

Our keynote presenter, Bruce Ingram, is a writer, photographer, and teacher in Roanoke. He has been an outdoor writer since 1983, and has published five river guide books! He also published a YA novel, *Ninth Grade Blues*, in September 2017 and is working on the sequel, *Tenth Grade Angst*. For more information on Bruce (and how to purchase his books!) visit www.bruceingramoutdoorsblog.blogspot.com.



SCHEDULE



10-10:30 am Registration
10:30-11:15 am Keynote Presentation
11:20-12:10 pm Workshop 1
12:10-1:10 pm Lunch
1:15-2:05 pm Workshop 2
2:10-3 pm Workshop 3
3:05 pm-4 pm Workshop 4
4 pm-5 pm Closing Remarks and help with NaNoWrimo 2017 projects/prompts

SOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY
6303 Merriman Road, Roanoke, VA 24018
540-777-8788
Young Adult Room

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA YOUNG WRITERS CONFERENCE



Saturday, November 18, 2017
10am-4pm
South County Library
Roanoke, VA





Share photos of your work or a speaker on Instagram, #socowriters, for a chance to win an advanced reader copy of a book from the teen center!

Local writers have volunteered their time to present workshops throughout the day. Workshops are a great opportunity to learn about different aspects of writing novels, poetry, short stories, magazine articles, and more!

Bring something you have written already and come prepared to write during the workshop. There may even be time to share what you have written and ask for feedback from the group.

Feel free to come prepared with questions for participating writers as well. Many writers have experience in multiple fields and are eager to help the next generation of young writers chase their dreams! For more information on each writer, visit their websites (listed in this brochure).

PRESENTERS

"THE HERO'S JOURNEY" 11:20 AM- 12:10 PM

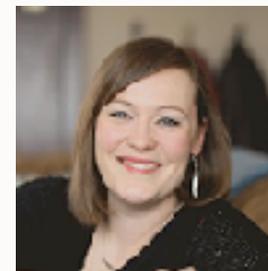
Alan Janney has published six young adult/adventure books in the past three years, reaching number one on two different best seller lists. In this workshop, he will explain how every good story follows the Hero's Journey pattern, and how you can/must use it to become a successful writer. www.alanjanney.com



Local author, Alan Janney, discusses "The Hero's Journey"

"BRINGING CHARACTERS TO LIFE" 1:15 PM-2:05 PM

Liz Long is a USA Today bestselling independently published author with 10 novels. She is the editor for *The Roanoker* and *bridebook* magazines, and is the Director of the Roanoke Regional Writers Conference and the annual Roanoke Author Invasion signing. In her workshop, writers will learn how to build on their characters, creating depth and personalities that leap off the pages. Learn more about her at www.lizclong.com.



Local author Liz Long presents "Bringing Characters to Life"

"WORKSHOP YOUR WRITING" 2:10 PM -3 PM

Our keynote speaker, Bruce Ingram, will use his skills as a creative writing teacher to help participants in this workshop work on their writing. Bring what you are working on along with any questions, and he will do his best to answer them! www.bruceingramoutdoorsblog.blogspot.com.



Local author Bruce Ingram presents "

"BUILDING YOUR WORLD" 3:05 PM-4 PM

Amanda J. McGee is a self-published author of fantasy and science fiction with a degree in urban planning. In this workshop, she will talk about infrastructure, environment, and all the nitty-gritty details of what makes a world work. www.amandajmcgee.com



Local author Amanda McGee presents "Building Your World"