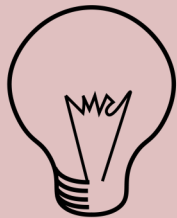




The Midwest Writing Center 2024 Annual Report



WRITE MORE LIGHT INTO YOUR LIFE
MIDWEST WRITING CENTER



PARTNERSHIPS

SUPPORTING WRITERS & ARTISTS

In 2024, MWC paid \$21,875 to 76 writers, designers, editors, performers, etc. (20% of MWC's FY2024 total operating budget)

PARTNERSHIPS

MWC worked with 22 different organizations, schools, libraries, etc. in 2024, including eight new partners (new partnerships shown in bold)

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| • Rock Island Public Library | • City of Davenport Parks and Recreation | • Silvis Public Library |
| • Iowa City Book Festival | • Illuminate Healing Studio | • Davenport Public Library |
| • Rock Island/Milan School District #41 | • Moline Public Library | • ISU/Spoon River Poetry Review |
| • Scott Community College | • Get Lit / Western Illinois University – QC | • The Atlas Collective |
| • Figge Art Museum | • Gilda's Club QC | • The Brewed Book |
| • Rozz-Tox | • Galvin Fine Arts / St. Ambrose University | • Bettendorf High School |
| • Illinois Humanities | • Black Hawk Community College | • Rock Island High School |
| | | • Narratives QC |





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featuring
Jacob Saenz

with writers from **NARRATIVES QC**
Lynn Carsten | Tanner Jordan
Nathan Wirth

hosted by Chris Britton

7 DECEMBER 2024
Free Community Write-In 6pm

Open Mic 7pm | Show 8pm

ROZZ-TOX
2108 3rd Ave | Rock Island IL
FREE & OPEN



READING SERIES

The SPECTRA Reading Series is supported by the Arts Midwest GIG Fund, a program of Arts Midwest that is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional contributions from the Illinois Arts Council.

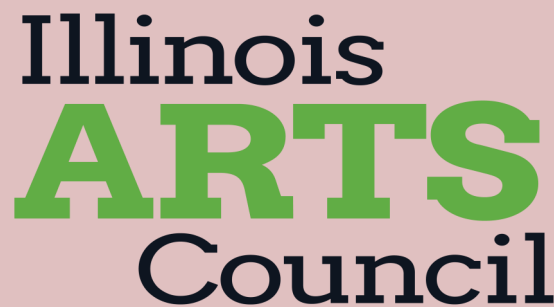


Many Thanks to Our Grantors & Sponsors!!

In 2024, MWC raised \$31,145 in grants & sponsorships
(27% of total FY2024 operating budget)

MWC 2024 Grantors & Sponsors

- Hubbell-Waterman Foundation
- Modern Woodmen of America
- Illinois Arts Council
- Arts Midwest GIG Fund
- Regional Development Authority
- Quad City Arts Art Dollars
- Melvin McKay Charitable Trust
- Mary Iva Gittens Knouse Trust
- CD Wiman Memorial Trust
- HAV Life Foundation
- Dr. Nicolas Shammas MD, MS
- Rock Island County Retired Teachers Foundation

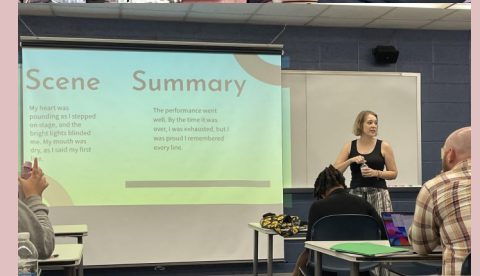


PERSONNEL & MEMBERS

- Thanks to our 251 active members in 2024, who contributed over \$15,300 in member donations (nearly \$19,000 in membership dues and donations, 17% of FY2024 operating budget)
- Welcomed four new Directors to the Board:
Hannah Blaser Gott, Seth Hankins, Onnica Marquez, Beth Paul
- Administrative Specialist: Sophia Best left the position in August, which remained unfilled for the remainder of 2024
- 24 volunteers contributed over \$20,000 in in-kind hours & service

Many thanks to our volunteers!

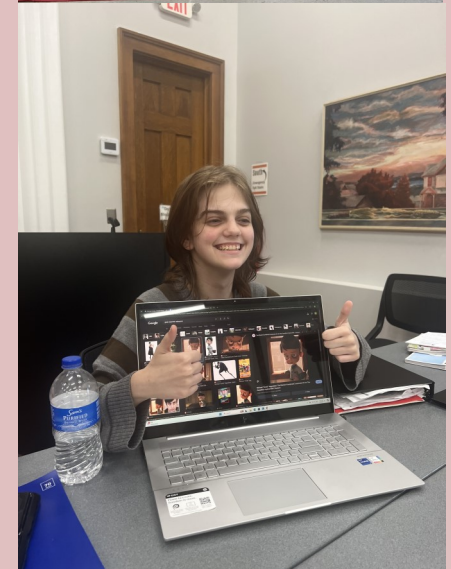
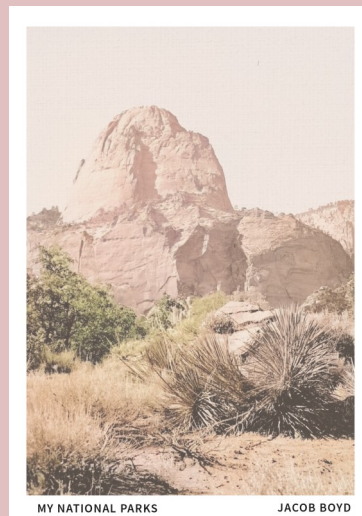
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Hannah Blaser Gott	Mary Davidsaver	Charly Heber- Spates	Dan Moore	Philip Goldfarb Styrt
Angela Campbell	Tammy Davis	Emily Kingery	Beth Paul	Emily Tobin
Ryan Collins	Sarah Elgatian	Sal Marici	Jay Posateri	Jonathan Turner
Susan Collins	Tara Foltz	Onnica Marquez	Hannah Scott Ravikumar	



PROGRAMS & PUBLICATIONS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- MWC offered over 400 hours of programming & logged over 10,000 instances of service in 2024
- MWC Press published three new titles: *The Atlas 19*, *My National Parks* by Jacob Boyd (Foster-Stahl Chapbook Series), and *Shattered Constraints: An Anthology of Radical Hospitality* (supported by Quad City Arts grant), featuring 23 local poets & writers
- Received a grant from Arts Midwest GIG Fund to support the first full season of SPECTRA Reading Series (fall 2024-spring 2025) since the pandemic



PROGRAMS & PUBLICATIONS (cont'd)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Hosted readings from one poet a day on our YouTube page for National Poetry Month (April) for the first time
- Partnered with Galvin Fine Arts Center at St. Ambrose University on two public events and the publication of the *Shattered Constraints* anthology
- Partnered with Davenport Public Library on a series of panel discussion about publishing featuring several local authors, editors, and illustrators
- Participated in the Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP) Conference (in Kansas City) for the first time since 2012
- Participated in the Printer's Row Lit Fest in Chicago as part of the Independent Press tent for the first time, in addition to the Mission Creek Book Fair, the Iowa City Book Festival, and the Silvis Public Library Local Authors Fair

