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Re: "Celebrate Authorship" Series at the Sequim Branch Library

The Sequim Branch Library continues its monthly series "Celebrate Authorship" on Saturday, December 17 at 1:00 pm. Award-winning writer and editor Diana Somerville, whose column "Greening the Commons" appears in the *Sequim Gazette* on a bi-weekly basis, will present a "roundtable" to explore the host of innovative ways writers can now use to connect with readers.

"Time was when self-publishing had the same stigma as using a 'Vanity Press' – paying a company to print your personal puffery with a handsome cover," says Somerville. "But new print-on-demand technology, on-line publishing and the internet have transformed the publishing industry." She has experience working with traditional publishers in addition to the aforementioned new modalities.

Somerville encourages the open-minded approach. She notes that "working with experienced writers as well as enthusiastic beginners has taught me that there are as many ways to begin as there are creative people. "Not every publication begins with a manuscript," she says. "You might begin with an intriguing story from your family's history, notes from a class you've taught or a compelling dream."

Somerville's out-of-the-box decision was to create her own company and publish *Inside Out Down Under: Stories from a Spiritual Sabbatical*. Her account of the year she spent living, writing and traveling in Australia won two Indie Excellence awards, for both Memoir and Travel.

For more information or for samples of some of her hundreds of published articles, go to <http://www.DianaSomerville.com>.

Pre-registration is not required.

The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue. For more information on this and other up-coming programs go to [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org) and click on “Events.” You may also contact Sequim Branch Manager Lauren Dahlgren at 360.683.1161 or [Sequim@nols.org](mailto:Sequim@nols.org).

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