



The **-LONGEST-** Short Story Ever Written in Lexington



*I found her
sitting on a park bench
in Woodland Park. She
looked up when my
shadow fell on the letter
she was writing.
--KY author
Ed McClanahan*



*...[she] closed her writing
tablet for only today.
Tomorrow would be a
new day for her
and her imagination.
--First Lady of KY
Jane Beshear*

National Day on Writing October 20, 2009



The Carnegie Center organized a community-wide National Day on Writing event in which anyone could pen their contribution to the Longest Short Story Ever Written in Lexington. Ed McClanahan (above, author of *O the Clear Moment*) wrote the opening sentence, and sites for others to contribute were set up at bookstores, coffee shops, libraries, and schools. Kentucky's First Lady Jane Beshear wrote the closing lines. More than 135 people created this multi-genre piece, ranging from age 6-85. Two non-English speakers added their halting words, and some sections included French and Spanish. Our goals with this project were to make a statement that writing is important and to encourage others to write for pleasure or purpose.

**5:30 p.m. Celebration at the Carnegie Center
featuring guest speaker First Lady Jane Beshear**

