



January 16, 2026

Joyce Krieg, Editor



## Coming This Tuesday Night!

"Experiments in Writing Across Genre"

Matthew Clark Davison will discuss how you can discover surprising avenues to develop new work by combining cross-genre strategies.

Matthew Clark Davison is co-author (with bestselling writer Alice LaPlante) of *The Lab: Experiments in Writing Across Genre* (W.W. Norton '25). With LaPlante, Davison offers innovative generative writing workshops both online and live. He is Emeritus Faculty in Creative Writing at San Francisco State University, where he also earned a BA and MFA.

After Matthew's presentation, we'll be breaking into small groups to discuss cross-genre writing strategies. Don't miss this opportunity to network with fellow CCW members!

**Tuesday, Jan. 20, 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Awakening in Pacific Grove. Free and open to everyone.**

[Learn More About Matthew Clark Davison](#)

---

## Thanksgiving All Over

by Scotty Cornfield, CCW President



Hey, kids! I've got so many people to thank this week, it's almost like Thanksgiving all over. At least this time I don't have to ban anybody from the big kids' table if they start in with the political mumbo jumbo. And don't even get me started when they all fought over the turkey parts. It was a big left-wing/right-wing smackdown.

First up, I want to thank Wendy Goodman for jumping in and taking over our website maintenance. I'd call it a thankless job, but since I just did it, I'll just say it's a VERY IMPORTANT gig and we owe Wendy our gratitude. Much love also needs to go out to treasurer Gary Parker. Our human Swiss Army knife, "temporarily" took over the website work for us, and did an amazing job for way longer than "temporary" (however long that is). Thanks a bunch, Gary.

Next up on the thank you parade, a giant "gracias" (that's Spanish for "merci") goes out to Joyce Sherry, for being the ringmaster of this year's Scholastic Art & Writing competition. It is NOT an easy job, and she did an excellent job. By volunteering to judge high school writing, the following members contributed to our big fundraiser of the year. Rising to the top of the MVP list goes Matt Tracy, who went above and beyond, not only reading everything assigned to him but also reading works assigned to other volunteers who were unable to complete their assignments. Here's the rest of our CCW superstars: Michael Beck, Jessica Cohn, Donna Drewes, Nicki Ehrlich, Loreen Gibbons, Ken Holden, Dwight Holing, Joyce Krieg, Jennifer Murphy, Linda Mutty, Florence Ng, Gary Parker, Kim Parker, Sarah Pruitt, Richard Riehle, Beth Ann Petro Roybal, Ashley Shaffer, Joyce Sherry, Gary Simon, Maria Skyttå, Sharon Law Tucker, Jason Warburg, Steven Wheeler, and Cyndie Zikmund.

Finally, we're still looking for five-minute readers. Hit me up at [president.ccw@gmail.com](mailto:president.ccw@gmail.com) and let me know when you want your spot at the podium. Everything's open other than March.

Scotty out.

---

# January

**CCW Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday, Jan. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Center for Spiritual Awakening, 522 Central Ave., Pacific Grove. See above for information on our guest speaker and his topic. Free and open to members and the public.

**Sat-Chat:** Saturday, Jan. 24, 10:30 to noon at the Seaside library, 550 Harcourt Ave., Seaside. Get together and chat about all things having to do with writing and publication. Free and open to all members.

**Salon:** Sunday, Jan. 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the PG Meetinghouse, 599 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. Share your writing in an informal, supportive atmosphere. Free and open to all members and friends.

---

## Did You Know . . . ?

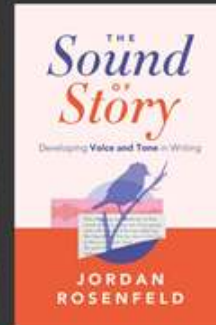
- In 2022, the music industry made \$42.5 billion.
- In 2023, the global movie box office was \$29 billion.
- In 2022, the book industry made \$98 billion.

98 BILLION DOLLARS! That's a ton of money. More than the music industry and global box office combined. Even figuring that a good chunk of that went to the usual suspects -- Stephen King, Colleen Hoover, et al -- that's still a lot of money to spread around. Just think about it: if our books earned only the teeniest, tiniest slice of \$98 billion every month ... well, it might pay our PG&E bill. A slightly bigger slice could be life-changing. With all the doom-and-gloom going around in the publishing industry, this certainly is a glimmer of hope.

*Source: Tim Grahl's Story Grid newsletter.*

Connect with Tim Grahl

## CWC South Bay Writers' Workshop Jan 24, 10am - 3pm



Join **Jordan Rosenfeld**, award winning author, editor to learn the Sound of Story. Explore rhythm, energy, attitude, and more to create a unique fingerprint for your characters. *Sound of Story*, (list : \$22) included in workshop fee.

Empire Firehouse, Kelley Park, San Jose  
Phelan Street parking lot, carpools encouraged  
RSVP: [amandasenior86@gmail.com](mailto:amandasenior86@gmail.com) for lunch choices



**\$90 CWC Members, \$100 Non-members**  
**Lunch and book included**

### Central Coast Writers

P.O. Box 997  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950  
United States of America

You received this email because you are a member of Central Coast Writers/California Writers Club.

[Unsubscribe](#)

