

The Written Word



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A Writer's Vision 2009 Literary Symposium A Resounding Success Story



OKLAHOMA CITY — On September 5, in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City, surrounded by posters that motivate and inspire individuals to reach their goals, 43 individuals gathered at the Character Inn Conference Center to learn how to write, publish, market and sell their books.

"I think attendees were pleased with the quality and quantity of information they received," said Nawassa Hooks, event master scheduler and coordinator, and owner of Village Treasures - a small business that assists "whole families, from the toddler to the grandparent, in becoming financially literate." Hooks said symposium attendees were able to "get their questions answered regardless of their stage in the writing and publishing process."

Attendees filled out event critiques that echoed Hooks' assessment. Common comments included words like "All of my expectations were met...Information by the presenters was awesome and inspiring...Everything was well organized and on schedule...The food was great...I'm looking forward to 2010."

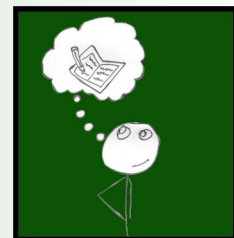
The speakers shared their expertise with clarity and charisma. Dora Henley Smith taught how to establish goals and actually reach them. Susan Brown explained that "It's all about the reader." Lucinda Marie Thierry drove home the business aspects of writing and publishing, and Amy Walling shared that marketing is "consistent, creative communication with a plan."

The speakers were joined on a panel by children's book author Gwendolyn Hooks, who will also teach a *Writing for Children Course* through Made By Me Publications, Inc. on November 21. For more information on the class, visit www.madebyme.com/classes.

Oklahoma State Representative Anastasia Pittman stopped by to thank the Dream Team, the group of small business owners who put on the event, for giving back to the community by promoting literacy. She also reminded aspiring authors that "We all have the same 24 hours in a day. Books have longevity, and you have a story to tell."



A Writer's Vision Literary Symposium is held annually by the Dream Team: from left, Christina Sanders, Nawassa Hooks, Lucinda Marie Thierry, Destiny Pennington, "Bea" Hazley, and Ryan McMurry.

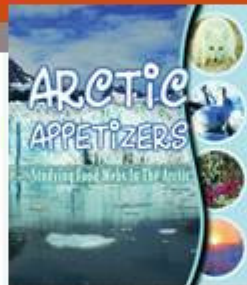
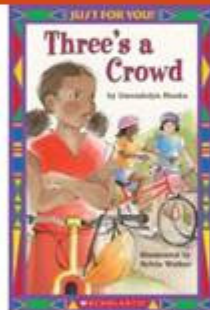


The next symposium will be held Sept. 4, 2010 at the Character Inn Conference Center in Oklahoma City. For more information, visit www.madebyme.com, or call 405-623-9431.

Made By Me Publications, Inc. can teach you how to

WRITE CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

Come to the *Writing for Children Course*, and learn from Gwendolyn Hooks – Author of *The Mystery of the Missing Dog*, *Three's a Crowd*, *Arctic Appetizers* and more.



To learn more about Gwendolyn, visit
www.gwendolynhooks.com.

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., Lunch break noon to 1 p.m.

Location: The "Bea" Hive - 13 Allenhurst Ave., OKC, OK

Price: \$75.00

To register, visit

www.madebymepublications.com/classes, or

call 405-623-9431.

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Special \$50 rate for four-week self-publishing course, first come first serve

OKLAHOMA CITY — Made By Me Publications, Inc. will host its fall self-publishing course Oct. 3, 17, 24 and 31 from noon until 4 p.m. at a special discounted rate of \$50. That's a \$100 discount!

Entitled *From Manuscript to Publication*, the first three classes of this 16-hour course will be at the "Bea" Hive, 13 Allenhurst in Oklahoma City. Graduation day on Oct 31 will be at a surprise location.

Enrollment is now open at this special, discounted price until all slots are filled. The only prerequisite is that students must present a manuscript on the first day of class. The manuscript does not have to be edited. Students will not submit manuscripts to the instructor, but they will refer to them in class. Students are welcome to bring a laptop to class to view electronic versions of their manuscripts, but it is not required.

The course will include panel discussions with authors, editors, book manufacturers, publishers and marketing experts.

The instructor is Made By Me Publications, Inc. President Lucinda Marie Thierry, who will cover all of the material in her book, *Quick Reference Guide for Self-publishing*. Students may purchase the book at a special discounted rate of \$10.80 (tax included), but it is not a requirement.

To graduate, students may not miss more than one class. All graduates will receive a class photo and will be featured in a future issue of *The Written Word*.

The course will not be offered at this rate in the future, so don't wait too long to take advantage of this great opportunity. Go to www.madebymepublications.com/Classes.html to download your enrollment form. For additional information, call 405-623-9431.



Students in the Made By Me Publications, Inc. class entitled *From Manuscript to Publication* can purchase *Quick Reference Guide for Self-publishing* at a special discounted rate of \$10.80 (tax included).

Special Letter from the President

Authors, publishers and readers,

Effective immediately, Made By Me Publications, Inc. will issue *The Written Word* every November, February, May and August. In addition to information on all the wonderful products and services the corporation has to offer, this newsletter will feature one author, one small business, and one poem at no charge. The information on the individual or business will cover one full page, and the poem will not exceed one full page. If the poem covers less than a full page, and if there is room, a photo and bio of the poet will be included. If you would like to be featured in a future issue of *The Written Word* based on the information in this paragraph, please email lucindathierry@madebymepublications.com.

Made By Me Publications, Inc. is also offering a special advertisement rate. You may advertise your business card for \$10, and it will be included in each issue from November 2009-November 2010. Yes, that's only \$10 total for a full year. A quarter-page ad will be \$25, a half-page ad will be \$50, and a full-page ad will be \$100 for the same time period. That's right. Pay a one-time flat fee for the whole year! The sale ends October 15, 2009, so don't wait too late to take advantage of this opportunity. Mail your fee and applicable material to Made By Me Publications, Inc. at P.O. Box 55819, Del City, OK 73155. For questions, contact me at the email address noted in the above paragraph.

We are also looking for news and feature writers who would like to write stories for *The Written Word*. If you are interested in becoming a contributing writer (without compensation), please let me know via email.

Thank you for allowing Made By Me Publications, Inc. to serve you through *The Written Word*. May you be richly blessed, and may all your dreams come true.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Marie Thierry



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Note: All articles were written by Lucinda Marie Thierry.

Made By Me Publications, Inc.

Vision Statement

To become a world-renown, sought-after organization in the field of self-publishing for first-time and recurring authors.

Mission Statement

To write and self-publish books of poetry and prose, essays and lyrics that are encouraging and uplifting, while encouraging others to become publishers and teaching self-publishing to the masses.

Important Dates

Office Hours

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 4:30-8:30 p.m. Email lucindathierry@madebyme.com, or call 405-623-9431 for an appointment.

Newsletter Schedule

Monthly through September, 2009
November, 2009
February, 2010
May, 2010
August, 2010

Class Schedule:

Writing 101 - \$50.00

13 Allenhurst, Oklahoma City, OK 73114 (The "Bea" Hive)

January 9, 2010; noon to 4 p.m. or
July 24, 2010; noon to 4 p.m.

From Manuscript to Publication - ~~\$150.00~~ \$50.00 - Special one-time rate for October 2009

13 Allenhurst, Oklahoma City, OK 73114 (The "Bea" Hive)

October 3, 17, 24, *31, 2009 (* = surprise location date) or
April 2010 (Days TBD)

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