



MidAtlantic Book Publishers Association

Getting Into Print

Some Resources for Authors & Publishers

The best resource for in-person and distance support from regional publishers like yourself is a membership in MBPA. [Join now!](#)

Traditional Publishing

Writer's Market

A venerable annual directory of publishers and agents, available in most libraries. May be purchased in print or on disc, or as a monthly or annual [subscription](#).

Preditors and Editors

A good resource for researching agents and publishers, and learning who may not be the most ethical to deal with

Independent Publishing

Publisher's Tip Sheet

The MBPA Publisher's Tip Sheet (click link below to download) has many good suggestions on partnering with booksellers to sell more of your titles, benefiting both the publisher and the bookseller.

[Publishers' Tip Sheet on Partnering with Booksellers](#)

Subsidiary Rights Resources

The MBPA Subsidiary Rights Resources Sheet (click link below to download) lists the websites of many organizations that offer information and help in the sales and licensing of subsidiary rights to your publishing properties, helping you to maximize return on your acquisitions investments.

[Subsidiary Rights Resources Sheet](#)

Self-Publishing

[Self-Publishing FAQ](#)

Books

The Self-Publishing Manual

Writing Non-Fiction

and other writing and publishing resources from Dan Poynter

www.parapublishing.com

[POD for Profit](#)

Effectively publish using Lightning Source print on demand services.

The Publishing Game: Find an Agent in 30 Days

The Publishing Game: Publish a Book in 30 Days

The Publishing Game: Bestseller in 30 Days

by Fern Reiss

www.publishinggame.com

[The Fine Print by Mark Levine](#)

[1001 Ways to Market Your Book, by John Kremer](#)

[Grassroots Marketing for Authors and Publishers by Shel Horowitz](#)

[Publishing for Profit: Successful Bottom-Line Management for Book Publishers](#)

Publishing Email Listservs

There are several listservs out there for book publishers of varying experience and knowledge levels.

Publish-L (fully moderated, good for publishing novices):

Subscribe by sending an email to LISTSERV@HSLC.ORG with "Subscribe to Publish-L" in the subject line.

[Self-Publishing \(moderated, good for novices\)](#)

This moderated list is a good one for novice publishers.

[Pub-Forum](#)

An unmoderated forum, this list's conversation can get pretty intense, and is recommended for more experienced publishers.

SmallPub-Civil: Subscribe by sending an email to smallpub-civil-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Book Publishing-Related Newsletters & Blogs

There are many blogs and newsletters for book publishers and authors. We share our favorites here.

[Build Book Buzz](#) by Sandra Beckwith. Loads of immediately actionable tips for publishers & authors.

[The Creative Penn](#) by author, speaker and business consultant Joanna Penn. Fantastic content and great syndicated podcasts! Don't miss the About page intro blog.

Independent Publishing Associations

This is a list of professional trade organizations for book publishers.

[MidAtlantic Book Publishers Association](#)
That's us!

[IBPA: The Independent Book Publishers Association](#)
Our national parent organization

[IBPA Regional Affiliates](#)
Our IBPA "cousin" organizations

[SPAN: The Small Publishers Association of North America](#)
Another national trade group for indy publishers

[Small Publishers, Artists & Writers Network](#)
Information, resources and opportunities for everyone involved in or interested in publishing, whether an author, freelance writer, artist or publishing company owner

Festivals, Events and Other Exhibit Opportunities

Listings of places to create a display of your books to the trade and end consumer.

National

[Book Expo America](#) (BEA) - The largest trade show in America's book publishing industry

[IBPA Publishing Events Calendar](#) - Our parent organization's national event clearinghouse

[LinkedIn Book Publishing Events](#) listing

[ZIBB Book Publishing Events](#) listing

[Publishers Weekly Events](#) listing

[Business.com Publishing Events](#) listing

Regional

[Maryland Humanities Council](#) Listing of Book Festivals

[SellingBooks.com Summertime Festival](#) Listing

[PAVendors.com Event](#) Listings

[Philadelphia Book Festival](#)

[Baltimore Book Festival](#)

There are many more listings of book festivals, etc. in our [Discussion Forum](#).

Professional Writers' Associations

For writers of all levels -- including self-published authors -- who strive for a higher level of success and professionalism. *Please note that MBPA is a trade organization for book PUBLISHERS. However, we have added a new member level for authors considering becoming publishers. We list the following writers' organizations as a courtesy to those who may have interest in both.*

[Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators of Delaware, Maryland & West Virginia](#)

[Delaware Literary Connection](#)

A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the literary arts in Delaware, whose membership includes poets, novelists, short story writers, essayists, journalists, video producers and those who just enjoy writing and want exposure to it.

[American Independent Writers](#)

Based in Washington, DC, members range from multi-published authors to poetry dabblers, award-winning journalists to essayists who write for themselves, and everything in between.

[National League of American Pen Women](#)

Washington, DC branch -- Authors, co-authors and more.

[Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators Midatlantic](#)

[Washington Romance Writers](#)

Including published authors, based in DC

[Maryland Writers' Association](#)

Members statewide and from surrounding states

[Eastern Shore Writers' Association](#)

Maryland-based organization that includes self-published authors

[New Jersey Romance Writers](#)

Including published authors, based in Iselin, NJ

[New Jersey Writers' Society](#)

Three different chapters

[New Jersey Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators](#)

Authors and artists working together

[Greater Lehigh Valley Writers' Group](#)

Based in Allentown

[Pennwriters](#)

Chapters statewide in Pennsylvania

[Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators Eastern Pennsylvania](#)

Based in the Poconos

[Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators Western Pennsylvania](#)

Serving western PA & WV

[Hampton Roads Writers](#)

Based in Virginia Beach, VA

[The Virginia Writers Club, Inc.](#)

Statewide Chapters

[West Virginia Writers, Inc.](#)

10 Regions statewide