

# WRITER'S INK

April, 2006

The Writer's Workshop of Bloomington

## MEETINGS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006

9:00 am to Noon in Meeting Room B

Rita's presentation at last meeting was an eye-opener for many who attended. There's no magic formula for writing a contract-winning query. But Rita's tips on writing an attention-getting hook is a good start.

Now that you've learned what it takes, you'll have an opportunity to demonstrate what you've learned. This month's topic is: My book/article. It's to be written as a query that you'd send to your targeted publisher(s).

In addition to just submitting your query letter, be prepared to discuss whom you're sending this query to – as well as how and why you selected this specific publisher.

There will be plenty of time for networking after the presentation

### 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006

7:00 to 8:45 pm in Meeting Room B

Wednesday meetings are not as structured as Saturday meetings. You can share longer pieces of your work at this meeting if you like.

All meetings are held at:  
Bloomington Public Library  
101 Fairfield Way  
Bloomington, IL 60108

### FYI

For those who are comfortable surfing the web, we've now updated the Writer's Workshop website. We'll still be emailing newsletters to you, but you might also want to check the site periodically. You'll find meeting dates and current news here. Newsletters will also be archived here. The site will continue to be linked from the Bloomington Public Library's website.

### WILL YOU BE PUBLISHED FIRST IN '06?

April's meeting will give you additional practice promoting your work through query letters.

The first publication may be the most challenging. But you CAN do it.

### SHE'S DONE IT!!!

It's been a long time coming! Rita Samuelson's persistence is an inspiration to us all. Her game, *NOVENOPS*, is now on the market. You can find it by clicking on the Perception, Cognition & Language link at <http://www.theraproducts.com>. Congratulations, Rita.

If you have questions or concerns, please check with:

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Do you have something to share with other members? It's Easy! Call 312-238-9579 or email [j-m@creativeoptions.com](mailto:j-m@creativeoptions.com)

### WHY?

*Literature is like any other trade; you will never sell anything unless you go to the right shop.* - GEORGE BERNARD SHAW, British playwright, quoted in *Peter's Quotations*

We often forget that the key to all our hard work is getting it in the hands of the reader. Once we've begun we won't be finished until that is accomplished. Like it or not, we must sell our work – if not to the reader, then to the publisher or to an agent. The task begins with the writer.