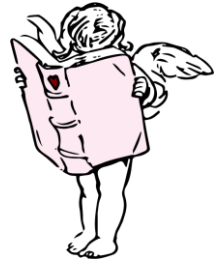




The Creative Writer

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Read around set for members' poetry works:

Using early language development study from last month's meeting

Using the training program from last month involving "Early Language Development Using Poetry," WCCW members will present their creative concepts as taught by Donna Nelson: Poetry's role in the development of language skills, both spoken and written, in school age children."

Poetic devices add to the color of creative writing as well as setting the pace in a rhythmical fashion. All of that helps the reader sail along and capture the scenery. These devices are many and often use alliteration, consonance, metaphors and other speech patterns to define characters and create easy to read material, especially for children's books.

A particularly compelling device is the onomatopoeia, difficult for some writers, but once mastered can weave a thrilling experience to the art of the wordmith. Take, for example, this phrase from the poem, Jabberwacky, by Lewis Carroll:

*'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves did gyre and gimble in the wabe
All mimsy were the borogoves, and the mome raths outgrabe.*

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If you have news stories or photos to share, send them to del.garrett.s0ke@gmail.com.
Deadline for reader submission is seven days prior to each month's meeting. WCCW reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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Five easy tips on writing for children

1. Remember the child in you. What you liked to read, today's children will too.
2. Read children's books.
3. Understand that picture books are a collaboration of the writer, editor, art illustrator, publisher and marketing staff. Learn all you can about each task.
4. Remember that children's books are fun, but they are also a business. A publisher expects professionalism.
5. The best critics for your children's book is your neighbor's kids. Do they smile or frown when they read it?

Next meeting

Feb. 18, 2019, 6 p.m.
Simmons First Bank
401 South Main
Searcy, Ark.

In Memoriam

Karen Mullins Hayes, 65, of North Little Rock died unexpectedly, January 31, 2019.

A friend to many members of WCCW and a major force in the Arkansas poetry community, she will be missed.