

OUR JANUARY 2026 MEETINGS

Friday January 9, 2026

Compiled by Dave McChesney

Spokane Authors met at the Sans Souci West Club House, on Friday January 9 at 2:00 pm. Attending were Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Joel Craig, Larry Danek, , , Sue Eller, Mark Lee Golden, Denise Guy, D. J. Guy, Kevin Hostbjor, Stephen Lalonde, Amy Logan, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Jon Miller, Carl Northrup, Linda Sonntag, Mikel and Mrs. Stevenson, Terry Stratton, and Sarah Vail. Correen Morrill, her caregiver Teresa Corel, and Anna Goodwin attended as guests. Anna had been a member many years ago and rejoined during the meeting.

Our Vice-President, Sue Eller was the speaker for the day, and she attempted to guide us through the use of Micro Soft Word to format and prepare our books for publication on Amazon's KDP. She provided several images of screen shots to show us where to go and what to set up as we undertake the process. (The screenshots were also made available and sent to all members via email.)

Our Guest, Correen Morrill indicated she is writing a family history. Terry Stratton updated us on his writing projects. President Carl Northrup mentioned his intention to publish *Yank* soon and is working with student writers at a local private school to publish a group anthology. Mikel Stevenson announced publication of his book, *Light Transforms Broken to Beauty*.

Sue Eller hopes to finish the next Emily Trace Mystery soon. Denise and D. J. Guy are revising their children's book and working on an autobiography, titled *Double Trouble, Double Blessing*. Mark Golden shared a written New Years Resolution with us, in which he intends to "talk fifty percent less."

The event Elena Smith has been setting up and coordinating with the Museum or Arts and Culture is scheduled for May 16, 2026, at 10:00 am.

As our time ended, we drew tickets for door prizes, packed up our stuff and headed our separate ways.

Wednesday January 21, 2026

Compiled by Sue Eller

At the first meeting at 6:00 pm., at the Sans Souci West Club House, on Wednesday night, four members attended: DJ Guy, Denise Guy, Terry Stafford, and Sue Eller. We also had an intermittent guest, Ray Eller, who claimed he was only there for the cookies. This meeting replaced the Saturday one, which had been held at the St. Frances Catholic Church on Jefferson and Heroy for the past year.

We talked for a while about headers, footers, and page numbers, as a follow-up to the Jan. 9th meeting on preparing a document for publication in Microsoft Word. Terry had a question about page numbers. He had pictures that went with the text in one of his manuscripts and included a page number reference to the appropriate text. However, when the print version was created, the page numbers shifted, and the references did not coincide as they should have. We talked about some possible solutions to the problem.

The four of us discussed ways to help the group grow and be more active in the community. We agreed that more events like the one scheduled for May 16th at the MAC would benefit everyone in the Spokane Authors membership. We agreed to encourage members who were not directly participating to attend the events and show support, and to do some networking with the writers' community and the general public.

Speaking to book clubs, assisted living and similar facilities, schools, libraries, and other groups interested in books and authors was mentioned. Sue offered to update our speakers' brochure and to have those interested in talking to groups supply information about themselves and the topics they knew best.

D. J. and Denise had some questions and discussed PR efforts, and said they were willing to help with videos of our guest speakers. Terry suggested some possible guest speakers and said he would talk to the creative writing teacher at EWU.

Sue handed out a couple of pages of information, one on finding errors on a page and the other a four-page illustration of the headers, footers, and page numbers. Since the last of the cookies disappeared (with help from Ray), the meeting was adjourned, and the extra lights turned off.



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