

I'm officially on Holiday Hours #wabwm

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Getting the whole month of December off didn't quite work out.

But I am taking off the rest of the month. I don't remember ever having been this tired before, but I now have a chance to rest. Mostly. Sort of.

UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 7th, I'll do Student Support on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. It's just me in there. Margaret is going on holiday, so it'll mostly be me WITHOUT major techie backup, so big problems will be "as I can fix them" or "when Margaret gets back".

On Monday, January 7th, I get back to work for real.

So what does next year's work look like?

What Happens Next Year

First, I write **CREATE A WORLD CLINIC**. I have my outline in Scrivener, the first couple chapters are done already, and I'm FINALLY going to finish the thing. Starting in January.

Drip (the piece of software I needed to offer new BIG courses) is done and working. (Margaret built this, and it's wonderful.) This is HUGE. It means I can do workshops with small class sizes and personal feedback, new bigger courses, and "textbook" classes for things like CREATE A CHARACTER CLINIC and the upcoming CREATE A WORLD CLINIC, where we'll meet a few times in a single week, and I'll crit your creations. Real assignments. Real deadlines. ☐ It'll be fun.

Next year I'm bringing back the FULL, timed-lesson,

everything-included version of **How to Think Sideways**. I have had a ton of requests to make the structured version with the walkthrough, all the downloadable stuff, the bonus course, and the community as a single purchase available again.

HTTS Direct will still be around, and still be a less expensive and unstructured alternative. **HOWEVER**, after the new year, HTTS Direct lessons will come off their extended introductory price. Individual lessons will be \$5.99. The community + additional downloads option will remain available at the same price. When I have the Walkthrough finished, it will become available as a separate upgrade.

How to Write A Series will move to the new classrooms, and get the promised 6-lesson extension.

I'll write **THE EMERALD SUN**.

How to Revise Your Novel will move to the new classrooms.

I'll start **WISHBONE**.

I'll begin doing some live (online) workshops.

These are not in sequential order, and I'm not putting dates on any of this. I'll just work through the list, and get as much done on it as I can, take next December off (jumping up and down on this one), then pick up wherever I left off in January of 2014.

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