

OUR JULY 2022 MEETING

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Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers May met for the third time at the Shadle Library and for most members it is starting to feel like home. If there is any sort of a downside, it is that parking is a bit scarce during the summer months due to the near-by pool at Shadle Park.

Members attending included Bob Weldin, Kate Poitevin, Karl Northrup, Dave McChesney, Bob Manion, Marilee Hudon, Esther Hildahl, Bob Hildahl, Sue Eller, Ed Des Autel, Larry Danek, and Caryl Briscoe-Michas. Welcomed as guests were Ryan Bishop, Michaela Hutsell, and Anna Bade. Our guest speaker was retired Air Force Colonel Bill Riley who now resides in the Boise, Idaho area.

Bill noted that it was quite a change going from writing technical and intelligence reports while serving in the armed forces to writing fiction for young adults. He mentioned that because of his intelligence service background he now has to have various agencies clear any of his work before he gets it published. He also said writing and publishing were “acts of perseverance.” Following a short break Bill was available to sign and sell copies of *Baghdaddy*, his memoir of service in the Middle East and *Ashur's Tears*, the first of his fiction efforts.

President Sue Eller announced a few changes to our upcoming meeting schedule. Due to the demand for meeting space at the library, our August 4th meeting will be at 11 am and in the smallest of the three meeting rooms. (We have been meeting in the medium sized room.) Beginning **in September** we will meet at our normal time in the largest of the rooms, but on the **second instead of the first Thursday** of each month.

Bob Manion told us the annual Pacific Northwest Writers Association's Conference was scheduled for the later part of September. One can visit www.pnwa.org for more information.

Bob Weldin made a short presentation about emotion in writing and recommended use of *The Emotion Thesaurus* by Angela Ackerman and Becca Puglisi. It is hoped that a short presentation of this sort by one of our members will become standard routine at our meetings.

The afternoon ended with drawings for door prizes donated by several of our members.



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