



# CENTRAL COAST WRITERS

[A Branch of the California Writers Club](#)

## Upcoming Events / Calendar

- Saturday 9/28 Sat Chat
- Saturday 9/28 Writers Round Up  
Public Speaking For Writers with Christine Sleeter
- Tuesday 10/15 CCW Monthly Meeting
- Saturday 10/26 Writers Round Up  
Poetry with Kay Krattli

## Member News

### Nicki Ehrlich to Speak At MPC Guest Author Event

Thursday, October 10, 6:00 pm (in the Sam Karas Room)

Join the Monterey Peninsula College Creative Writing Program's Guest Author Event featuring CCW's Nicki Ehrlich. Nicki will read from her new book and answer audience questions about writing novels, writing a novel series, writing historical fiction, and her route to publication and success. A book signing will follow.

Copies of *Ellis River* and *Zephyr Trails* will be available.

You can learn more about his fascinating writer at [NickiEhrlich.com](http://NickiEhrlich.com)

Questions? Contact [creativewriting@mpc.edu](mailto:creativewriting@mpc.edu)

### J.T. Rethke

J.T.'s book has been published and is available on [AMAZON](#)

## Links:

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Nicki Ehrlich

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Michelle Smith

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Nancy Middleton

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Barbara Siebeneick

### NEW MEMBER(S)

- Hali Reiskin - fiction, essay, children's early reader, poetry





## Membership Renewal Contest Winners

Congratulations to Linda Gunther and Dorothy Vriend. Thank you to the 134 members who renewed prior to the July 31st deadline!

## Developmental Edit Contest

Stuart Horwitz, a previous speaker at CCW, is running a contest through his company Gook Architecture. [Information HERE.](#)



**BOOK ARCHITECTURE**

## Catch Good Ideas and “Write Wrong”

“Good writing begins with a great idea,” according to writer Brad Herzog, “something so compelling an agent can’t pass it up and so interesting readers can’t ignore it.” It’s the idea that captures readers’ attention first, so it’s your job as a writer is to “catch” ideas. He then outlined ways writers can breathe more creative energy into their work...



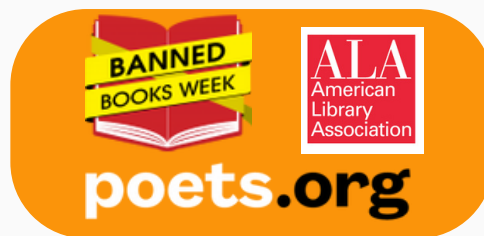
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## Banned Books Week

Did you know that The Dictionary had been banned in various school libraries in the U.S.? In 1987 the Anchorage School Board banned it for “objectionable” entries.

“Don’t spend time waving signs or carrying petitions around the neighborhood. Instead, run, don’t walk, to the nearest nonschool library or to the local bookstore and get whatever it was that they banned. Read whatever they’re trying to keep out of your eyes and your brain, because that’s exactly what you need to know.”  
-Stephen King

Resources for Banned Book Week:



## Ink Spots

### Welcome New Members

- Ashley Shaffer  
Fiction/Essay/Poetry
- Phyllis Jordan  
Historical Fiction
- Evan Pellervo  
Flash Fiction
- Hali Reiskin  
Fiction/Essay/Children’s/Poetry

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