

# WRITER'S INK

## THE WRITER'S WORKSHOP OF BLOOMINGDALE

### JANUARY 2008

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January workshops are: Saturday, January 12, 9:00 a.m. until Noon; and Saturday, January 26, 9:00 a.m. until Noon. The exact meeting room is always posted on the marquee board in the lobby. Unless there is a change, it is in Meeting Room B.

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#### FREE SEMINARS

The DuPage Branch of Inside Writing and Publishing is sponsoring a series of free seminars featuring Chicago-area authors. The first is January 12 at the Bloomingdale Library, 2:00 p.m. So as long as you attend our first workshop of the year, you will have time for lunch before the seminar. It is titled: Creating Series Characters, by J. A. Konrath. To register, please call Adult Services at 630.924.2730. For complete information on the entire series, pick up a brochure at the Bloomingdale Library.

J. A. Konrath is the author of the Lt. Jacqueline Daniels series, and he will share his insight on creating winning series characters that will help get you published. The lecture will be followed by a book signing.

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Lori Inorio

#### SIMILE SPOTLIGHT

If anyone wishes to contribute to the newsletter by submitting published examples of similes, metaphors, or even alliteration (rated E for everyone, of course), please feel free to do so. I will start off with a couple of examples of similes I have recently come across:

Minichino, Camille, The Oxygen Murder; Thomas Dunne Books, St. Martin's Minotaur, 2006.

Page 1: "Holiday shoppers, packed as close as particles in a nucleus ..."  
(The author is a scientist.)

Spring, Michelle, The Night Lawyer, Ballantine Books, New York, 2006.

Page 6: "People are positioned at intervals along their curved perimeters. They work steadily and unsensationally, their heads tilted towards computer screens like flowers to the sun."

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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