



Detroit Working Writers

DWW History

June 5, 1900: Thirteen professional women journalists and literary writers establish the Detroit Press Club, the first organization of its kind in the city.

1904: Male journalists form their own club. Name of the women's organization is changed to Detroit Women's Press Club.

1914: The Detroit Women's Press Club becomes the Detroit Women Writer's Club. Their purpose: to foster a spirit of unity and good will among all women in the city writing for publication.

1928: Membership grows to 65.

1961: The Detroit Women Writer's Club teams with Oakland University to sponsor the first annual Writers' Conference.

1966: Name of the organization is changed to Detroit Women Writers.

1976: DWW publishes its first book, *Echoes From the Moon*, a book of poetry by DWW members.

1987: DWW publishes its second book, *Voices on Writing Fiction*, advice on writing from DWW members.

1999: DWW publishes its third book, *Century of Voices*, featuring the work of 87 DWW members.

2000: DWW celebrates 100 years as Detroit's longest lived writer's organization. The Detroit City Council designates June 5, 2000 Detroit Women Writer's Day.

2001: DWW is designated a Heritage Organization by the Detroit 300 Tricentennial Celebration.

2004: Detroit Women Writers adopts its fourth name change, becoming Detroit Working Writers.

2010: Detroit Working Writers celebrates 110 years of encouraging creative writing of the highest standards.