# Your Writing Process:

The diver  
writer

The  
patchwork  
writer

The grand  
plan writer

The  
architect  
writer

You?



Prewriting

Drafting

Writing

Revising

Proofreading

Publication



# 1. Prewriting

## Steps

- Topic selection
- Research, read, discuss, refine
- Plan & outline

## Methods

- Brainstorming
- Freewriting
- Journaling
- Investigating (research)
- Outlining
- Mind mapping

# Brainstorming Break!



10 minutes,  
brainstorm and  
outline a new  
topic alone or  
with a neighbor

## 2. Drafting

- Writing bad first drafts (Anne Lamott)
- "Getting it down" without self-consciousness
- No second-guessing allowed at this stage

# 5-Minute Draft



Freewrite for  
5 minutes on  
your outlined  
topic

# 3. Revising

## Get feedback

- Writing group
- Colleagues

## Helping to refine content

- Strong/weak
- Sandwich comments
- Be specific
- Ask questions

# 4. Proofreading

## Appearance

Formatting

Fonts

Footnotes

Headers and  
footers

## Linguistics

Spelling

Punctuation

## Sources

Citations correct

All sources  
referenced

Acknowledgements

# 5. Publication

Submitting

Where?  
How?

Process

Editors  
Peer  
review  
Revising  
(again)

Celebrating

Glory!



# Peer review

# What Now?

Practice

Co-  
authors

Writing  
group

Deadlines!

# Resources Consulted

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