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Registration now open for free Book Fest workshops

Online registration is now available for two Nebraska Book Festival workshops for aspiring writers. Participants will discuss writing techniques and receive expert feedback from authors Harley Jane Kozak and Kelly Madigan Erlandson.

The full-day festival, free and open to the public, will be held Nov. 14 at the Nebraska State Historical Society's Nebraska History Museum in downtown Lincoln.

Erlandson will lead the morning workshop, "Passing the 'So What?' Test: Writing Memoir that Matters," beginning at 9 a.m. Erlandson, a drug and alcohol counselor in Lincoln, is the award-winning author of "Getting Sober: A Practical Guide to Making it Through the First 30 Days." She is an accomplished poet and essayist whose work has been published in "Best New Poets 2007," "Crazyhorse," "Prairie Schooner," "Barrow Street," "The Massachusetts Review," "Calyx" and other literary magazines and anthologies. She received a 2008 National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and a 2006 Distinguished Artist Award from the Nebraska Arts Council.

Harley Jane Kozak will lead the afternoon workshop, "Help! I Think I've Got a Book in Me: from Pipe Dream to Publication," beginning at 3:15 p.m. Kozak grew up in Lincoln, attended New York University's graduate acting program, and spent two decades starring in 50 plays, 10 feature films, and a dozen TV movies, series and miniseries. She is the author of the Wollie Shelley mystery novel series, including "Dating Dead Men," "Dating is Murder," "Dead Ex" and "A Date You Can't Refuse." "Dating Dead Men," the first in the series, was a featured selection for the Mystery Guild, Doubleday, Literary Guild and Book-of-the-Month Club.

Both workshops are free, but seating is limited to 25 people per workshop and advance registration is recommended. To register or learn more about the festival and its featured authors, visit www.nebraskabookfestival.org. For more information, contact Mary Jo Ryan, festival director, at (402) 471-3434.

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