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AWP Named Among Amazon Literary Partnership Grant Recipients

Riverdale Park, MD—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 eighty Amazon Literary Partnership Grant Recipients for 2021, collectively awarded a total of more than \$1 million.

The Amazon Literary Partnership (ALP) supports writers, helping them tell their stories and find readers and empowering them to create, publish, learn, teach, experiment, and thrive. Since 2009, ALP has been committed to uplifting 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. “We are truly heartened that Amazon Literary Partners has recognized the great value of this program that focuses on writers helping writers.”

The Amazon Literary Partnership awards grants to innovative groups who create deep impact on the lives of writers and the broader literary and publishing community,” said Alexandra Woodworth, manager of the ALP program. “We are delighted to support all of this year’s grant recipients and commend their continued commitment to nurturing a vibrant and diverse literary landscape.”

AWP is a professional association of creative writings 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 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 \$14 million in grant funding to more than 150 literary organizations, assisting many thousands of writers. The organizations Amazon has supported over the years include the National Book Foundation, PEN America, Poets & Writers, Girls Write Now, Graywolf Press, Lambda Literary Foundation, 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 bestselling and award-winning authors.

To learn more about the Amazon Literary Partnership, please visit www.amazonliterarypartnership.com.