DIRECTORY OF INDUSTRY EVENTS & ASSOCIATIONS

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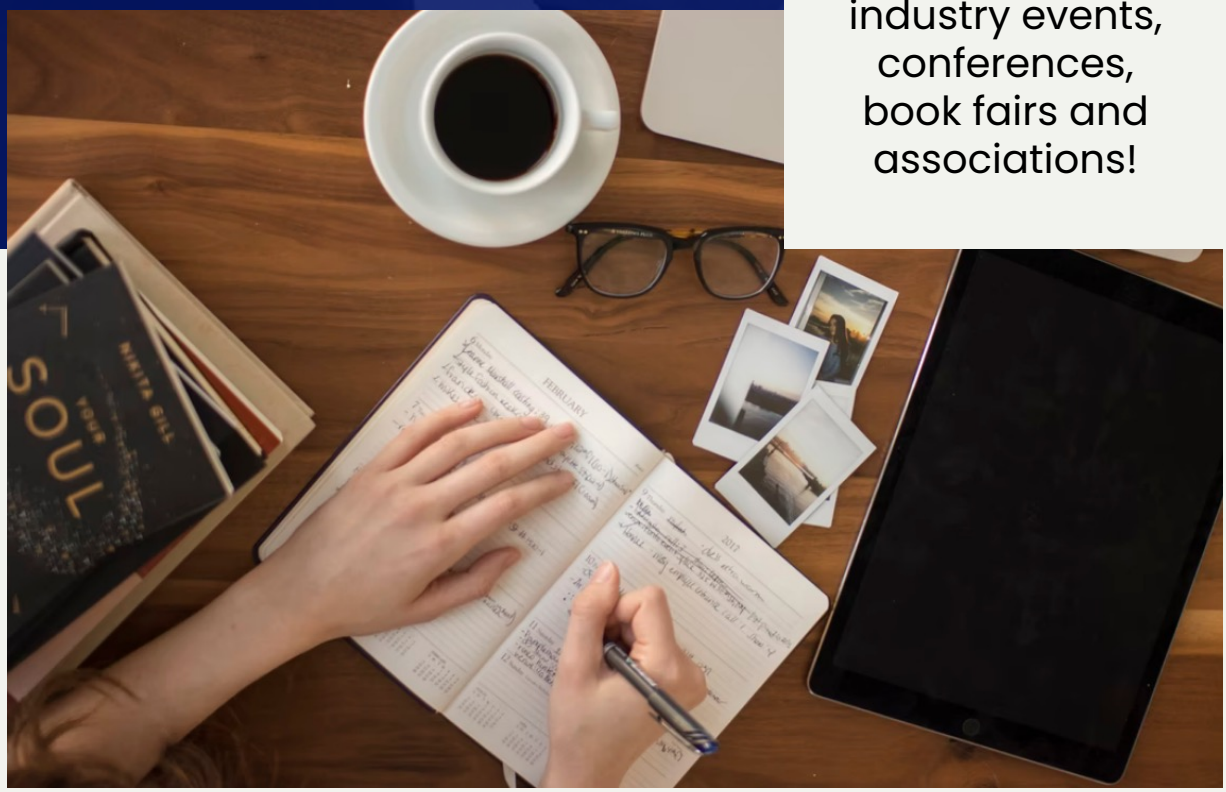

Directory of Events

Book industry events and conferences play an important role in your career as an author.

They are an opportunity to:

- Meet new readers and fans
- Connect with publishers, agents and editors
- Introduce yourself to librarians, distributors or leaders of major bookseller associations
- Meet sponsors or build partnerships that could lead to investments in new projects, consulting, speaking or coaching opportunities and more

Here is a list of events that have been arranged by month from January to December.

JANUARY

New Delhi World Book Fair
https://www.nbtindia.gov.in/ndwbf2024/

Digital Book World Conference
https://www.digitalbookworld.com/

FEBRUARY

San Francisco Writers Conference
https://sfwriters.org

Vilnius Book Fair
http://vilniausknygumuge.lt/

Southern California Writer's Conference
https://writersconference.com/sd/

San Miguel Writers Conference and Literary Festival
https://sanmiguelwritersconference.org

MARCH

South by Southwest
https://www.sxsw.com

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The London Book Fair
http://www.londonbookfair.co.uk

Bologna Children's Book Fair
https://www.bolognachildrensbookfair.com/en/home/878.html

Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference & Bookfair
https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference

APRIL

Brussels Book Fair
http://flb.be

Festival du Livre de Paris
https://www.festivaldulivredeparis.fr/

Bogota Book Fair
https://feriadellibro.com/

Blue Ridge Writer's Conference
https://www.blueridgewritersconference.com

Pikes Peak Writers Conference
https://conference.pikespeakwriters.org/

MAY

Book Expo America
https://www.bookexpoamerica.com/

ASJA Annual Conference
https://www.asja.org/event/asja-conference

Turin International Book Fair
https://www.salonelibro.it/en

JUNE

American Library Association Annual Conference
https://2024.alaannual.org/

Agents & Editors Conference
https://writersleague.org/programs/a-e-conference/

North by Northeast
https://www.nxne.com/

Beijing International Book Fair
https://www.bibf.net/

Santa Barbara Writer's Conference
https://www.sbwriters.com

JULY

Hong Kong Book Fair
https://hkbookfair.hktdc.com/en/index.html

Alexandria International Book Fair
https://www.bibalex.org/en/project/details?documentid=222

The Greater Los Angeles Writers Conference
https://www.wcwriters.com/aglawc

Sewanee Writers' Conference
https://sewaneewriters.org/conference

Midwest Writers Workshop
https://www.midwestwriters.org/mww24-summer-conference/

AUGUST

Bread Loaf Writer's Conference
https://www.middlebury.edu/writers-conferences/writers-conference

Romance Writers of America Annual Conference
https://www.rwa.org/Online/Events/RWA_Conference/Online/Events/Conferences.aspx

Killer Nashville
https://www.killernashville.com

SEPTEMBER

The Gotham Writers Children's Lit Conference
https://www.writingclasses.com/childrens-book/writers-conference/index

Word on the Street Annual Festival
https://toronto.thewordonthestreet.ca/event-directory/annual-festival/

Sleuthfest
https://sleuthfest.com

Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers Conference
https://rmfw.org/conference

OCTOBER

Frankfurt Book Fair
https://www.buchmesse.de/en

The Self-Publishing Advice Conference, #SelfPubCon
https://selfpublishingadviceconference.com

Writers Digest Conference
https://writersdigestconference.com

Surrey International Writer's Conference
https://www.siwc.ca/

NOVEMBER

Indie Author Day
https://indieauthorday.com

NaNoWriMo
https://nanowrimo.org

Dublin Book Festival
https://dublinbookfestival.com/

China Shanghai International Children's Book Fair
https://www.ccbookfair.com/en/

Sharjah International Book Fair
https://www.visitsharjah.com/events/sharjah-international-book-fair/

Kauai Writers Conference
https://kauaiwritersconference.com/

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Directory of Author Associations

There are many benefits of joining a professional author association or organization. Some of these include:

- Keeping up to date with current industry news and trends
- Meeting other authors in your niche or industry
- Developing mutually beneficial partnerships to promote your books and brand

Please note: some associations and organizations are region specific, so please check to see if the association or organization has a chapter in your area before joining.

Full List of Author Associations

Alliance of Independent Authors. A non-profit professional association for authors who self-publish. The alliance offers connection and collaboration, advice and education, advocacy and representation to writers who want to self-publish well. https://www.allianceindependentauthors.org

American Booksellers Association. A national not-for-profit trade organization that works to help independently owned bookstores grow and succeed. http://www.bookweb.org

The Author's Guild. The nation's professional organization for writers, aiding and protecting author's interest in copyright, fair contracts, and free expression since 1912. www.authorsguild.org

Authors Coalition of America. An organization of United States based authors and creators united to receive and distribute non-title specific reprographic royalties to Member Organizations and assist in the development of licensing programs to benefit authors. http://www.authorscoalition.org

American Society of Journalists and Authors. ASJA brings leadership in establishing professional and ethical standards, and in recognizing and encouraging the pursuit of excellence in nonfiction writing. http://asja.org

Association of Authors' Agents. The Association of Authors' Agents (AAA) is a British voluntary trade association whose members are all UK-based literary agencies. http://agentsassoc.co.uk

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Association of American Literary Agents. A professional organization of over 400 agents who work with both book authors and playwrights. https://aalitagents.org/

Association of American Publishers. The largest trade organization representing commercial, digital learning and education and professional publishers alongside independents, non-profits, university presses and scholarly societies. http://publishers.org

Audio Publishers Association. A not-for-profit trade association that advocates the common, collective business interests of audio publishers. The APA consists of audio publishing companies and suppliers, distributors, and retailers of spoken word products and allied fields related to the production, distribution, and sale of audiobooks. https://www.audiopub.org

Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP). An organization that provides support, advocacy, resources, and community to nearly writers, college and university creative writing programs, and writers' conferences and centers. https://www.awpwriter.org

Australian Society of Authors. An organization that advocates for the professional and artistic interests of Australian authors. https://www.asauthors.org

European Writers' Council. The EWC members represent over 160,000 authors in the book and text-sectors who write in all genres, and altogether in 40 languages. http://www.europeanwriterscouncil.eu

International Women's Writing Guild. An organization that works to foster the personal and professional empowerment of women through writing. https://iwwg.wildapricot.org

National Association of Independent Writers and Editors. A professional association for writers, editors, and people that work with words. The organization focuses on creating multiple streams of writing income and are open to members in any country. http://www.naiwe.com

National Novel Writing Month. An organization where participants work towards the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel through the month of November. NaNoWriMo is for anyone who has ever thought about writing a novel. http://nanowrimo.org

Novelists Inc. An international professional network for career novelists. http://ninc.com/about

PEN America. A community dedicated to uniting writers and their allies to celebrate creative expression and defend the liberties that make it possible. https://pen.org

The Poetry Society of America. A poetry organization whose mission is to build a larger and more diverse audience for poetry, to encourage a deeper appreciation of the vitality and breadth of poetry in the cultural conversation, to support poets through an array of programs and awards, and to place poetry at the crossroads of American life. http://www.poetrysociety.org/psa

Poets and Writers. The primary source of information, support, and guidance for creative writers. Founded in 1970, it is the nation's largest nonprofit literary organization serving poets, fiction writers, and creative nonfiction writers. http://www.pw.org

Society of Authors. A membership organization representing over 9,500 professional authors from all sectors and genres. http://www.societyofauthors.org

Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI). A professional organization specifically for those individuals writing and illustrating for children and young adults in the fields of children's literature, magazines, film, television, and multimedia. http://www.scbwi.org

Writers Union of Canada. A national organization of professionally published book authors. Works with governments, publishers, booksellers, and readers to improve the conditions of Canadian writers. http://www.writersunion.ca

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