

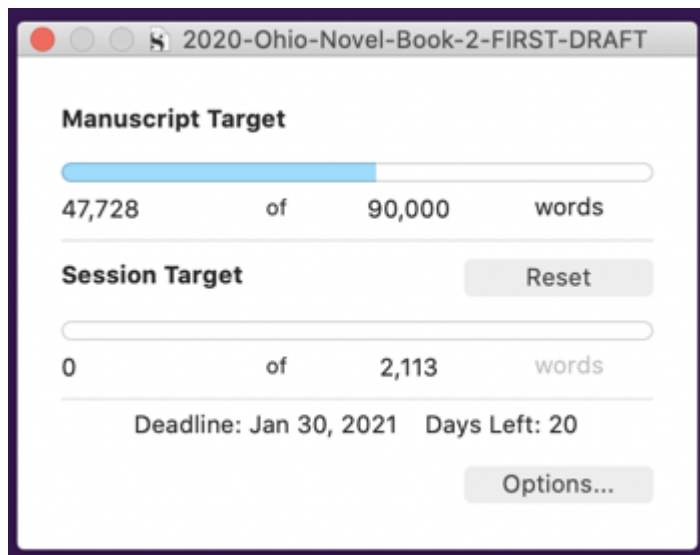
# Resetting my Ohio #2 deadline... Because “holidays and weekends” are a real thing. And so’s math.

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I had to redo my schedule. I forgot about holidays, about taking time off – and I also forgot to figure weekends – and the fact that I don’t write on them – into my schedule.

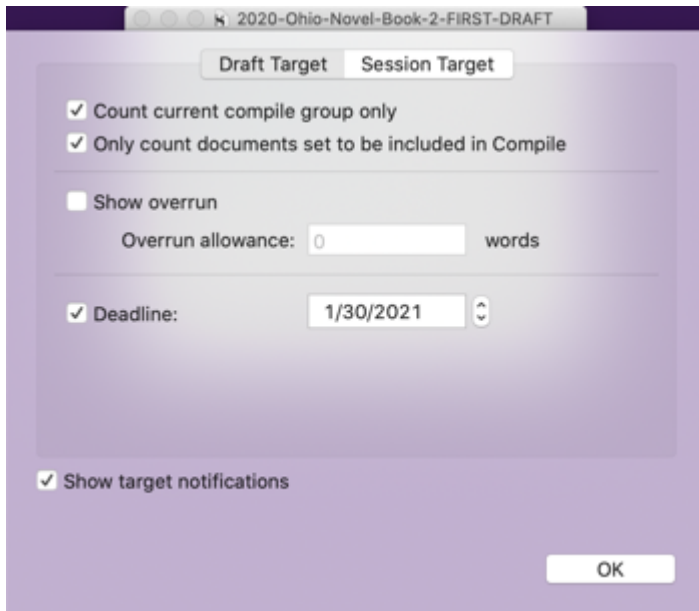
To hit my deadline date, I would have ended up trying to hit 2500 words a day, and I’m not there yet.

The image below, with 2113 words due today, is what I saw when I opened up Scrivener this morning.

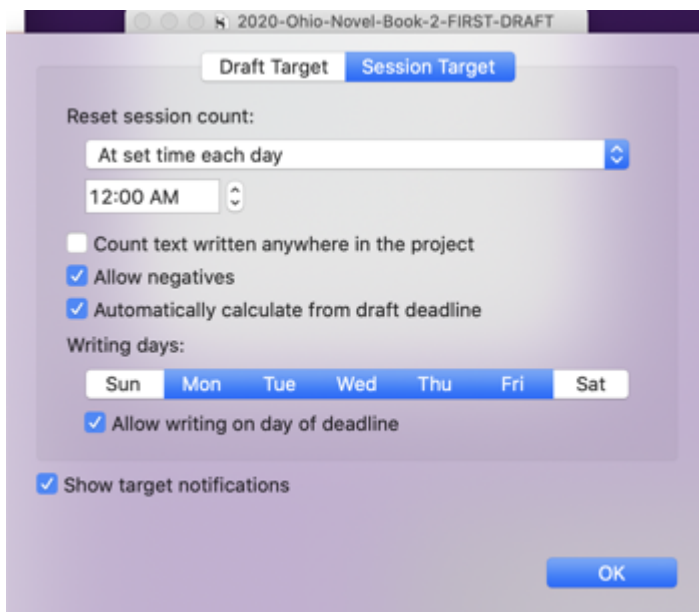


And again, that didn’t figure in taking weekends off, so that I would be working toward an ever-increasing daily wordcount to hit the existing deadline.

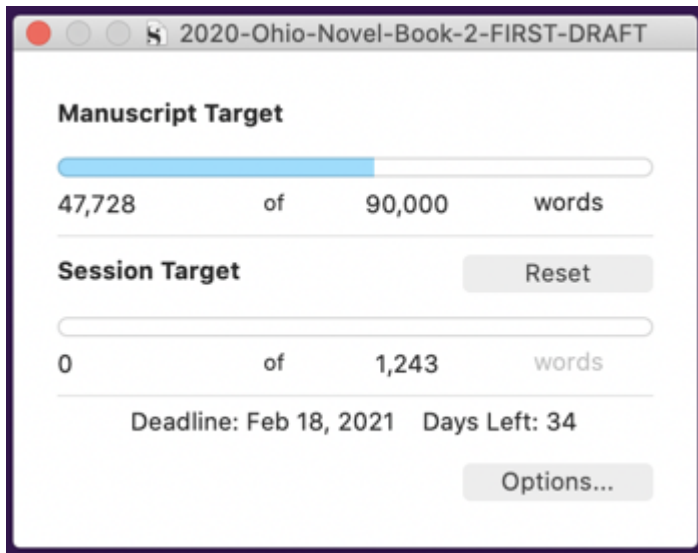
So first I looked at the deadline. It was too soon.



I went into Scrivener and changed the software so it no longer figured weekends as writing days. They're not – they're regeneration, relaxation, re-filling-the-well days.



Then I set the software to give me as close to 1250 words per day, and discovered that it would require me to reset my deadline to Feb. 18, 2021.



So I did that.

And then I got 1260 words today, in spite of the fact that I'd had a bunch of days off and a hard time getting started.

I've discovered that if I can hit my wordcount even when things aren't going well, the wordcount is pretty close to right.

And I like what I got today. Which also helps.

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