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About

Sara is a college drop out and failure who went on to earn 2 Masters degrees and has been working in academic libraries for the past 15 years. There she teaches students how to evaluate information sources and develop better research skills. She has been editing Wikipedia for over 10 years and blogging for nearly three. Her first novel, *Modern Persuasion* (released 2017) and her second, *Phi Alpha Pi* (to be released May 2018) are modernizations of Jane Austen novels. Her novels include themes of mistakes, miscommunication, failure, and regret.

Sara holds a Master's degree in Library Science, another in Communication, and has been a Toastmaster for 12 years. She has earned the status of Distinguished Toastmaster, the highest rank members can earn as speakers. She's been a local organizer for National Novel Writing Month for 12 years. She is an editor for *Mill Pages Magazine* and a trustee for her local public library.

All workshops can be altered for time, increased interaction, or additional content. Sara will work with you to personalize each workshop for your audience.

Sessions

MISTAKES, FAILURE, AND REGRET

30 - 45 minutes

Sara speaks about her experiences dropping and failing out of college. She will share how to found the right path for her future and eventually to becoming an author. This can be expanded to include reading passages from her novels and a book signing.

MODERNIZING JANE AUSTEN

30 - 45 minutes

When people think about Jane Austen, they focus on the themes of romance and marriage. These aren't the only ones Austen wrote about. Sara will talk about themes like regret, misunderstanding, and the role women play in modern society. Learn more about how authors can use these themes to modernize beloved classics.

WIKIPEDIA AND INFORMATION ACCURACY

30- 45 minutes

Learn more about what happens behind the scenes at Wikipedia, how editors maintain and improve entries, and issues the popular encyclopedia struggles to solve. This session can be expanded for groups looking to become Wikipedia editors.