



# Midwest Writing Center

Fostering appreciation of the written word, supporting and educating its creators.



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## The Writer's Block E-Newsletter

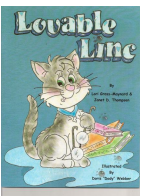
**\*October 2011\***



### Looking for a critique group?

The Writers' Studio, next meetings -  
September 1st & 15th at 11 a.m. at  
MWC.

### Out Loud Open Mic Night October 27th



Book Signing for  
**Lovable Linc** October  
15th, 1—3 p.m. Come  
meet one of the authors,  
Janet Thompsen,  
and the illustrator, Doris Dody  
Webber of this adorable  
children's book. FREE.



### DID YOU KNOW?

MWC received over  
\$3,000 this year  
from Birdies for  
Charity. Thanks to all of our  
donors! This money goes a long  
way in financing programming  
and events. If you've not  
given before,  
please consider us  
next spring when  
pledge forms go out!



Submissions will be accepted for  
the Out Loud Poetry Anthology  
until **January 15, 2012**. All who  
have previously participated in  
Out Loud events  
may submit!



### 2011 Pen-In-Hand Workshop Series **October 8th** Visit [www.midwestwritingcenter.org](http://www.midwestwritingcenter.org) for full workshop descriptions

Tuition Except as Noted: \$25 per workshop or \$75 for all adult workshops

#### Class Offerings:

- **8:30-10:15** Writing and Taxes with **Ann Capion**
- **10:30-12:15** Intellectual Property with **Ellen Tsagaris**
- **1:15-3:00** College Essays and Applications with **Augustana Dean of Admissions** **\*\*\$10\*\***
- **1:15-3:00** Sonnet Play with **Ryan Collins**  
for middle schoolers **\*\*FREE\*\***
- **1:15-3:00** Creating Buzz for You and Your  
Book with **Twila Belk**
- **3:15-5:00** Creative Writing Basics with  
**Jodie Toohey**



### Join us for lunch with **Jennifer Chiaverini**, author of the Elm Creek Quilts Series

- On tour for her new book, *The Wedding Quilt*
- Noon on November 7, 2011
- The Radisson Hotel  
111 East 2nd St.  
Davenport, IA 52801
- Books will be available for sale and signing
- Door Prizes!
- Registration Due by November 4th



#### Reservation Information

- Register online or via phone/email with Midwest Writing Center
- Early Bird Pricing Due by October 1st  
- \$20 per person
- Regular Pricing after October 1st

## Literature Festival

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at The River Center. This festival is for students and their adult supervisors in traditional or home-schooled settings. Go to [midwestwritingcenter.org](http://midwestwritingcenter.org) for information about our presenters and a brochure with a registration form to sign up.

We welcome Newbery Award Winner, Clare Vanderpool, to this year's festival!

### MWC MEMBER BUZZ...

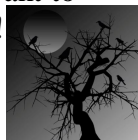
Are you a member with news to share? Email it to us at [mwc@midwestwritingcenter.org](mailto:mwc@midwestwritingcenter.org) and you may be featured here!



**Oct. 28th, 7-9 p.m.:**

**Horror Writer's Book**

**Signing:** Come to browse our spooky selection of books. If you want to participate, email or call us!



# You're Invited! To The Bohemian Ball! Oct. 21st 7-10pm



Join us as we travel back to the 1920's to enjoy delicious food and live music at this fundraiser for the Midwest Writing Center. The Bohemian Ball will also feature a silent auction.

## Tickets:

**Early Bird: \$25; At the door: \$30**

**Order online or by phone!**

If you or someone you know would like to help sponsor this event or if you have any items you wish to donate for the silent auction, please call 563-324-1410 or email [mwc@midwestwritingcenter.org](mailto:mwc@midwestwritingcenter.org)

## SLAM POETRY COMPETITION Hosted by Andrew Ziegler

October 28th, 7 p.m.

Come in your best Zombie costume (if you wish—not required) and read your poetry on any subject! Each Poet's goal is to then perform a poem which will tickle, affect, connect with the audience. Slam poets present their poems on a round by round basis in front of 5 judges randomly chosen from the audience. The point is not the points; however, the point is the poetry spoken for the entertainment, education, and/or enthusiasm of the audience. The poet with the highest core (non-cumulative) in the last round is declared the winner and gets bragging rights and MWC accredited awesomeness.



Do you need a writing mentor?

Does your business need writing advertising copy?

Do you need help writing your family's story?

Do you have a manuscript and need help formatting it for a printer?

Looking for someone to design your cover?

Visit our blog for tips and suggestions for freelancers AND consumers!

Go to [www.midwestwritingcenter.org](http://www.midwestwritingcenter.org) and click on an icon like the one below!



Our programs are partially supported by grants from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency; and the Riverboat Development Authority



Should you wish not to receive e-mail information about upcoming events at the Midwest Writing Center, please send a reply with REMOVE in the subject line to: [mwc@midwestwritingcenter.org](mailto:mwc@midwestwritingcenter.org)

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