

Calling all young writers



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Youth encouraged to write a novel in November

■ NaNoWriMo offers a program for grades 1-12

BAKER CITY — November is National Novel Writing Month, and each year the Baker County Public Library runs a program to help kids pen their own novel.

Missy Grammon, youth services coordinator for the library, facilitates the NaNoWriMo program (NaNoWriMo is the first few letters of National Novel Writing Month).

The program is open to youth in grades one to 12. This year Grammon will run two different age groups: grades one to six and grades seven to 12.

This year's writing challenge will be virtual with online meet-ups to work on the novels.

Interested youth can sign up through the NaNoWriMo Young Writers Program, and can choose their word goal for the month.

"They can choose 100 words, or 18,000 words. Whatever they want," Grammon said.

Writers then create their novel

throughout the month with the goal of hitting their word-count milestone.

Those who are 13 and older can choose the adult version of NaNoWriMo, which has a goal of 50,000 words.

To sign up, go to www.ymp.nanowrimo.org. Young kids up through sixth grade use the code ABAQTMWF. Those in seventh grade and older register with the code XEDHXMQQ. The codes can also be found on the library's Facebook page.

Kids winter book clubs

In other library news, young readers can sign up for the library's winter book clubs in November. Youth are encouraged to sign up early to help choose the books. There will be three age groups: grades three to five, six to eight, and nine to 12. As of now, book club activities will be online.

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