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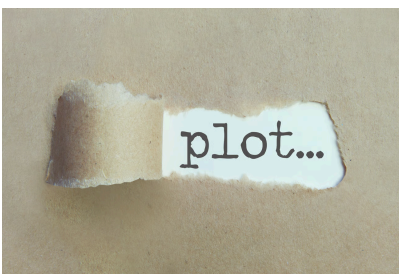
We're 45 days into 2026. By now, the excitement of January has settled, and the real work is underway. Are you on track with your writing and publishing goals?

Whether you plan to finish a first draft, publish your book, or grow your author platform, assess your weekly actions to see if they are supporting your plan. If you're ahead, strengthen your systems to keep the momentum going. If you're behind, adjust the plan, not the goal.

Inside this edition of *Noteworthy*, we're sharing valuable advice and resources to help you reset, refocus, and move forward with clear direction.

We're here to support you every step of the way!

Featured Resources



Plotting versus Pantsing

Plotters outline, pantsers discover. Most authors are a little of both. What's your writing process?

[Learn your writing process](#)

Editing Fiction versus Nonfiction

Learn the similarities & differences in how editors approach fiction versus nonfiction editing.

[Understand different approaches](#)



Your Self-Publishing Options

We break down the options & provide recommended service providers, platforms, & resources for each.

[Explore self-publishing](#)

It's Never too Late to Market a Book

Even if your book has been in the marketplace for some time, there are still many things authors can do.

[Start marketing now](#)

UPCOMING LIVE WEBINARS:

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*

Mar. 3 - Public Speaking for Authors: from Page to Stage - *with Steve Piacente*

Mar. 4 - How to Bank Preorders on Retailers Before Your Book Launches - *with Russell Nohelty*

[Register for an event](#)

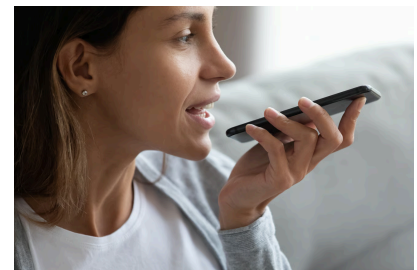


Industry Insights

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[Bookshop.org Teams with Draft2Digital](#)

[How New Speech-to-Text Tools Support Book Creation](#)



Contests & Events

[American Literary Translators Association Awards:](#)

[3/16 deadline](#)

[Susan Kamil Emerging Writers Prize: 3/31 deadline](#)

[Bologna Children's Book Fair: 4/13-4/16; Bologna, Italy](#)

[LA Times Festival of Books: 4/18-4/19; Los Angeles, CA](#)

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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