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Glendale Public Library Begins 2021 Writer in Residence Series

The last year has inspired many to pursue their postponed dreams. If one of those dreams was to write a book, Glendale Public Library's 2021 Virtual Writer in Residence (WIR) Program is a good place to start. The online program, which runs from mid-February through July, allows aspiring authors the opportunity to learn the "tricks of the trade" from accomplished, published writers. The library is pleased to announce the 2021 WIR mentors are authors Amy K. Nichols and Tina Radcliffe.

Nichols and Radcliffe each will present six programs focusing on writing-based topics ranging from planning a novel to working with agents. They will also offer free, 30-minute, virtual coaching sessions to provide individualized assistance.

For the second year, the library will be using the Zoom platform to present the programs and consultations virtually. "We've found connecting with and helping people put their stories into writing does not necessarily need to be in person," said Administrative Librarian Kathy Curley. "The opportunity to work with talented authors from the comfort of home was a great experience for last year's participants. We're expecting even better results this year!"

The spring session will feature Amy Nichols, author of young adult science fiction books *Now That You're Here* and *While You Were Gone*, published by Knopf Books for Young Readers. Nichols has experience helping would-be authors hone their skills. She is a WIR alumna and has experience as an instructor and mentor with the Your Novel Year program at the Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing.

Popular romance author Radcliffe will be headlining the summer session. She is also a WIR alumna and has taught numerous writing workshops. She is a Romance Writers of America (RWA) Honor Roll member, two-time RWA Golden Heart finalist, and a Carol Award winner.

For more details, or to sign up for a Writer in Residence consultation or program, visit the library's events calendar, <http://bit.ly/gplazevents>

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