



Winter Writing Workshop 2024

When the Plains Literacy Council lifted its head again in the East Alabama region in 2018, the planning group determined a focus of the council would be the professional learning of educators. In February, 2019, the first Winter Writing Workshop happened at Lee Scott Academy.

And educators learned.

2024 marks the 5th Winter Writing Workshop. We are back again at Lee Scott Academy. This year, Mike Cook and Charlie Lesh, the co-directors of the Village Writing Project, will facilitate on February 10th from 8:30-11:30.

And educators will learn.

[Click on this registration link to sign up!](#)

Writing Revolution Book Study

The Alabama Literacy Association is hosting a virtual book study of Natalie Wexler's book *The Writing Revolution* over the course of seven weeks starting in January through February.

Topics covered over the first four weeks were:

- The 3-Word and 4-Word Sentence
- Writing a Single Paragraph
- Art and Craft of Writing
- Writing a Summary Sentence

You still have time to hop into the new sessions or view the recorded sessions. [You can use this link to sign up.](#) Details about times and dates and links to recorded sessions will be sent to those who use the link.

American Library Book Awards 2024

Let these books guide your personal reading as well as the curation of your classroom libraries. A few book award winners are shown below, but go to the [ALA site](#) to see the entire list.

John Newbery Medal

The Eyes and the Impossible, Dave Eggers

Randolph Caldecott Medal

Big, Vashti Harrison (author and illustrator)

Michael L. Printz Award

The Collectors: Stories, A.S. King (editor)

Coretta Scott King Book Award

Nigeria Jones, Ibi Zoboi

Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award

An American Story, Dare Coulter (illustrator) and Kwame Alexander (author)

Pura Belpre Children's Author Award

Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir, Pedro Martin

Pura Belpre Young Adult Author Award

Saints of the Household, Ari Tison

Robert Sibert Informational Book Medal

The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of the Global Celebrity, Nicholas Day (author) and Brett Helquist (illustrator)

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award

Fox Has a Problem, Corey R. Tabor

William C. Morris Debut YA Author Award

Rez Ball, Byron Graves

