

Listservs and Forums for Writers

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As a freelance writer, it's always good to network online with other writers. A great way to do this is through listservs and forums. Here are some listservs and forums you might enjoy:

About Freelance Writing - Forum

<http://www.aboutfreelancewriting.com/our-forum/>

Part of www.AboutFreelanceWriting.com from writer Anne Wayman. The daily jobs update is something you'll want to sign up for here, too.

ChildrensWriters

childrens-writers@yahoogroups.com

This list is for the discussion of writing and illustrating for children in all media, including such topics as creativity, work styles and techniques, marketing and promotion, dealing with rejection, and so on. Does not discuss child-related issues such as parenting or health; discusses writing and illustrating.

Children's Writers Today

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This is a public forum to exchange ideas about children's writing. Many faith-based writers make up the list of authors represented here, but no preaching or sermons.

CopyWriterMastermind

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Whether you're just testing the waters, or have been immersed in writing for years, you'll find this group a priceless resource in building your skills and your business. Includes lively discussions dedicated to:

- * **Self Promotion:** Don't waste time and money on trial and error. Here you'll find real-world advice and information to generate a constant flow of profitable writing assignments
- * **Industry Trends:** Discover what's hot (and what's not) in the high-stakes world of freelancing
- * **Skill Building:** Explore proven lucrative writing techniques to multiply your talents -- and your paychecks
- * **Best Practices:** Discuss ethical issues involved in freelance writing -- from books, to articles, to sales copy

This list is hosted by freelance writer Beth Ann Erickson, author of five titles including *Jumpstart Your Writing Career*.

EzineArticles.com - Forums

<http://ezinearticles.com/forums/>

You'll want to make online article marketing part of your overall marketing strategy. Join this forum to network with other authors as they become known as experts in their field through online article marketing.

Media Bistro Forums - Bulletin Board

<http://www.mediabistro.com/bbs/>

All sorts of good discussions of interest to writers here.

Mikeswritingworkshop

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One of Writer's Digest's 101 Best Web Sites for Writers, as well as the Best Writers Workshop in the 2007 Preditors and Editors Readers Poll, this group offers all writers a place to post work, ask questions, and discuss ways to improve at the art, craft, and business of writing.

NOTE: Personally, I found this list included too many long emails with manuscripts from people who wanted critiques. But check it out. Maybe that has changed.

PayingWritersJobs

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This is a mailing list for PAYING writer and editor jobs. It can be Freelance, Staff, Contract, or Permanent, but must PAY. No work for free or chit-chat allowed. This is primarily a network for writers and editors who are looking for work and editors who are looking for professional writers. This is a moderated list, which means the owner approves of all postings.

WorkForWriters

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This list is for professional writers, staff or freelance, to find job leads, share information on job searches, writing contacts, contracts, writers' organizations, etc. The list also posts jobs from employers for print, screen and tv writers, journalists, editors, book indexers, etc.