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**Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP) Receives an Amazon Literary Partnership Grant**

**Riverdale Park, MD**—The Amazon Literary Partnership announced that the Association of Writers & Writing Programs has received a grant of \$5,000 to support its [Writer to Writer Mentorship Program](#). AWP is among the list of 2020 Amazon Literary Partnership Grant Recipients, collectively awarded a total of more than \$1 million.

AWP’s mission is to provide services that uplift creative writers and the organizations that serve them and to champion diversity and excellence in the field of creative writing.

The Writer to Writer Mentorship Program is a service program within AWP in which published experienced mentor writer members provide free intensive three-month mentorships to emerging member writers, most from nontraditional academic backgrounds. Since 2014, the program has served over 600 writers and has played a transformational role in the lives of the emerging writers served, helping them create, publish, experiment, and thrive. Molia Dumbleton, a 2017 fiction mentee, says: “Writer to Writer was the very first time that someone besides me sat down and read nearly my entire body of work. My mentor read the whole thing, with care, and then we talked. Not only was the conversation two-way, but was also able, for the first time, to be a larger conversation about my writing as a whole, my career as a whole, as it stretches both backward and forward in time.” AWP is proud that Writer to Writer has made so many writers feel seen and valued.

“The Amazon Literary Partnership grants are awarded to innovative groups whose core mission has a deep impact on the lives of writers and the broader literary and publishing community,” said Alexandra Woodworth, Amazon Literary Partnership manager. “We are proud to support all of this year’s ALP grant recipients and applaud their commitment to nurturing a vibrant and diverse literary landscape.”

About AWP

Founded in 1967, AWP is the only national professional association dedicated to writers and the organizations that serve them. As AWP members include both institutions and individual writers, AWP is a critical bridge for connecting writers to resources, institutions, and communities that can support their artistic development and professional lives. AWP’s membership comprises 550 college and university creative writing programs, 50,000 independent writers, and 150 writers’ centers and conferences. AWP’s many program offerings include a robust website; the Writer to Writer Mentorship Program; *The Writer’s*

*Chronicle*, the flagship magazine dedicated to the craft of writing; and the AWP Conference & Bookfair, the largest annual gathering of writers in North America.

To learn more about Association of Writers & Writing Programs, visit [www.awpwriter.org](http://www.awpwriter.org)

#### About The Amazon Literary Partnership

Since 2009, the Amazon Literary Partnership has provided more than \$13 million in grant funding to more than 175 literary organizations, assisting many thousands of writers. Among the organizations Amazon has supported over the years include the National Book Foundation, Cave Canem, PEN America, Poets & Writers, Girls Write Now, Hugo House, Lambda Literary Foundation, Loft Literary Center, National Novel Writing Month, Words Without Borders, Yaddo, and many more. Through Amazon's annual grants, Amazon supports literary centers, writing workshops, residencies, fellowships, literary magazines, independent publishers, and poetry and translation programs. Writers supported by some of these organizations have gone on to become best-selling and award-winning authors.

To learn more about the Amazon Literary Partnership, please visit [www.amazonliterarypartnership.com](http://www.amazonliterarypartnership.com)