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Writing for Law Librarians

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Have you always dreamed of writing an article but wondered how to get started? Have you ever wanted to apply for a grant but were put off by the prospect of writing the proposal? Do you quake and quiver at annual report time? Do you wonder how to capture your boss's attention in writing? Have you ever wondered why anyone without a gun to their head would write anything, ever, at all?

Join us for the day in Montgomery as we explore and demystify the world of writing. Academic writing, report writing, budget justification writing, day-to-day writing, and I-need-this-now writing. Not a mere who's writing who, what, and why, but a practical exploration of the types of writing and the formats available to librarians today. We explore why librarians write, what they write, and how they write.

Not everyone has an annual report in them, or an article, or a bibliography, or a web page. Not everyone yearns to write. But those who write well capture attention and those who capture attention have a better chance to convince others of their needs, wants and desires. Come and listen to accomplished writers teach and discuss how to start writing and how to keep writing.

You may view writing as a way to tenure, or as a way to convince the boss about the need for X. You may simply wish to participate in your profession outside the day to day, or simply to explain to your staff why the library must move in the chosen direction. You may want to find a way to deal with the dreaded annual report with less dread, or you may want to add depth to the corpus of law library literature. Perhaps you just want to find another way to express yourself. Whatever your interest in writing, there is something in this Institute for you. Join the curious and the brave for a day of writing fun in Montgomery.

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