



# The Creative Writer

White County Creative Writers

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## WCCW rings in New Year with look at genre

The best way to tell a story is to start at the beginning. For writers, that means choosing in which genre to write. Vice President Jason Glass said he wants to start the new year lesson plans with a look at what genre means, how it is shaped and what we want readers to draw from the stories we write.

“We are writers,” he said. “Writers need to read *and* write. For our first meeting of 2017 I thought we’d go around and talk about genre, just to see what everyone likes and why. I want to discuss what makes the genres tick with readers.”

As a writing assignment each person will try someone else's genre. Glass said the February meeting can be a read-around of the homework assignment given this month. “My overall goal is that we use our meetings to detail each step in building a rock-solid story using a great first sentence, paragraph and chapter. We need to develop solid plots with twists and turns in the right places. I want to go step by step and focus on what it takes to build a good solid novel this year.”

Glass also suggested having the group read a book or two this year and discuss some of the crafting the writer used, such as how its plot was arranged, or how its protagonist was challenged.

“These are things I doubt most people really think about when they read, but are the real reason they like what they are reading. I think this will help us by allowing us to do the same with our writing.”



Jason Glass

### Next meeting,

Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.,  
Simmons First Bank,  
401 South Main Street  
in Searcy.

### The Creative Writer

is a monthly newsletter for the White County Creative Writers group of Searcy, Ark.

If you have news stories or photos to share, send them to [buddy.garrett@netzero.net](mailto:buddy.garrett@netzero.net).

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## Jim Gabelhausen gets published

*“I'm so excited to say that the editor has finished with my second novel and it is out on Amazon. The graphic designer has to make a change to the cover so it can be used for paperback. Dawn and I have begun to lay out a business plan for marketing that involves media, and travel to HOG meetings and Harley dealerships here in the south. Thank you all for the help and inspiration you give me each and every month.*

*I've learned so much from all of you.” – Jim*

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