

Walking Through Words WHAM Literary Arts Exhibition **Author Application Form**

Exhibition: *Walking Through Words* to be held during November 3 – November 28, 2026

Event Location: WHAM Gallery, 16560 N Dysart Rd, Surprise, AZ 85378

Important Dates

Application Deadline:

Author applications and \$40 submission fee are due by **October 20, 2026 at midnight**. (No late entries will be accepted.) Acceptance email will be sent up to 5 business days after receiving the application form.

Payment options:

- Credit card or PayPal via: <https://www.wham-art.org/payments>
 - Visit the **"PAY HERE"** tab on the WHAM website and select:
"Walking Through Words Submission Fee: \$40"
- Check (by mail to WHAM at 16560 N Dysart Rd., Surprise, AZ 85378) or pay in-person

Final Edits (Bio & Synopsis):

All edits must be submitted by **November 1, 2026**.

(No changes will be accepted after this date.)

Drop-Off (Framed Poster & Book Copy):

November 1, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

This is the only scheduled drop-off day. Late submissions will not be exhibited.

If you have a scheduling conflict, email diane.freeman@wham-art.org in advance.

Exhibition Reception:

November 8, 2026 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Pick-Up (Posters & Unsold Books):

November 30, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Unclaimed work may incur storage fees. Contact in advance for scheduling conflicts.

Once the application form is filled out, email the completed form to Diane Freeman at diane.freeman@wham-art.org and attach the image(s) of the submitted book cover(s). Subject line: Walking Through Words Submission – [Your Name]

Image Requirements for the Book Cover:

- File format: JPEG or PNG
- File size: 1 MB – 5 MB
- Resolution: 72 dpi
- File naming format:
 - FirstNameLastName__BookTitle.jpg

- (Example: JohnSmith_TheABCBook.jpg)

For event information and guidelines, contact WHAM Operations Manager Diane Freeman at diane.freeman@wham-art.org

Applicant Information

- **Author's Full Name:** _____
 - **Author's Pen Name (if applicable):** _____
 - **Address:**

 - **Email Address:** _____
 - **Phone Number:** _____
 - **Website/Social Media:** _____
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Book Submission

Book Information

- **Book Title:** _____
 - **Genre:** _____
 - **Publisher Name:** _____
 - **Book Cover Illustrator/Designer:** _____
 - **Price of Book:** _____
 - **Author Bio (short paragraph 200 words max):**

 - **Synopsis or Inspiration for Writing This Book (200 words max):**

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Submission Checklist (please confirm):

- ☐ I have attached my book cover image(s) in the correct format (JPEG/PNG, 1–5 MB, 72 dpi)
- ☐ My file names follow the required format
- ☐ My book(s) are published or self-published
- ☐ My artwork is not AI-generated
- ☐ My work has not been previously exhibited in the WHAM front gallery
- ☐ I understand that submission does not guarantee acceptance
- ☐ I understand the \$40 fee is non-refundable

Agreement & Authorization

- ☐ I understand that all books must be available for sale and that WHAM retains a 25% commission on all sales.
- ☐ I agree that all sales at WHAM will be handled through the docent desk only
- ☐ I understand the required drop-off and pick-up dates and agree to comply
- ☐ I understand that late drop-offs may not be accepted and unclaimed work may incur storage fees
- ☐ I grant WHAM Art Center permission to use images of my work for promotional and marketing purposes

Please select your method of payment for the \$40 submission fee:

- ☐ Credit card or PayPal via: <https://www.wham-art.org/payments> Visit the "PAY HERE" tab on the WHAM website and select: "Walking Through Words Submission Fee: \$40"
- ☐ Check (by mail to WHAM at 16560 N Dysart Rd., Surprise, AZ 85378)
- ☐ Pay in-person

I confirm that the information provided above is accurate and that I wish to participate in *Walking Through Words*

- **Author's Signature:** _____
- **Date of Signature, Application Submission, & \$40 Fee payment**

