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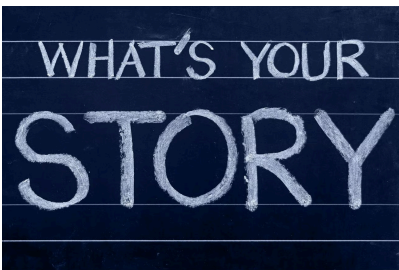
2026 is full of possibility!

There is no better time to recommit to your writing and publishing goals. Whether you are aiming to finish your first draft, explore your publishing options, or build your author platform, consistent action and the right support can make this your breakthrough year.

In this issue of *Noteworthy*, we are building on the momentum with practical how-tos, valuable strategies, and timely opportunities to help you progress with knowledge and confidence.

Together, let's make 2026 a year of focus, growth, and meaningful achievements.

Featured Resources



How to Outline a Book in 7 Steps

Follow these steps to create an outline that provides the guidance and confidence needed to start writing.

[Start your book outline](#)

Types of Professional Editing

Learn about the different types of book editing and when to utilize each one in the revision process.

[Learn the different types of editing](#)

4 Ways to Publish a Book



Explore the publishing options available to authors and determine which path might be best for you.

Explore your publishing options

What is an Author Platform?

Learn the benefits of having an author platform and how to build one that helps sell more books.

How to build a platform



UPCOMING LIVE WEBINARS:

Feb. 11 - Social Proof for Authors: How to Get Book Reviews That Sell Books for You - *with A.G. Billig*

Feb. 12 - Crafting an Engaging Memoir - *with Jeanne Lyet Gassman*

Feb. 24 - How to Get Your Creative Juices Flowing in the New Year - *with Cathy Fyock*

Feb. 26 - Essays That Echo: Crafting Personal Essays That Resonate - *with Julie Ryan McGue*

Register for an event



Industry Insights

[America's Reading Habits for 2025](#)

[The Digital Library Dilemma](#)

[Hachette Book Group Invests in the Future with Raising Readers Campaign](#)



Contests & Events

[National Indie Excellence Awards: 3/31 deadline](#)

[Rubery Book Awards: 3/31 deadline](#)

[Tucson Festival of Books: 3/14-3/15; Tucson, AZ](#)

[New Orleans Literary Fest: 3/25-3/29; New Orleans, LA](#)

Ask Sheila

ALC's Manager of Author Education, Sheila Manna, writes a biweekly blog with answers to common questions asked by you, the ALC community. Check out the blog to see if your questions have been answered.

[Read the blog](#)

Got a question you can't find the answer to? Submit your question for a chance to have it featured and answered in a future blog entry!

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