

RESEARCH AND PUBLISHING TIPS from members
WWWL seminar January 2019

First, a reminder that our very own website has a [useful page of research resources](#) compiled by Barbara McManus (for the US) and Sally Mitchell (for the UK), both impressive researchers. Kate Culkin is currently updating our site but the page will endure in some form.

Here are some recently added suggestions from members:

From **Dona Munker**:

Jane Friedman is a well-known publishing consultant who specializes in helping writers of both fiction and nonfiction navigate the web and write and market their books in the digital world. According to her newsletter, "I am not paid to recommend or advertise any tools or services; in rare cases when I do receive compensation, it is clearly disclosed." **You can search the archives of "Electric Speed" or subscribe to it for free:**

https://www.janefriedman.com/?utm_source=Jane%20Friedman%20%2F%20Electric%20Speed&utm_campaign=5a241d78b8-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_12_30_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b84a4334ba-5a241d78b8-332560617.

- **"A Basic Guide to Getting Permissions + Sample Permissions Letter":**
https://www.janefriedman.com/sample-permission-letter/?utm_source=Jane+Friedman+%2F+Electric+Speed&utm_campaign=b8a0c7c301-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_12_30_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b84a4334ba-b8a0c7c301-332560617
- **A related piece on orphaned works:** "A guide to using orphan works (when the copyright holder cannot be located)": https://alj.artpreneur.com/using-orphan-work/?utm_source=Jane+Friedman+%2F+Electric+Speed&utm_campaign=b8a0c7c301-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_12_30_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b84a4334ba-b8a0c7c301-332560617
- **Google Dataset Search:** "It's now easier to discover data through Google. In my work with nonfiction writers—both freelancers and authors—the question of how to acquire good data always arises. A book proposal may need to include information about current trends or target readership; a freelancer seeks reliable sources to support their feature article. Recognizing a need in the market, Google has launched Google Dataset Search." <https://janefriedman.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f8b16374ec668e8d6004fcc38&id=fa9d4ac686&e=6ba814e7>

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- **Link to “Six Academic Writing Habits that Will Boost Productivity”** (I’m including this just in case some of us aren’t, well, always perfectly disciplined):
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2018/03/09/six-academic-writing-habits-that-will-boost-productivity/?utm_source=Jane+Friedman+%2F+Electric+Speed&utm_campaign=5f81de2ee5-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_12_30_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b84a4334ba-5f81de2ee5-332560617>
- **Free new online proofreading tool:**
<http://typely.com/?utm_source=Jane+Friedman+%2F+Electric+Speed&utm_campaign=1c6c61680d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_12_30&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b84a4334ba-1c6c61680d-332560617>

From **Jill Norgren**:

The Hazel Rowley Prize for First-Time Biographers: sponsored by Biographers International (BIO), the Rowley prize offers \$2,000 for the best book proposal from a first-time biographer, plus introduction to a literary agent. Submissions due March 1, 2019. Guidelines and entry forms are available on the BIO website: <http://biographersinternational.org/rowley-prize/>
[\[na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com\]](mailto:na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com)

From **Pat Lawrence**:

If your subject fits the Huntington Library collections (listed below), it's a beautiful place to work and write.

Collections: <https://www.huntington.org/collections>

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- The Reese Fellowship in American Bibliography and the History of the Book in the Americas
- The Trent R. Dames Fellowship in the History of Civil Engineering
- Christopher Isherwood Foundation Fellowships
- The Francis J. Weber Research Fellowship in Roman Catholic History
- The Cheng Fellowship in the History of the Asian American Experience in the U.S.
- Gloria R. Lothrop Fellowship in Western American Women's History

Finally, at our December session **Deirdre Bair** made a pitch for joining the [Authors Guild](#), which is doing important work now on writers' incomes (see this [NYT article](#)). She is on their board. Incidentally, I've been sent queries several times this year about general publishing questions and often refer members to [their forums](#), which are a great place to crowdsource answers to your own specific questions. You need to be a member to fully participate though.