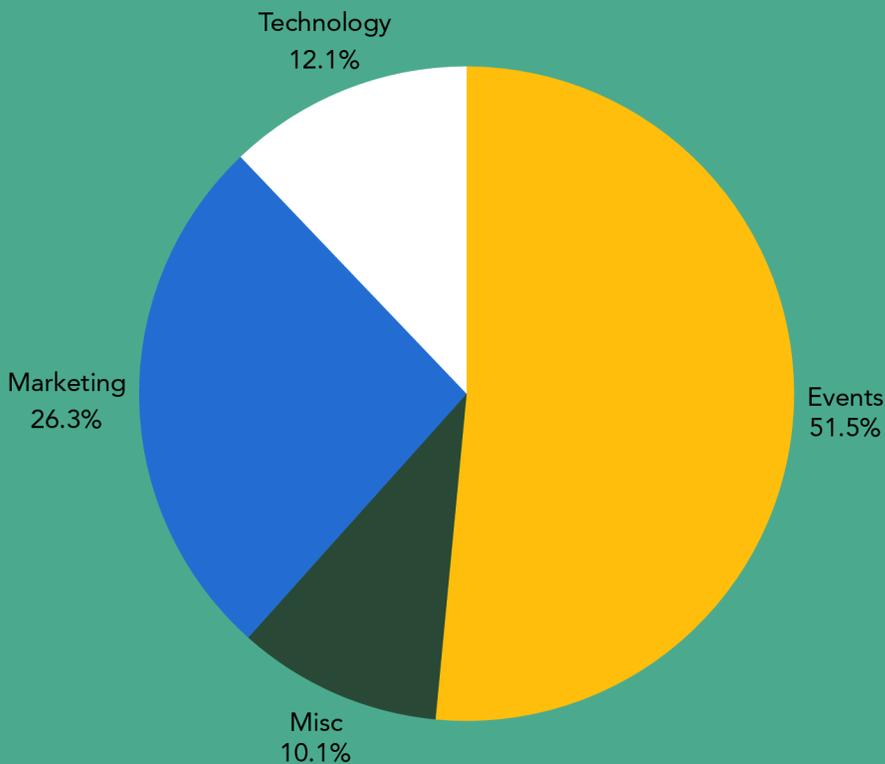


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At a Glance



Spending Breakdown

In 2024, most of our spending was in marketing, especially our website and promotional materials. We're really glad to see that most of our spending for 2025 went into supplies and events to fulfill our mission.

Our next biggest category was marketing. A lot of our marketing expenses for this year were related to the Johnson County Library conference and will serve us for years to come!

Technology covers our web domain, and web hosting. This adds up! Finally miscellaneous covers the incidentals that organizers purchase to carry out our mission.

Check out everything this funded in the following pages!

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Spring Sprint

In April we embarked on a challenge like nothing we've ever seen before: brevity.

The Spring Sprint encouraged our writers to experiment with different forms of storytelling, short stories, novellas, microfiction, and more!

We're proud to report that it was a success. Our writers have continued to ask for more programming around shorter storytelling and we're expanding the Spring Sprint to be even bigger and better in 2026.



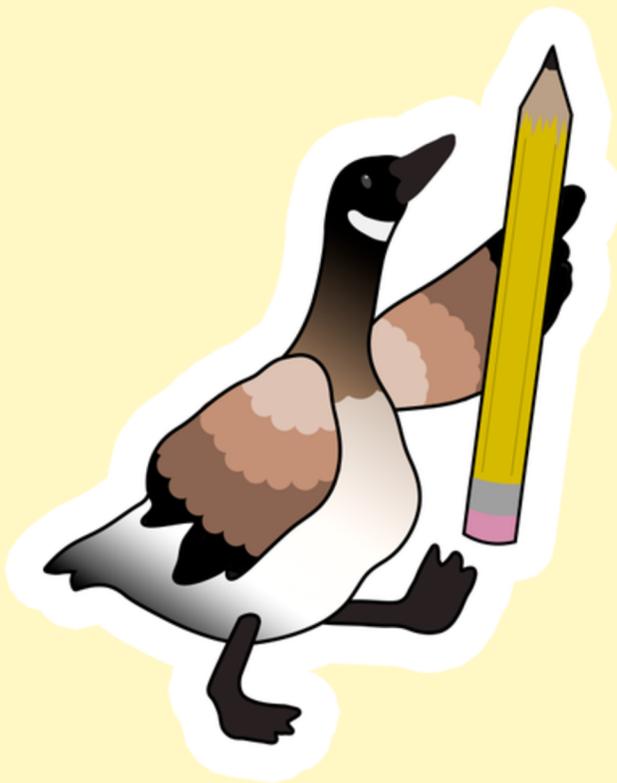
“I loved the encouraging atmosphere. Even when we disagreed on a read of something, we were able to circle back to framing the discussion in terms of what we would like to see as readers to strengthen the work in front of us.”

- workshop participant

Workshops

In 2025 we hosted two month-long workshops, enabling 15 writers to receive in-depth critique on their work each month.

We've gotten great feedback about our workshops! In the coming year, we're working to bring you new ways to get eyes on your work and improve your craft, so stay tuned!



Cliffhanger Waddlesworth, Esq.

One thing about KanMoWriCo: We stay silly. So what better representative could we ask for than a goose?

Designed by local artist Kelly Meyer just for KanMoWriCo, our mascot was named by our community this fall. With votes tied between Cliffhanger and Waddlesworth, we organizers couldn't pick just one. So meet Cliffhanger Waddlesworth, Esq., or Cliff for short.

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY WRITERS CONFERENCE

This year we had the honor of presenting at the Johnson County Writers Conference! Our incredible volunteers helped us run a booth in Writers Alley where people got to hear your experiences in this group and engage with writers looking for a group of writers like us! Through this experience, we were able to network with new (to us) writers and writing organizations, giving KanMoWriCo even more ways to support our community.



Critique Partner Match Ups

Ali brought our love of critique and workshopping to the conference with our speed-dating inspired Critique Partner Match Ups! These were a big hit, so we'll be incorporating them into our regular programming.



Together we created a zine for the conference, "So you want to write a novel." Bee kicked off our conference experience by presenting the accompanying workshop, Jumpstart Your Novel, to a captivated audience.

You can find the zine, designed to break through perfectionism, on our website at kanmowrico.com/zines! It leans into our core ethics, including:

“DO IT BAD!”

Check out our Do It Bad! stickers from the zine in our shop, kanmoshopco.square.com

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Joanie presented on other core values of KanMoWriCo: diversity, equality, and inclusion. Ze led the Writing Authentically With Diversity to discuss how we can write characters who don't share our identities. Ze also had the honor of speaking on the "In/Exclusivity" panel with celebrated writers and community leaders sharing experiences and thoughts on creating inclusive and equitable writing spaces.

NOVEL NOVEMBER 2025

Same program, new name!



In 2025 our November Program transitioned to its new name: Novel November! The new branding clarifies what our flagship program is all about: the novel.

We've got new branding, but we're keeping the classics. As usual, we started with our Writing 'til Dawn Marathon— in person this year! On Halloween night, we gathered at the Hollis Retreat Center in Bonner Springs, KS to kick off our month long challenge. We started writing at midnight and ended at 8am!

Of course it wouldn't be November with KanMoWriCo if we didn't have TMOD! We averaged 23 writers per leg of our traveling marathon, with a total of 25 coming together at the end of the night. Together we wrote a staggering **149,245** words in one day!

This was a big year for community partnerships. The Kansas City Kansas Public Library held the second annual Novel-venber Soiree just for us! We also received a donation of space from the Story Loft in Independence, through their affiliate, KC Book Beat. We organizers couldn't be more excited about our growing relationships with other creative groups!



“I always feel welcome to be myself...Even when I'm anxious, I know they're doing all they can to make everyone feel welcomed and loved.”

- Novel November participant

NOVEMBER STATS

35 write-ins
3 marathons
50 writers
129 hours writing
1,051,103 words

Not measured: advice given, writers cheered on, and the friends we made along the way



LOOKING AHEAD

Calling volunteers! With the growth of our group, we are in need of more write-in hosts, specifically in Johnson County, KS and east Jackson County, MO. If you are interested, please reach out to us at officialkanmowrico@gmail.com so we can get your write-in on the calendar.

Nonprofit incorporation will happen this year! Our vision for 2026 (aside from writing!) is tax-exempt status and a bank account for your donations.

Join Bee every third Saturday of the month for a short story intensive. Each month, you'll write a different short story geared toward a specific journal. Participants will share feedback over each piece and in the end you'll submit your piece for publication.

Spring Sprint starts April 1st. Join our marathon focused on the art of short stories, novellas, and more. We will be online and in person throughout the month with challenges and fun goals to participate in.

If you're looking for a fun way to find a critique partner, join Ali in May for the Critique Partner Match-up.

A Note from the Co-Organizers

2025 was a big year for KanMoWriCo, full of changes and challenges, individually and as a whole. It's been a year of growth and possibility that we couldn't have done without each of you. Whether you show up every week or poke your head out once in a while, we're glad you're here.

Through our dedicated volunteers and generous donors, we are able to provide this space dues-free while still hosting workshops and events that help writers engage with our community and their own works.

The hours of help and camaraderie each and every one of you puts into this community is largely what makes it home for so many of us. You're what makes this group so incredibly special.

With us incorporating as a non-profit this year, we are excited to see what new changes come and what new opportunities will arise. No matter what, we're excited that we get to do it all with all of you!

Your Co-Organizers,
Joanie, Bee, and Ali

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