

Westview Writer's Festival is April 5-6 at SWOSU

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Literature is galore, as the Westview Writer's Festival will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 5-6, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Events will be held in the SWOSU Conference Center and is open to the public, free of charge.

The festival begins Tuesday at 6 p.m. with slam poetry from Jennifer Hudgens, author of *Girls Who Fell in Love With War*, which was released in January of 2016. Hudgens is an Oklahoma City native and is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in creative writing and is co-editor of Wicked Banshee Press.

The events continue Tuesday at 7 p.m. with Poetry in Translation, featuring SWOSU students. Students participating in the poetry reading are Alyssa Friesen (Weatherford), Kyra Schmidt (Weatherford), Katy Kirkpatrick (Thomas), Michael Perez (Altus), Seidy Marquez (Clinton), Janet Medina (Clinton), Magda Mercado (Puerto Rico), Marisa Bolin (Hobart), Bree Anna Jackson (Cordell), J. Miranda Kinniburgh (Altus), Justin Tharp (Thomas), Jacque Young (Comanche), Austin Watford (Hennessey), Tyler Burch (Elk City), Chase Wright (Weatherford) and Kenneth Beck (Stroud).

The Westview Writer's Festival will conclude on Wednesday at 7 p.m. with a reading, Q&A, and book signing with author C.H. Armstrong as she promotes her new novel, *The Edge of Nowhere*. Armstrong is a native of El Reno and has a life-long passion for the stories of the Dust Bowl. *The Edge of Nowhere* was recently released in January 2016.

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