



# Do You NaNO?

If you're not familiar with NaNoWriMo, the concept is simple: write 50,000 words in 30 days. That's roughly 1,667 words a day. Have you got the great novel inside, trying to get out? Join this group of creative thinkers to inspire you to WRITE!

**Sign up:** [www.NaNoWriMo.org](http://www.NaNoWriMo.org).

**Set up your profile.** Go through all of the tabs and downward arrows. You'll find Profile, Projects, Buddies and Groups under the main header of **MY NANOWRIMO**.

**Announce your project.** This is one of the most exciting steps every year because by naming and announcing your project, you're bringing it to life. Go to **PROJECTS** under the heading My NaNoWriMo.

**Track your progress.** If you like the badges or a visual representation of your work, update your word count every day. If you're busy and just interested in your progress, you can update it whenever you think of it. Just be sure to update it before November 29 so you get credit for finishing. Go to **STATS** under My NaNoWriMo.

**Be social.** Writing can be a solitary venture, and one of the fun parts of joining the community of Wrimos is camaraderie. You can find buddies in your region, writing your same genre, or who just have cool handles or avatars. Go to **BUDDIES** under MyNaNoWriMo.

**Find your community.** If you want to join write-in's (virtual this year ... who knows what next year will offer) with people in and around your region, check out the listing under **COMMUNITY** in the main header.

**Make it fun.** The basic tenant of NaNo is challenging yourself to write 50k in a month. It's not a race or a contest with anyone else. Put on your thinking caps, let your imagination soar, and find that great story burning bright in your creativity. **Be kind to yourself.** Get some fresh air. Eat healthy but have a treat every now and then. Go on a walk if you need to get past a block. Need encouragement? Check out the **PEP TALKS** from great authors to motivate you. It's under Writer's Resources.

**Join a write-in.** In the pre-COVID-19 days, write-in's were held in person at cool places like coffee shops, community colleges, libraries. Now they're held online through Zoom and Discord and Facebook. The benefit is that you don't have to put on your bra or brush your hair—you can just write. Check out the resources and planned events in the community you joined (above). Or, if nobody's hosting a write-in when you're ready to write, host it yourself.

**Check out the swag, offers, and donation opportunities.** When you hit the 50k mark, you'll get an exciting winner's certificate along with cool offers for literary-adjacent products. But NaNoWriMo has discounts on products year-round. They also have a fun shop with things like T-shirts, mugs, and bags. And because it's a non-profit organization, donations are welcomed. Check out the shop: <https://store.nanowrimo.org/collections/shop>. Check out the offers: <https://nanowrimo.org/offers>. Check out the donation opportunities: <https://store.nanowrimo.org/collections/donate>.

**Want a Buddy?** I participate under my romance pseudonym, BeckyMoore. HMU.

## GOOD LUCK!