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AWP Selected as Amazon Literary Partnership 2022 Grant Recipient

Norfolk, VA —The Amazon Literary Partnership announced this week that the Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP) received a \$5,000 grant to support its Writer to Writer program, in which published AWP member authors serve as mentors for diverse emerging writers throughout a three-month program. AWP is among the list of 74 Amazon Literary Partnership Grant Recipients this year. In 2022, the Amazon Literary Partnership awarded more than \$1 million in funding to literary nonprofit organizations.

The Amazon Literary Partnership supports writers to help tell their stories and find their readers, empowering writers to create, publish, learn, teach, experiment and thrive. Since 2009, the Amazon Literary Partnership has been committed to uplifting and amplifying the voices of overlooked or marginalized writers by supporting the literary community through grants to writing programs and nonprofit literary organizations, including groups like AWP, whose mission is to “amplify the voices of writers and the academic programs and organizations that serve them while championing diversity and excellence in creative writing.”

“Writer to Writer, a service program by AWP members to mentor diverse emerging writers, truly reflects AWP’s core values—to nurture writers’ craft and professional success while striving to support the diversity and excellence of the field,” said Cynthia Sherman, AWP executive director. “It is a testament to the incredible mentors and mentees that this program continues to thrive. We appreciate that Amazon Literary Partners recognizes and supports this program that focuses on writers helping writers.”

“It’s an honor to fund these vital institutions that not only provide writers the support they need to create, but offer the opportunity to connect with their readers,” said Al Woodworth, Manager of the Amazon Literary Partnership. “Literature is expansive, entertaining, and advances our empathy and our world. We are grateful for the incredible work that these organizations do, today and every day.”

AWP is a professional association of creative writers and writing programs. AWP provides support, advocacy, resources, and community to nearly 50,000 writers, 550 college and university creative writing programs, and 150 writers’ conferences and centers. The AWP Conference & Bookfair is the annual destination for writers, teachers, students, editors, and publishers of contemporary creative



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writing. It includes thousands of attendees, hundreds of events and bookfair exhibitors, and four days of essential literary conversation and celebration.

Since 2009, the Amazon Literary Partnership has provided more than \$15 million in grant funding to more than 160 literary organizations, assisting many thousands of writers. Among the organizations Amazon has supported over the years include the Asian American Writers Workshop, National Book Foundation, PEN America, Poets & Writers, Girls Write Now, Graywolf Press, Lambda Literary, Loft Literary Center, National Novel Writing Month, Words Without Borders, Yaddo, WriteGirl, 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
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