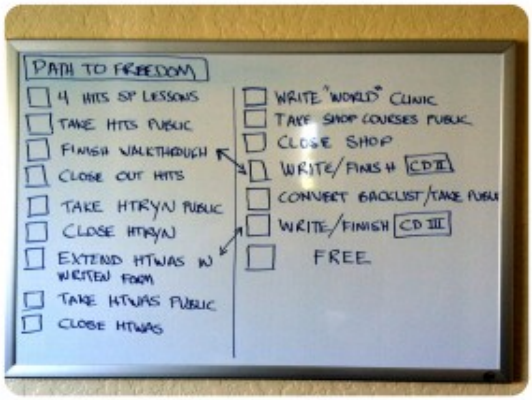
A pic from my office: My path-to-freedom workboard

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My office workboard, now with what is probably going to be a two-year checklist in place.

If you've taken any of my courses (or read some of my more detail-oriented posts, you'll recognize me as big on goal-setting, getting a plan in place, and making sure it's where you can see it.

So the day before yesterday, I erased all the short-term stuff off my office workboard, and put up my BIG goal, which is to retire from teaching inside of two years so I can write JUST my fiction again.

And I put up the steps on how I'll accomplish this, in order, and with checkboxes.

I love checkboxes.

They’re physical proof of progress. Sitting there blank, they’re a reminder of a step to be taken. Checked, they’re a square on the game board you’ve now covered.

I don’t know how you organize goals, but on the MACRO level, this is how I do mine. On the micro level, I have a notebook I carry with me all the time, in which I keep lists of the small steps that help me accomplish the big steps. I’m pretty close to finishing the first of the four Self-Pub lessons. I’ll check that off on the little list, then make a check on the board when all four are finished.

How do you get from where you are to where YOU want to be?

Oh. By the way, CD II and CD III on the right are shorthand for **Cadence Drake 2: Warpaint**, and **Cadence Drake 3: The List of Three** (working title). So my list does include the completion of two novels along with all the rest of the work on the board.

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