

The 2026 MWR will be held Friday afternoon through Saturday evening in May, and tentatively scheduled as follows:

Friday, May 15, 2026

2:30 pm: Registration and Check In

3:30-4:45 pm: Workshop presented by Mindy Peltier

5:00 pm: Meet & Greet Reception for presenters & conference attendees.

6:00 pm: Welcome & Introductions (Pamela Mencher & Mindy Peltier)

6:15 pm: Keynote Address by Leslie Budewitz, and Film Industry Update by Allison Whitmer, Montana Film Commissioner.

7:00 pm: Author Readings (5 writers share their work) facilitated by Stacy Montemayor

Saturday, May 16, 2026

8:30 am: Registration and Check-in

9:00 am: Welcome

9:30 am: Workshop 1 presented by Karen Higgins

11:00 am: Workshop 2 presented by Ross Peter Nelson

12:15 pm: Lunch Break

1:45 pm: Workshop 3 presented by Leslie Budewitz

3:15 pm: Workshop 4 presented by Kim Vandel

4:30 pm: Dinner Break (a list of restaurants provided.)

6:00 pm: Presenters Panel featuring the 4 presenters, facilitated by Mindy Peltier

7:15 pm: Staged Readings (Up to 5 play scripts are presented.) Facilitated by Stacy Montemayor

8:45 pm: Closing

Presenters are available throughout the conference to interact with conference attendees.