

April 2018

Heartland Writers Guild



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April News

The April meeting will be held on **Sun., Apr. 15 at 2:00 p.m.** Our speaker for the April meeting will be a guest of Tim Morgan.

New Publications from Members

Mary Ann Heinsman

Congratulations to HWG member Mary Ann Heinsman who placed first and second in the Young Adult category of the Missouri Writer's Guild Fall Fiction Writing Contest. Her piece, *The Revolutionary Tale of Josiah Branch*, Chapter One, placed first and *Angel Fire*, Chapter One, placed second.

Mary Rechenberg

Mary announced the publication of *Favorite Recipes*, a collection of recipes celebrating the 150th Anniversary of St. John's Lutheran Church in Pocahontas, Missouri. She served as the Anniversary Committee Chairman and was instrumental in the editorial process of the project. Noting the historical value of the project to the community, she writes in the dedication of the cookbook that "dishes prepared from these recipes have appeared at our potluck dinners, church suppers, and hospitality meals." The cookbook also features an article tracking the 150 year journey of the church. Kudos to Mary, our HWG president, and to her team for this successful and valuable publication.

Next Meeting Date

Sunday, April 15

2:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian
Church Basement

Jackson, Missouri

March Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2018

Mary Rechenberg opened the meeting. Twenty-one members and three guests were present.

Rachel Ashworth, professional writer and guild member, presented the program, “Highlights from John Truby’s *Anatomy of Story: 22 Steps to Becoming a Master Storyteller*”. Using information from Truby’s book, Rachel used the story of ‘Beauty and the Beast’ to illustrate points to help fiction writers develop character, plot, and moral argument.

Business Meeting:

Treasurer’s Report: John Fisher reported that 24 members have paid dues this year and there is \$2169.27 in the HWG bank account.

Carol Fisher announced that HWG is celebrating its 30-year anniversary this year and she will add bits of the organization’s history to the website in honor of the occasion. If anyone has anything to contribute, please email it to Carol.

Karen Uban reported on the field trip scheduled for October of this year. This year’s trip will include a guided tour of a Lincoln-Douglas debate site, cemetery in which Mrs. Lincoln’s sister is buried, and a trip to the museum at the Historical Society in Anna, Illinois. Following the tours, the group will eat at the Brickhouse in Anna. The field trip will take place on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in Anna. Directions to the meeting place will be forthcoming.

Mary Rechenberg introduced two guests, **Linda Estes**, writer of Christian devotional books, and **Barbie Buchheit**, artist, and invited them to share a little bit about their work. After Linda experienced health problems of her own, she began to encourage others with daily texts centering around scriptures. A publisher heard about this and asked her to send in some of the texts. The result was several volumes of encouraging Christian devotionals. Linda still sends more than 300 individual texts per day. Barbie shared some of her paintings, mainly portraits. Barbie is available for picture book illustration, and several members took her contact information.

Open Mic:

Dean Winsted, Donna Essner, Rachel Ashworth and **Mary Ann Heinsman** read short pieces of their work.

Karen Uban, Carol Fisher, Marilou Shaner, and Mary Rechenberg volunteered to read next time.

Mary Rechenberg closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Heinsman, Secretary

Snippets

By Sarah Geringer, Editor

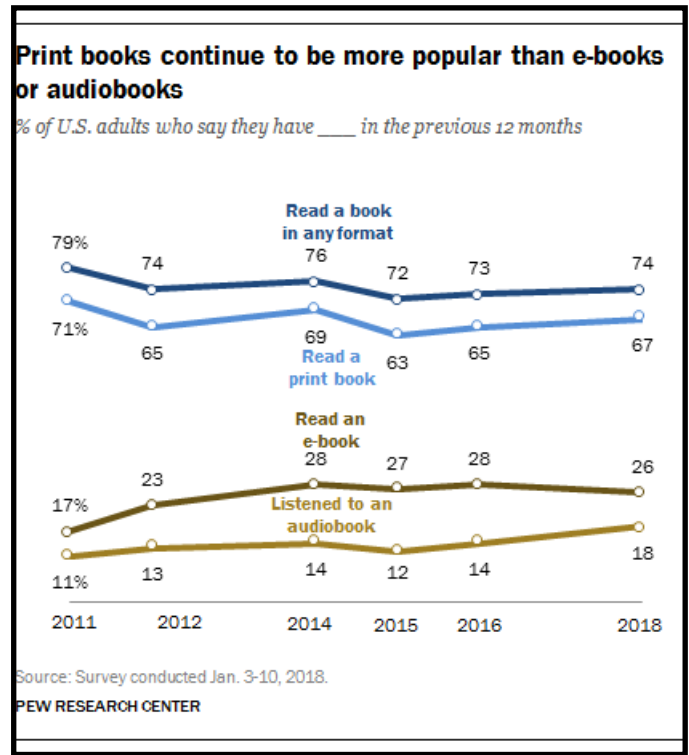
Do you prefer reading print books to e-books? This graphic instructed and encouraged me.

I like reading e-books on the Kindle app of my mini iPad. It's a convenient way for me to read books while out and about or when I'm exercising on my treadmill.

But I still prefer print books to digital books. I like the feeling, scent, and weight. A "real" book will never lose its magic for me.

Apparently most Americans agree. I'm glad that 79% of Americans are still reading books!

How about you? Which is your preference, and why? Let's talk about it at the next meeting.



The Heartland Writers Guild Journal

Submit newsletter info
 by the 15th of the month to:
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Member submissions to *The Journal* are encouraged.

No fee will be paid, but a byline will be given if info is provided.

All submissions are subject to editing and will be printed on a space-available basis.

A word count of up to 200 words is requested.

Welcome topics include guild news, awards and achievements, and family occurrences. Photos must be in .jpg format and 1 MB or less.

Some forms of advertising, such as new publication information for member books and member book signings, are also accepted.

Articles printed with member by-line are considered "credits" by other publishers for that writers'