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Suburban Scribe

Newsletter of the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club

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Speaker for Monday, October 11, 2021.

Laura Kellen will speak at the SSWC meeting on October 11 about **The State of Publishing: 2021**

Do you know what's been happening in the publishing world in the last year and a half? Here's a pop quiz to test your knowledge:

- Why does it matter if the Big Five become the Big Four, and what does that even mean, anyway?
- What 1992 children's book is seeing a major resurgence in popularity?
- Why was Damon Suede, the gay romance author, forced to step down as president of the Romance Writers of America?
- Why was COVID, a time period when people were reading more books than ever, the worst possible time to publish a book?
- Is the traditional publishing industry going to survive another 10 years?

Laura Kellen, a professional research librarian, will answer these questions and more! The past year and a half have been a fascinating time for the traditional and self-publishing industries, and Laura will give you a full report on the current state of the publishing industry and what these trends suggest for the future.

Laura is a current SSWC member. She is a part of the SSWC Board, she runs the Meetup and Facebook pages for SSWC, and she is also the Speaker Coordinator. She enjoys reading the daily print edition of *The New York Times* (which incidentally helps her keep up to date on current trends, including the ones explored in this presentation) and raising service dog puppies for Canine Companions for Independence. She holds a MLIS – Master's in Library and Information Science – and has been working in the library field for 20+ years.



Laura and her service puppy, Anna .

SSWC—A legacy of great authors.

SSWC—A great way to share stories and get inspiration from other authors.

SSWC—A very supportive group ... putting competition aside and replacing it with support for all.

Join us. Share your success. Inspire others.

Now, with Zoom, we can reach authors nationwide — world wide!

Meeting Info — Briefly —

Join us on Monday, October 11, at 7 p.m. for the next SSWC meeting time.

On your computer.

AT 6:55 pm **CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE 7 pm ZOOM MEETING** —

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2521715779?pwd=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyYzZ3OUUpudz09>

See page 2 for complete Zoom details to join the meeting.

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Fond Memories of Barbara Jodry: In Memoriam

Pat Biasotti

Barbara and I met too many years ago for my poor memory, perhaps in Ethel Bangert's classes or in the early days of SSWC. Her many talents and wide range of interests made ours a most rewarding friendship. Her extensive travels were fascinating and also entertained SSWC members via the *Suburban Scribe* newsletter. "You Must Have a Sari," was a particularly delightful article. Not only did she and Don travel to South and Central America, but they aided those natives by importing and selling their handmade crafts and accessories, such as ponchos and scarves.

Before most of us even knew what the word *ecology* meant, they practiced it. I was very skeptical, but Barbara, in her sweet way, pressured me into buying one of the solar oven kits. I had a large family—with several hungry boys, thus I cooked in large quantities. Skepticism turned into amazement when I actually cooked a large pot roast on the front lawn.

For many years SSWC met in Community Rooms of county libraries. There were a few times when someone forgot to get the key in time if the library closed early. On one such evening a member who was a biology instructor came to the rescue, and we invaded his classroom. It also happened to be a finger-food evening. Barbara, Ethel Bangert, and I ate together, sitting among plants hanging down on us and next to a tank containing tarantulas. We laughed for months afterward, and that meeting certainly made headlines in the *Suburban Scribe*.

As for the *Scribe*, she edited this notable newsletter for many years. However, she had lots of help, because in some of those years, we had nearly a hundred members and many contributors.

It is with sadness that many club members and I bid a sad adieu to a remarkable person and special friend. Having lived a full life, may she rest in peace.



Welcome, SSWC members and friends,

Our Monday, October 11, at 7pm, Sacramento Suburban Writers Club's **Zoom** (only) meeting will kick off with one of our own members discussing the ever-changing publishing world and what it means to the author. Join us and guest speaker, Laura Kellen, as she discusses what she has learned over her career of working within the library system. Learn, mingle, and enjoy each other's company, for life is a gift that can be shared with others, just by touching pen to paper or a smile and hello.

Take care,
Ronald Smith, President SSWC and writer of words that stir feelings.

Just click on the link below, and you will be connected to the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2521715779?pwd=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyYzZ3OUputz09>

2nd way to join the meeting, log into your Zoom account and enter:

Meeting ID: 252 171 5779

Passcode: 7JjTpg

Cell Phone use:

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 252 171 5779

Passcode: 816451

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbamTXnyKv>

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Join the Club!

We are a vibrant club with active writers, have several critique groups (with room for more), and stay wonderfully supportive of each other.

SSWC supports local writers and encourages everyone to write and publish. Attending meetings is free, but membership brings benefits, such as publication in the newsletter and anthology, use of our club's library, qualification for grants to attend conferences (limits apply), and ability to join our first-class critique groups.

MEMBERSHIP is paid on a yearly basis. If joining after April, dues are prorated by quarter (unless you are just really late in maintaining your membership!).

_____ Individual \$40 / year

_____ Couple \$55 / year

_____ Full-Time Student \$30 / year

_____ Platinum Senior (70+) \$30 / year

More information is on our website: sactowriters.org

Name: _____ Genres: _____

Published? Y / N (yes, includes self-published) Email: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Website/other info/address (optional): _____

MAIL YOUR DUES TO: Jeannie Turner. Her address is in the Directory. If you don't have a copy, email Jeannie at turnerjeannie48@gmail.com and she will let you know where to send it.

OFFICERS

Elected Officers:

President	Ron Smith
Vice President	Brittany Lord
Secretary	Linda Covelli
Treasurer	Julie Beyers

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Coffee/Treats	Al Gilding
Conferences	John Powell
Critique Grps	Brittany Lord
Historian	Pat Biasotti
Librarian	Ron Smith
Membership	Jeannie Turner
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Nominations	YOU ?????
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Publicity	Paul Turner
Raffle	YOU ?????
Sunshine	Nan Roark
Website	Wes Turner
Workshops	Gloria Cooksey

**There's a spot in the list
above for YOU!**

WRITING INSPIRATION

Do you sometimes get that feeling of *déjà vu*?
When you wake up, does your dream seem so real that it feels like it actually happened?

Do you ever confuse a dream with reality? Do the events in a dream ever seem to actually happen ... you just *know* what's going to happen next.....? And it does? Oooooo... goose bumps.

Write a story about a character who believes his or her dreams predict the future.



MEETING INFORMATION

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Next meeting:

Monday, October 11

via Zoom

*All writers are encouraged to attend.
Membership is not mandatory
but brings privileges — like
publication in the newsletter!*

