

On Tuesday, October 20, 2015, NDSU will participate in the National Day on Writing, an annual event organized by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) to “draw attention to the remarkable variety of writing we engage in” <http://www.ncte.org/dayonwriting>.

The celebration at NDSU includes the following events:

Resources for Writers

9:00am-4:00pm, Memorial Union lobby

The Undergraduate Center for Writers will staff a table in the lobby of the Memorial Union. The campus community will be able to learn about the services offered by the Center and to have fun with word games and writing activities. For more information, please contact Karen Peirce, Undergraduate Center for Writers Associate Director (karen.peirce@ndsu.edu).

#BisonWrite: NDSU Writing Programs on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook

9:00am-5:00pm, <https://www.facebook.com/ndsuudw> or <https://facebook.com/ndsufyw>

The NDSU Writing Program will feature pictures of writing artifacts, pictures of locations where writing happens, and pictures of writing on its Facebook pages: (<https://www.facebook.com/NDSUUDW>) and (<https://www.facebook.com/NDSUFW>). Participants can affix the hashtag **#BisonWrite** to any writing-themed pictures they upload during the National Day on Writing on their Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook accounts. The Directors of the First-Year Writing and Upper-Division Writing programs will select pictures from this stream, feature them on the Writing program Facebook pages, and curate them for public perusal. For more information, please contact Lisa Arnold, First-Year Writing Director (lisa.r.arnold@ndsu.edu), or Andrew Mara, Upper-Division Writing Director (andrew.mara@ndsu.edu).

Sidewalk Chalk: The Power of Words

9:30am, west side of Morrill Hall

12:30pm, west side of Mathew Living Learning Community East

2:00pm, west side of Walster Hall

3:30pm, south side of Music Education Building

Join the students of the Intensive English Language Program in chalking sidewalks with sayings from various languages that speak to the power of words. For more information, please contact Carol Bishop, IELP Coordinator (carol.bishop@ndsu.edu).

Grant Writing Help: 5 Cents (or not)

10:00am-12:00pm, Memorial Union lobby

The Grant Coordinator is in! Stop at the Grant Writing Help contact table in the Memorial Union to visit about grants and grant writing with the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences/Human Development and Education Grant Coordinator. Come with questions, RFPs, drafts, or woes. For more information, please contact Scarlet Gray Bernard, AHSS/HDE Grant Coordinator (scarlet.graybernard@ndsu.edu).

Electronic Publishing Workshop

11:00am-12:00pm, Quentin Burdick Building, room 150D

Electronic publishing--or "e-publishing" is becoming increasingly popular with the widespread use of the Internet and the plethora of digital devices and e-readers. Come to this workshop sponsored by the Technology Learning & Media Center to learn about various types of electronic publishing, when to consider it, and tools, methods, and platforms available for creation and distribution of digital media. Space is limited and reservations are required. Sign up at <https://www.ndsu.edu/its/training/register>. For more information, please contact Sheree Kornkven, TLMC Manager (sheree.kornkven@ndsu.edu).

Writing for the Communication Evolution

1:00pm-2:00pm, Sudro Hall, room 26

The Undergraduate Center for Writers will host guest speaker Peter Koepp, Communications Coordinator for Cass County Electric Cooperative. In today's business culture, the number of writing styles, mediums, and tactics for sharing internal and external messages is immense. Learn about the role of a writer in a company devoted to electricity and the realities of transitioning from college to the professional world. Space is limited and reservations are required. Sign up at <http://www.ndsu.edu/cfwriters/workshops>. For more information, please contact Karen Peirce, Undergraduate Center for Writers Associate Director (karen.peirce@ndsu.edu).

Infographics Workshop

2:00pm-3:00pm, Quentin Burdick Building, room 150D

Is it true that a picture is worth a thousand words? Although they have been around since the beginning of time (consider cave paintings), in our highly visual culture, infographics (or information graphics) have become an important way to quickly and clearly convey messages, information, and data. Infographics combine text and graphics to present complex information in a visually appealing way that is often more effective than text alone. Attend this workshop sponsored by the Technology Learning & Media Center to learn some design concepts for creating infographics and create your own infographic. Space is limited and reservations are required. Sign up at <https://www.ndsu.edu/its/training/workshops>. For more information, please contact Sheree Kornkven, TLMC Manager (sheree.kornkven@ndsu.edu).

Thesis Formatting in Word

3:00pm-5:00pm, Quentin Burdick Building, room 150D

This workshop sponsored by the Technology Learning & Media Center is intended for graduate students who are working on their graduate papers and provides instructions on how to use Microsoft Word 2013 to format a thesis that meets the NDSU Graduate School requirements. Topics covered include page numbering and section breaks, styles, and creating an automatic table of contents. Space is limited and reservations are required. Sign up at <https://www.ndsu.edu/its/training/register>. For more information, please contact Sheree Kornkven, TLMC Manager (sheree.kornkven@ndsu.edu).

Write to (Actively) Learn

3:30pm-4:15pm, Minard Hall, room 210

Frequent in-class writing activities can encourage critical thinking, providing students with time to reflect on and synthesize course content. In addition, these activities can also be used as a type of formative assessment. This session sponsored by the Department of Communication will share writing activities that can be used in any classroom and show how writing can promote active learning. For more information, please contact Melissa Vosen Callens, Department of Communication Assistant Professor of Practice (melissa.vosen@ndsu.edu).

Open Access Faculty Panel Discussion

4:00pm-5:00pm, Weber Reading Room, Main Library

NDSU faculty and staff will discuss their experiences with open access publishing, how open access has affected their field, funding mandates related to open access, and more. Join Dr. Kevin Brooks (Professor, English), Dr. Amanda Brooks (Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences), Dr. Alan Denton (Associate Professor, Physics), Dr. William Nganje (Dept. Chair & Professor, Agribusiness), and Jylisa Doney (Social Sciences Librarian, Libraries) for this lively discussion sponsored by the NDSU Libraries. For more information, please contact Amanda Booher, Libraries Event and Promotional Coordinator (amanda.booyer@ndsu.edu).