

Young Writers: Lunchtime Care for All Grades, 2/15

Kelsey Daly

		Time	
February 15, 2025	Sat, 02/15/2025 - 12:00pm - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 1:00pm		Youth
Price	Regular \$5.00	Friend \$4.50	

If you'd like to register your child for both morning and afternoon camps and would like her or him to have supervision and community over lunch, register for the Loft's Youth Lunch Time Care option. Loft staff will eat with your child in a Loft classroom, play games, work on writing projects, go to...

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BASICS

6-Week: First Steps into Writing

Patricia Hoolihan

		Time		
February 4, 2025- March 11, 2025	Tue, 02/04/2025 - 10:00am - Tue, 03/11/2025 - 12:00pm		Basics	Adult
Price	Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80		

This is a class for those who are ready for the adventure of claiming or reclaiming who you are as a writer. Find out what you have to say! Explore the world around you and within you in new ways through language. Writing exercises will encourage you to open doors and cross thresholds to find words...

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CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE, MULTIGENRE

Writing Picture Books for Children: An Introductory Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Mélina Mangal

		Time		
January 25, 2025	Sat, 01/25/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 01/25/2025 - 2:00pm		Children's and Young Adult Literature Multigenre	Adult
Price	Regular \$40.00	Friend \$36.00	Pay What You Can \$0.00	

Do you have a story you want to share with children? We will survey a range of picture books and explore techniques for crafting stories in this unique genre. We will do some writing exercises to help stretch your imagination and channel your inner child. With a little bit of play, curiosity, and...

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CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Fiction Toolkit: Crafting Authentic Dialogue for Teens and Tweens

Jake Maia Arlow

February 1, 2025 | Time
Sat, 02/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/01/2025 - 4:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

In this single-session class, we will engage in close-reading and discussion of dialogue through examples from children's novels, plays, and conversations "in the wild" to understand its importance in prose and stories for young readers (and the young at heart).

Instructions for Accessing This...

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CREATIVE NONFICTION

Experimentation with Hybrid Memoir

Marianne Manzler

December 7, 2024 | Time
Sat, 12/07/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 12/07/2024 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Writing a memoir requires profound self-examination and honesty, a process which can be daunting for writers from marginalized backgrounds or those writing about trauma. By offering prompts that encourage a fresh perspective on your stories, we aim to make this process more approachable. We will...

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Sampler Class: Creative Nonfiction with Kelly Sundberg

Kelly Sundberg

January 8, 2025 | Time
Wed, 01/08/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 01/08/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

Want to try your hand at writing creative nonfiction? Perhaps you'd like to take a writing class but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a class online will be the experience you're hoping for. If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing, or...

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Sampler Class: Creative Nonfiction with Ryan Berg

Ryan Berg

January 9, 2025 | Time
Thu, 01/09/2025 - 5:00pm - Thu, 01/09/2025 - 6:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

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Sampler Class: Creative Nonfiction with Anna Molenaar

Anna Molenaar

	Time	
January 14, 2025	Tue, 01/14/2025 - 10:00am - Tue, 01/14/2025 - 11:00am	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price	Regular \$8.00 Friend \$7.20	

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Finding Your Essay's Compass—Advanced Creative Nonfiction Workshop

Kelly Sundberg

	Time	
January 15, 2025- April 9, 2025	Wed, 01/15/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 04/09/2025 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price	Regular \$444.00 Friend \$399.60	

Lyric essays can seem impenetrable at first, but when done well, they have a beating heart inside of them. For aspiring writers, gaining a better understanding of what makes writing lyric (or language based) can make all prose writing stronger.

This advanced creative nonfiction workshop is designed...

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Nonfiction Toolkit: Beyond the Memoir

Tony Jones

	Time	
January 18, 2025	Sat, 01/18/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/18/2025 - 4:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price	Regular \$74.00 Friend \$66.60	

Write what you know, they say. But it turns out that's harder than it looks! Memoir writing is a unique way to embed your own story in what you write. In this class, we will explore memoir, but we'll also look at first-person narrative in journalism, essays, and even "auto-fiction" as methods to...

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Personal Essays: The Art and Craft of Narrative Nonfiction

Jessie Sholl

	Time	
January 20, 2025- April 7, 2025	Mon, 01/20/2025 - 6:00pm - Mon, 04/07/2025 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price	Regular \$444.00 Friend \$399.60	

In this class, we explore the personal essay in all its forms—including mini-memoirs, perspective-changing travel experiences, profiles, and experimental ways of telling our stories. Through readings, discussions, and in-class exercises, we investigate the aspects of narrative craft—dialogue...

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6-Week Memoir Workshop: Finding Inspiration and More from Solito

Kate St. Vincent Vogl

	Time	
January 21, 2025- February 25, 2025	Tue, 01/21/2025 - 1:00pm - Tue, 02/25/2025 - 3:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

Explore the craft of memoir writing by studying techniques from Javier Zamora's "Solito." Learn how to effectively tell your life's story, address common memoir challenges, and utilize journal entries. Develop compelling narratives, dialogue, and character descriptions, even from vague memories...

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6-Week Workshop: Writing the Braided Essay–Winter Edition

Emily Trenholm

	Time	
January 21, 2025- February 25, 2025	Tue, 01/21/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/25/2025 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

Do you have two creative lines of thought that feel inexplicably linked? Do you have a sense that two stories are in fact one? Do you delight in challenging a narrative from the inside out? The braided essay will help you explore this.

What is the braided essay? In its simplest sense, the form...

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6-Week Class of Delights: Writing the Daily Ode with Inspiration from Ross Gay

Anna Molenaar

	Time	
January 21, 2025- February 25, 2025	Tue, 01/21/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/25/2025 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

In this six-week class, we'll learn about the Ode, a form of nonfiction. We'll do this by reading and analyzing Ross Gay's renowned The Book of Delights. As we explore Gay's observations in The Book of Delights, students will identify elements of craft and sources of inspiration that can be applied...

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8-Week: Discovering the Lyric Essay–Writing Against the Norm

Alexis Wright

	Time	
January 22, 2025- March 12, 2025	Wed, 01/22/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 03/12/2025 - 3:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$296.00	Friend \$266.40	

The essay, at its core, is an art form that resists strict definition—it is a space "to try," to explore, and to discover. The lyric essay takes this further, embracing a form that is often elusive, undefinable, and difficult to claim. But what if this elusiveness is a feature, not a flaw?

In this...

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Self-Care for Writers: Writing as Healing

Roxanne Sadovsky

	Time	
January 23, 2025- March 13, 2025	Thu, 01/23/2025 - 10:00am - Thu, 03/13/2025 - 12:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$296.00	Friend \$266.40	

Addiction. War. Climate Crisis. Loss. Identity. Trauma. Injustice. Dysfunctional Family. Heartbreak. Illness. Hunger. Betrayal. Secrets... As writers we are called to create art out of the human tragedy by sharing our story and divulging the gritty details in order to impart wisdom, insight, and...

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Narratives of Resilience: Crafting Personal Stories of Healing in Six Weeks

Ryan Berg

	Time	
January 23, 2025- February 27, 2025	Thu, 01/23/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 02/27/2025 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

Narratives of Resilience: Crafting Personal Stories of Healing is a transformative six-week creative writing course designed for writers of all levels who wish to explore and articulate their most challenging personal stories. This class guides students through the delicate process of turning...

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Cooking with Words

Mary Ringstad

	Time	
January 25, 2025	Sat, 01/25/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/25/2025 - 4:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$55.50	Friend \$49.95	

Have an appetite for writing recipes, cookbooks and food editorial? Learn the craft behind cookbooks and food marketing content, from arancini to zucchini and everything in between. Explore concepting, recipe formatting, editorial, tips, blurbs and sidebars. And we'll stir in writing food blogs...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/cooking-words-1\]](https://loft.org/classes/cooking-words-1)

Improv Workshop for Writers: Exploring Interactive Methods to Draft and Revise in 6 Weeks

Alison Bergblom Johnson

	Time	
January 29, 2025- March 5, 2025	Wed, 01/29/2025 - 10:00am - Wed, 03/05/2025 - 12:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

In this six-week class, we'll explore how improv and other performance techniques and practices can improve our writing.

We'll sample a wide range of current oral traditions from The Moth stories (Javier Morillo) to performance artist Spalding Gray, to intimate podcasts from journalist Tonya...

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2025 Year-Long Creative Nonfiction Writing Project with Sun Yung Shin—Winter Online Cohort

☐ ☐ ☐ Sun Yung Shin

	Time		
January 29, 2025- December 31, 2025	Wed, 01/29/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/31/2025 - 9:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult
Price Regular \$7,500.00	Friend \$7,440.00		

Your life is a treasure, both utterly unique, never to be repeated again, and also undeniably part of the larger collective. This collective includes contemporary humanity, all our ancestors, as well as all existence in the cosmos. It also includes the unknowable future. Your creative nonfiction or...

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2025 Year-Long Memoir Writing Project with Carolyn Holbrook—Winter Online Cohort

	Time		
January 29, 2025- December 31, 2025	Wed, 01/29/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/31/2025 - 9:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult
Price Regular \$7,500.00	Friend \$7,440.00		

Everyone leads a life that is important enough to write about. Some of you have known for a while that you want to write about your unique life or a specific time in your life, or perhaps a continuous theme in your life. Some of you simply have an idea that you want to write but may not be sure what...

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Sampler Class: Creative Nonfiction with Alison Bergblom Johnson

Alison Bergblom Johnson

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February 4, 2025	Tue, 02/04/2025 - 10:00am - Tue, 02/04/2025 - 11:00am	Creative Nonfiction	Adult
Price Regular \$8.00	Friend \$7.20		

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4-Week Workshop: Writing Personal Essays About Pop Culture

Lizzie Lawson

	Time		
February 6, 2025- February 27, 2025	Thu, 02/06/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 02/27/2025 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult
Price Regular \$148.00	Friend \$133.20		

Incorporating pop culture into an essay can be a great way to grab readers' attention and widen the scope of your work. In this four-week class, we'll discuss how to combine cultural criticism and personal stories in a way that deepens insights of both and reaches a broad audience. We'll explore a...

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Flash Creative Nonfiction Generator: Winter Toolkit

Lizzie Lawson

	Time		
February 8, 2025	Sat, 02/08/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/08/2025 - 1:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult
Price Regular \$55.50	Friend \$49.95		

Read and write tiny personal essays in this three-hour flash creative nonfiction generator. Writing in the short form (1,000 words or less) can be a great way to energize and focus your words. Learn to create lasting depth and impact in a small space with the help of craft techniques, flash...

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Nonfiction Basics: Effective Interviewing

Andy Dehnart

February 8, 2025 | Time
Sat, 02/08/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/08/2025 - 5:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

The "nonfiction" part of creative nonfiction often means we need to gather information, and the best way to do that is talking to people, i.e. interviewing. Whether interviews are casual (asking a family member about a memory) or formal (interviewing an expert on the record), there are ways to make...

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Double-Session Class: Internet Research for Nonfiction Writers, Memoirists, Biographers and Family Historians

Alison Bergblom Johnson

February 22, 2025- March 1, 2025 | Time
Sat, 02/22/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/01/2025 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

This research-methods class will prepare nonfiction writers, family historians, genealogists, and biographers exploring the past (whether the 1890s or 1990s) to dig into a variety of resources available via the internet, going far beyond what's accessible via search engines.

It's often the small...

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Flash Memoir Essentials: Life Stories in Under 500 Words

Brenda Hudson

March 1, 2025 | Time
Sat, 03/01/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/01/2025 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

In this class, you will practice writing a super-short-form memoir—your stories in under 500 words. You'll choose which of your life stories to examine, brainstorm ways to tell your stories, and begin writing. At the end of class, you'll have a beginning draft and the know-how to continue with your...

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6-Week: Finding Your Story, Telling Your Truth

Carolyn Holbrook

March 4, 2025- April 8, 2025 | Time
Tue, 03/04/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/08/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

Everyone leads a life that is important enough to write about. Everyone is an authority on something, whether that something is personal or something of importance in the larger scheme of things. Toni Morrison said, "I write the books I've always wanted to read." Pablo Neruda wrote an ode to his sox...

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March Loft After School Online: Creative Nonfiction Essentials for Teens

Jesaka Long

	Time	
March 5, 2025- March 26, 2025	Wed, 03/05/2025 - 5:00pm - Wed, 03/26/2025 - 6:30pm	Creative Nonfiction Youth
Price Regular \$117.00	Friend \$105.30	

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What is Loft Online After School?:

These groups connect young writers and readers across the U.S. and beyond. They offer a supportive community focused on writing goals or book discussions, making new friends, and thinking deeply.

Instructions for Accessing...

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6-Week: Experimenting with Essay Structure

Lizzie Lawson

	Time	
March 13, 2025- April 17, 2025	Thu, 03/13/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 04/17/2025 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

There are many surprising shapes and structures the essay form can take. From traditional narratives to experimental forms such as lyric, braided, and hermit crab essays, trying out new structures can refresh and re-energize your writing.

In this class, we will read examples of essays written in a...

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8-Week: The Art of the Personal Essay

Emily Trenholm

	Time	
March 18, 2025- May 6, 2025	Tue, 03/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 05/06/2025 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$296.00	Friend \$266.40	

Do you have a burning story to tell—your own? Using creative non-fiction to tell our own stories and find our writing voices can be incredibly empowering. In this 8-week class, we'll explore the personal essay as a way to tell these stories.

The personal essay is a great entry point into creative...

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Experimental Forms and Creative Nonfiction 101

Jesaka Long

	Time	
March 25, 2025- April 15, 2025	Tue, 03/25/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 04/15/2025 - 6:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$148.00	Friend \$133.20	

What's the difference between creative nonfiction, personal essays, and memoir? Where does narrative journalism and cultural criticism fit? What are the limits of the "creative" aspect of this type of nonfiction?

In this Creative Nonfiction 101 class, we'll answer these questions and many more...

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Flash Creative Nonfiction Generator: Spring Toolkit

Lizzie Lawson

Time
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CREATIVE NONFICTION, FICTION, MULTIGENRE

A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers: The ABCs of Narrative Construction

David Mura

Time
April 12, 2025 | Sat, 04/12/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/12/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction Fiction Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

This class will explore the principles of (Western) narrative construction and how these principles/techniques can be used in both fiction and non-fiction/memoir. We will base the class on readings made available to the participants, including work by ZZ Packer, Gish Jen, Junot Diaz, Jhumpa Lahiri...

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CREATIVE PROCESS

Sampler Class: Improv Character Exercises for Writers with Jen Cheng

Jen Cheng

	Time	
January 7, 2025	Tue, 01/07/2025 - 1:00pm - Tue, 01/07/2025 - 2:00pm	Creative Process Adult
Price	Regular \$8.00 Friend \$7.20	

Want to try your hand at a class on creative process? Learn more about sustainable writing practices? Perhaps you'd like to take a writing class but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a class online will be the experience you're hoping for. If you're new to the...

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Sampler Class: Mapping Your Creativity with Rachel Werner

Rachel Werner

	Time	
January 8, 2025	Wed, 01/08/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 01/08/2025 - 2:00pm	Creative Process Adult
Price	Regular \$8.00 Friend \$7.20	

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing, or you'd just like the opportunity to try a class for a brief time, meet other writers, and find a writing community while finding your own voice, this Sampler Class is the place for you! If you like this class, please consider taking...

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Self-Care For Writers: Journaling Through Challenging Times

Brenda Hudson

	Time	
January 15, 2025- February 5, 2025	Wed, 01/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 02/05/2025 - 3:00pm	Creative Process Adult
Price	Regular \$148.00 Friend \$133.20	

Learn to write courageously! Journaling is an excellent way to capture your experiences and work through thoughts and feelings in challenging times. Use structure and creativity to journal in a way that prevents overwhelm and promotes understanding, acceptance, and growth. In this class, you will be...

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8-Week: Southeast Asian Diasporic Voices–The King Retired to His Summer Residence

Pacyinz Lyfoung

	Time	
January 21, 2025- March 11, 2025	Tue, 01/21/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 03/11/2025 - 6:00pm	Creative Process Adult
Price	Regular \$296.00 Friend \$266.40	

"The King retired to his summer residence" is the euphemism used to keep up the appearance of a bloodless transition from a right-wing Kingdom of Laos to left-wing communist country. That euphemism captures the silence that has wrapped around that history, where no sides can officially speak the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-southeast-asian-diasporic-voices-king-retired-his-summer-residence\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-southeast-asian-diasporic-voices-king-retired-his-summer-residence)

Sampler Class: Poetry with Amy Sailer

Amy Sailer

	Time	
January 23, 2025	Thu, 01/23/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 01/23/2025 - 2:00pm	Creative Process Adult
Price	Regular \$8.00 Friend \$7.20	

Want to try your hand at writing poetry? Perhaps you'd like to take a poetry class, but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a poetry class online will be the experience you're hoping for.

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing—or you'd...

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Self-Care for Writers: Expressive Writing Practices for Creativity, Serenity, and Joy

Kimberly Lee

	Time	
January 25, 2025	Sat, 01/25/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 01/25/2025 - 12:00pm	Creative Process Adult
Price	Regular \$55.50 Friend \$49.95	

Expressive writing practices can be a highly accessible, effective tool for enhancing creativity, professional development, and shifting our mood during challenging times. In this workshop, we'll engage with several structured journaling techniques to help clarify and organize thoughts, while...

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Creative Process Class: Writing Memorable Characters

Jen Cheng

	Time	
January 25, 2025	Sat, 01/25/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/25/2025 - 4:00pm	Creative Process Adult
Price	Regular \$55.50 Friend \$49.95	

This craft intensive offers engaging exercises and discussion to inspire memorable characters. Whatever form of writing you're working on (fiction, poetry, memoir, screenwriting, etc.), bring your work-in-progress or start something new to this class.

We use improv exercises, discuss comedic...

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Creating Compelling Characters With the Tarot

Susie Shubert

	Time	
February 8, 2025	Sat, 02/08/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/08/2025 - 5:00pm	Creative Process Adult
Price	Regular \$74.00 Friend \$66.60	

Strong character development is vital to writing an impactful story that your readers can't put down. With my Creating Compelling Characters with the Tarot method, I help writers go from basic character development to creating living and breathing personalities with the practical magic of the tarot...

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Beyond the Linear: Re-imagining Plot

Gemma Irish

Time
February 22, 2025 | Sat, 02/22/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/22/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Process | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Sometimes the stories we're telling don't fit the container we're trying to put them in. But what other containers are there? This isn't just a writing problem. Relying on one story structure limits the way we view reality, and conceive of what's possible.

By learning new narrative structures (aka...

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Self-Care for Writers: Writing Across the Generations

Roxanne Sadovsky

Time
March 20, 2025 | Thu, 03/20/2025 - 9:00am - Thu, 03/20/2025 - 3:00pm | Creative Process | Adult
Price Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

Hearing yourself wistfully "talkin' about my generation" lately? Complaining about what hurts? Nostalgic for answering machines? Does 50 seem really old? Really young? Tired of being too mature for your age? Hungering for elderly (and youthful) wisdom? You're not alone!

This workshop offers a safe...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/self-care-writers-writing-across-generations\]](https://loft.org/classes/self-care-writers-writing-across-generations)

DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Sampler Class: Digital Storytelling with Anne Aronson

Anne Aronson

Time
January 13, 2025 | Mon, 01/13/2025 - 6:00pm - Mon, 01/13/2025 - 7:00pm | Digital Storytelling | Adult
Price Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

Want to try your hand at digital storytelling or multigenre writing? Perhaps you'd like to take a digital storytelling class but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a multigenre class online will be the experience you're hoping for. If you're new to the Loft...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-digital-storytelling-anne-aronson\]](https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-digital-storytelling-anne-aronson)

8-Week: Introduction to Digital Storytelling

Anne Aronson

Time
January 21, 2025- March 11, 2025 | Tue, 01/21/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 03/11/2025 - 8:00pm | Digital Storytelling | Adult
Price Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

Digital stories build self-awareness, create community, and give voice to those who have not been heard. While there are many kinds of digital stories, this class focuses on how to create a short video that combines oral narration, visuals, and music to tell a compelling story.

The class will cover...

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How to Write Your Podcast

John Moe

February 1, 2025 | Time
Sat, 02/01/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/01/2025 - 1:00pm | Digital Storytelling | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Yes, there are loads of podcasts out there but people are always hungry for something unique told well by someone who really cares about it. That someone could be you.

In this one-day intensive course, you'll first learn to identify the subject you want to build your pod around. Then we'll move on...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/how-write-your-podcast\]](https://loft.org/classes/how-write-your-podcast)

FICTION

4-Week Workshop: Short Fiction

Jeneé Skinner

November 13, 2024- December 11, 2024 | Time
Wed, 11/13/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/11/2024 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

In a way, reading a short story can feel like speed dating, or an otherwise seasonal relationship. But in the brief time we spend with the characters, we learn what makes them who they are and become a part of their lives. In this class, we'll discuss ways to maximize the limited space and...

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Developing Authentic Characters

Savannah Brooks

December 7, 2024 | Time
Sat, 12/07/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 12/07/2024 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

What do your characters do when you're not looking? How do they interact with each other off the page? What goes through their minds that they might not be saying? What are they obsessed with? All of these questions feed into the work of creating a truly memorable character. While plot, tension, and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/developing-authentic-characters\]](https://loft.org/classes/developing-authentic-characters)

Superbad! The Good Stuff for Your Bad Guy

Tamara Hogan

December 14, 2024 | Time
Sat, 12/14/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/14/2024 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$129.50 | Friend \$116.55

Is your villain "superbad?" Through character study, in-class discussion, and guided practice, we'll explore how to build exquisitely creepy, psychologically complex, three-dimensional villains our readers will love to hate, and whose rich, well-motivated agendas kick our stories into overdrive...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/superbad-good-stuff-your-bad-guy\]](https://loft.org/classes/superbad-good-stuff-your-bad-guy)

Sampler Class: Fiction with J.R Dawson

JR Dawson

	Time	
January 8, 2025	Wed, 01/08/2025 - 5:00pm - Wed, 01/08/2025 - 6:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price	Regular \$8.00 Friend \$7.20	

Want to try your hand at writing fiction? Perhaps you'd like to take a poetry class, but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a poetry class online will be the experience you're hoping for.

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing—or you'd...

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Sampler Class: Fiction with Sydney Fowler

Sydney Fowler

	Time	
January 8, 2025	Wed, 01/08/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 01/08/2025 - 7:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price	Regular \$8.00 Friend \$7.20	

Want to try your hand at writing Fiction? Perhaps you'd like to take a Fiction class, but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking an online writing class will be the experience you're hoping for.

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing—or you...

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Sampler Class: Fiction with Sarah Cypher

Sarah Cypher

	Time	
January 9, 2025	Thu, 01/09/2025 - 5:00pm - Thu, 01/09/2025 - 6:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price	Regular \$8.00 Friend \$7.20	

Want to try your hand at writing fiction? For one specially reduced price, you'll get an hour of instruction on craft and engaging discussion, and you'll make connections with fellow novelists and short story writers far and wide. If you enjoy this sampler class, you can sign up for Building...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-fiction-sarah-cypher\]](https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-fiction-sarah-cypher)

Sampler Class: Fiction with Taiwana Shambley

Taiwana Shambley

	Time	
January 14, 2025	Tue, 01/14/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 01/14/2025 - 5:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price	Regular \$8.00 Friend \$7.20	

Want to try your hand at writing fiction? Perhaps you'd like to take a fiction class but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a fiction class online will be the experience you're hoping for. If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing, or you'd...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-fiction-taiwana-shambley\]](https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-fiction-taiwana-shambley)

Building Fictional Worlds

Sarah Cypher

	Time	
January 16, 2025- February 6, 2025	Thu, 01/16/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 02/06/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$148.00	Friend \$133.20	

We will study the art and techniques of creating fictional worlds with the goal of inviting readers to follow the narrative wherever it takes them: into invented worlds that feel as close as our own skin, or into realist settings that feel newly strange. By rigorously surveying both critical and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/building-fictional-worlds\]](https://loft.org/classes/building-fictional-worlds)

8-Week Workshop: Writing Effective Suspense in Fiction

Meg Hafdahl

	Time	
January 21, 2025- March 11, 2025	Tue, 01/21/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 03/11/2025 - 6:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$296.00	Friend \$266.40	

Through literature study, lecture, and writing exercises, author Meg Hafdahl will guide you through the tricky maze of suspense fiction.

Focused on the short story, this class will breakdown the elements of effective suspense in order for you to craft your own pulse-pounding narratives. This...

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The Beginner's Guide to Starting Your Novel in Six Weeks

Tamara Hogan

	Time	
January 21, 2025- February 25, 2025	Tue, 01/21/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/25/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

Do you have a 'novel' idea, but aren't quite sure what to do next? In this high-practicality, no-pressure class, learn how to use essential fiction craft elements such as character, setting, plot, and structure to discover your story, establish a starting point, and help get the right words on the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/beginners-guide-starting-your-novel-six-weeks-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/beginners-guide-starting-your-novel-six-weeks-01)

8-Week: Heat, Escalation, Danger, Delusion: Re-thinking the Short Story

Josh Cook

	Time	
January 22, 2025- March 12, 2025	Wed, 01/22/2025 - 12:00pm - Wed, 03/12/2025 - 2:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$296.00	Friend \$266.40	

This 8-week class seeks to expand our sense of what a story can do, and how it might achieve its effects.

Beyond Freytag's pyramid and conventional modes of plot, we'll look at stories through the lens of what we can see, rather than what formulas have been handed down from old texts. We'll look...

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6-Week: Finessing Historical Fiction

Rachel Werner

Time

January 22, 2025- February 26, 2025 | Wed, 01/22/2025 - 12:00pm - Wed, 02/26/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Research may be the backbone of nonfiction, but it also adds depth, detail and accuracy to fiction. Author Rachel Werner will share the tools and strategies writers need to research with confidence.

Whether you're writing for traditional publishing, the educational market, or literary magazines...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-finessing-historical-fiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-finessing-historical-fiction)

Sampler Class: Fiction with Jeneé Skinner

Jeneé Skinner

Time

January 22, 2025 | Wed, 01/22/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 01/22/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

Want to try your hand at writing fiction? Perhaps you'd like to take a poetry class, but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a poetry class online will be the experience you're hoping for.

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing—or you'd...

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Sampler Class: Short Story Nitty Gritty with Troy Wilderson

Troy Wilderson

Time

January 22, 2025 | Wed, 01/22/2025 - 5:00pm - Wed, 01/22/2025 - 6:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

Want to try your hand at writing short fiction? Perhaps you'd like to take a short story class but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a fiction class online will be the experience you're hoping for. If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing...

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4-Week Workshop: Speculative Fiction

Jeneé Skinner

Time

January 22, 2025- February 12, 2025 | Wed, 01/22/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 02/12/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

As our reality becomes more of a dystopia, you may wonder what counts as fantasy anymore. Years ago, when I first read Octavia Butler's Parable of the Sower, it felt like a violent reimagining of the future. But now that all manner of climates have changed, the line between dream and reality has...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-speculative-fiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-speculative-fiction)

6-Week: World-building in Speculative Fiction

Sydney Fowler

	Time	
January 22, 2025- February 26, 2025	Wed, 01/22/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 02/26/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

In this workshop, we will develop complex living worlds for sci-fi, fantasy, horror and other genres under the Speculative Fiction umbrella. Both new and seasoned speculative fiction writers are welcome. Come ready to connect, experiment, play, and learn! Through world-building activities and craft...

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4-Week Workshop: Writing Fantasy

JR Dawson

	Time	
January 22, 2025- February 12, 2025	Wed, 01/22/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 02/12/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$148.00	Friend \$133.20	

Monsters, magic, and mayhem! It is through fantastical worlds that we learn about our very real experiences. In this class, students will dive into the genre of Fantasy, one of the oldest storytelling traditions on the planet. The course welcomes all levels of writers and readers.

In the first hour...

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12-Week: Work in Progress

Aurelia Wills

	Time	
January 22, 2025- April 9, 2025	Wed, 01/22/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 04/09/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$444.00	Friend \$399.60	

Writing is a wonderful vocation, but the effort can be lonely. Come break the isolation! This class is for fiction writers who are looking for artistic camaraderie and would like feedback on a project. The first three weeks, we'll focus on craft: characterization, story and plot, perspective, voice...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/12-week-work-progress\]](https://loft.org/classes/12-week-work-progress)

6-Week: Introduction to Fiction

Holly Day

	Time	
January 23, 2025- February 27, 2025	Thu, 01/23/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 02/27/2025 - 3:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

Learn to write fiction in a non-intimidating environment with fellow beginners. We'll cover important aspects of craft, including plot, structure, and characterization, while reading work that epitomizes well crafted story. Writers such as Octavia Butler, Min Jin Lee, Jamaica Kincaid, Orhan Pamuk...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-introduction-fiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-introduction-fiction)

Write It Loud: Finding Your Voice

Sophia Huneycutt

Time
January 25, 2025 | Sat, 01/25/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/25/2025 - 5:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

MFA applications ask potential students to describe their voices. Agents say they're looking for voice-driven writing. Critics compliment an author's unique voice. But what is this "voice" everyone talks about—and how can you tell what yours is?

During this generative class, we will explore the...

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Write a Short Story in 8 Weeks

Jesaka Long

Time
January 28, 2025- March 18, 2025 | Tue, 01/28/2025 - 1:00pm - Tue, 03/18/2025 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

Short stories can distill the art and skill of fiction in such a rewarding way for readers and writers. This class is all about filling your sandbox with ideas, characters, settings, and twists. Then you'll move from the sandbox to the blank page, which won't be blank for long!

With the support of...

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Anti-Capitalist Fiction in 6 Weeks

Taiwana Shambley

Time
January 28, 2025- March 4, 2025 | Tue, 01/28/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 03/04/2025 - 6:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Welcome to Anti-capitalist Fiction, a six-session course where we'll explore the powerful stories of working class people and their resistance in literature.

Through discussions, readings, and writing exercises, we'll practice, analyze and evaluate the techniques authors use to bring working class...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/anti-capitalist-fiction-6-weeks\]](https://loft.org/classes/anti-capitalist-fiction-6-weeks)

8-Week: Short Story Nitty Gritty

Troy Wilderson

Time
January 29, 2025- March 19, 2025 | Wed, 01/29/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/19/2025 - 9:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$444.00 | Friend \$399.60

In this 8-week class, we'll explore all the basic elements needed to craft a short story. Each week we'll dive into the essential aspects of the short story form such as character, plot, point of view, theme, and setting.

Students will pre-read a short story by Viet Thanh Nguyen. At the first...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-short-story-nitty-gritty\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-short-story-nitty-gritty)

2025 Year-Long Novel Writing Project with Peter Geye—Winter Online Cohort

Peter Geye

	Time		
January 29, 2025- December 31, 2025	Wed, 01/29/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/31/2025 - 9:00pm	Fiction	Adult
Price Regular \$7,500.00	Friend \$7,440.00		

Your novel, from first word to last and on to market.

One year is plenty of time to write a novel. That's the first lesson of this year-long course. The hundred other lessons that follow will take into account everything from how to begin to how to end, and what to do with your novel once you've...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/2025-year-long-novel-writing-project-peter-geye-winter-online-cohort\]](https://loft.org/classes/2025-year-long-novel-writing-project-peter-geye-winter-online-cohort)

Fiction Toolkit: A Wrinkle in Time—How to Manage Chronology

Steve Almond

	Time		
February 1, 2025	Sat, 02/01/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/01/2025 - 1:00pm	Fiction	Adult
Price Regular \$55.50	Friend \$49.95		

One of the central struggles in storytelling is that human beings are, in essence, time travelers. We live in the past of our memories and the future of our hopes. Thus, when we tell stories, we often shuttle around in time. This can be exciting, but more often it winds up confusing the reader, and...

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Structure & Plot in Fiction

April Dávila

	Time		
February 1, 2025	Sat, 02/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/01/2025 - 4:00pm	Fiction	Adult
Price Regular \$55.50	Friend \$49.95		

Discover the crucial difference between structure and plot in this course designed to deepen your storytelling skills and inspire innovative narratives. By teasing structure and plot apart and looking at them individually, with specific examples, we can come to understand BOTH our story and how we...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/structure-plot-fiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/structure-plot-fiction)

February Loft After School Online: Short Fiction for Grades 7-12

Jesaka Long

	Time		
February 5, 2025- February 26, 2025	Wed, 02/05/2025 - 5:00pm - Wed, 02/26/2025 - 6:30pm	Fiction	Youth
Price Regular \$117.00	Friend \$105.30		

What do dabbles, drabbles, micros, and flashes have in common? They're all types of short fiction! In this class, we'll explore stories that range from 50 to 1500 words and develop skills for writing tales. In our sessions, writers will have opportunities to discuss examples, complete exercises...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/february-loft-after-school-online-short-fiction-grades-7-12\]](https://loft.org/classes/february-loft-after-school-online-short-fiction-grades-7-12)

February Loft After School Online: Character Development for Grades 10-12

James Ellis

	Time	
February 6, 2025- February 27, 2025	Thu, 02/06/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 02/27/2025 - 5:30pm	Fiction Youth
Price Regular \$117.00	Friend \$105.30	

Characters are paramount to every piece of writing. They are the personalities that make us fall in love with the story, further complicating and driving the plot.

Whether we're reading a novel, a memoir, or watching a TV show or movie, we analyze and obsess over character's actions, dialogue, and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/february-loft-after-school-online-character-development-grades-10-12\]](https://loft.org/classes/february-loft-after-school-online-character-development-grades-10-12)

8-Week Workshop: Generate New Pieces & Get Feedback from Your Peers

Lacey Dunham

	Time	
February 6, 2025- March 27, 2025	Thu, 02/06/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 03/27/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$296.00	Friend \$266.40	

In this 8-week fiction class that's a combination of feedback and generative workshop, students can expect to write a lot (some of it during class).

Students will have two opportunities to receive feedback on these new drafts—from the teaching artist and from fellow students. Participants will...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-workshop-generate-new-pieces-get-feedback-your-peers\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-workshop-generate-new-pieces-get-feedback-your-peers)

Fiction Toolkit: Novel Writing & Revision-Getting Unstuck

Lacey Dunham

	Time	
February 8, 2025	Sat, 02/08/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/08/2025 - 1:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$74.00	Friend \$66.60	

Open to writers of all genres and forms of the novel, this intensive revision course is best for writers who find themselves either stuck in the middle of drafting their novel or for writers who have a complete novel draft but don't know where to begin revising.

Our time will be broken into three...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-novel-writing-revision-getting-unstuck\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-novel-writing-revision-getting-unstuck)

Fiction Toolkit: How to Make Plot Your Friend

Steve Almond

	Time	
February 8, 2025	Sat, 02/08/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/08/2025 - 1:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$55.50	Friend \$49.95	

Many writers (myself included) want to believe a gift for exciting language, or narrative invention, will be a substitute for a genuinely arresting plot. Alas, it's not. Velocity, in turns out, isn't the same as direction. It can take many years to unlock the secrets of plot. But it shouldn't! Plot...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-how-make-plot-your-friend\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-how-make-plot-your-friend)

Young Writers: World-Building—Create Your Own Fantasy or Sci Fi World for Grades 4-6

Kelsey Daly

February 15, 2025 | Time
Sat, 02/15/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth
Price Regular \$58.50 | Friend \$52.65

This group connects young writers, fostering a supportive community focused on individual writing goals, making new friends, and meeting young writers where they are at.

Build a unique and spectacular fantasy world from the ground up! During our first three sessions, you will design your new world...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/young-writers-world-building-create-your-own-fantasy-or-sci-fi-world-grades-4-6\]](https://loft.org/classes/young-writers-world-building-create-your-own-fantasy-or-sci-fi-world-grades-4-6)

Fiction Toolkit: Brilliant Openings—How to Get the Reader in the Car

Steve Almond

February 15, 2025 | Time
Sat, 02/15/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Writing's all fun and games until the rejections start piling up. In this intensive (though informal) workshop, we'll aim to make sure your stories or essays draw the reader in, rather than leaving them in the dark. We'll take a second look at your opening pages, as well as the opening pages of...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-brilliant-openings-how-get-reader-car\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-brilliant-openings-how-get-reader-car)

Young Writers: Nature Writing for Grades 10-12

James Ellis

February 15, 2025 | Time
Sat, 02/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth
Price Regular \$58.50 | Friend \$52.65

This multigenre class will investigate the centuries-long connection between the word and the natural world. How do you interpret nature? How do you connect to it? Is there a connection between human nature and the natural world?

In an age that further isolates us from the natural world, we will...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/young-writers-nature-writing-grades-10-12\]](https://loft.org/classes/young-writers-nature-writing-grades-10-12)

The 4-Week Short Story Builder

James Ellis

February 26, 2025- March 19, 2025 | Time
Wed, 02/26/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/19/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

In this 4-week workshop, writers can expect to do the following:

- Get a crash-course review of the essential elements of fiction.
- Read and examine these elements via a variety of authors and excerpts.
- Compose a short story (3000 - 8000 words)
- Workshop your short story.
- Revise and prepare...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-short-story-builder\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-short-story-builder)

Sampler Class: Fiction with Cristeta Boarini

Cristeta Boarini

Time
March 1, 2025 | Sat, 03/01/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/01/2025 - 11:00am | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

Want to try your hand at writing fiction? Perhaps you'd like to take a poetry class, but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a poetry class online will be the experience you're hoping for.

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing—or you'd...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-fiction-cristeta-boarini\]](https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-fiction-cristeta-boarini)

Fiction Toolkit: Five Parts of Story

Brian Malloy

Time
March 1, 2025 | Sat, 03/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/01/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.50

In this intentionally kind and friendly class for absolute beginners and those in need of a refresher, we will explore the five part of story model for writers who need help with structuring and building momentum in their stories. We'll examine each of the five parts: exposition, rising action...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-five-parts-story\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-five-parts-story)

Loft After School Online: Character Development for Grades 7-9

Kelsey Daly

Time
March 4, 2025- March 25, 2025 | Tue, 03/04/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 03/25/2025 - 5:30pm | Fiction | Youth
Price Regular \$117.00 | Friend \$105.30

Come create your very own fantasy character alongside fellow fantasy and sci-fi writing peers!

You'll do writing exercise that make your character pop off the page and into your reader's heart. What are their motivations, surprising backstories, dreams, worries, and noteworthy fashion choices? When...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-online-character-development-grades-7-9\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-online-character-development-grades-7-9)

4-Week Workshop: Novel Writing

Jeneé Skinner

Time
March 5, 2025- March 26, 2025 | Wed, 03/05/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/26/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

We love to sit with characters long enough to know them, navigate adversity with them, and ultimately to be transported by their story. While it's easy to come up with interesting concepts, honing in on those concepts enough to fill a novel is where the work begins. The world, relationships...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-novel-writing\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-novel-writing)

Fiction Toolkit: Characters & Characterization

Brian Malloy

Time
March 8, 2025 | Sat, 03/08/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.50

For this intentionally kind session for beginners or those in need of a refresher, come prepared to create characters based on people you know (and combinations thereof), as well as characters based on your passion, your interest, your curiosity, and your imagination. We'll practice direct and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-characters-characterization\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-characters-characterization)

Jumpstart Your YA Novel

Jackie Cangro

Time
March 15, 2025 | Sat, 03/15/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/15/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Are you eager to dive into the vibrant world of Young Adult fiction but don't know where to start? Jumpstart Your YA Novel offers an overview of crafting an engaging YA novel.

We'll cover the basics—from developing authentic teenage voices to constructing gripping plots and relatable characters...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/jumpstart-your-ya-novel\]](https://loft.org/classes/jumpstart-your-ya-novel)

Imagining a Better World Through Speculative Fiction (March)

Cristeta Boarini

Time
March 15, 2025 | Sat, 03/15/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/15/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Speculative fiction pushes the students to imagine what could be. As the author Simon Sinek has said, "Before we build the world we want to live in, we have to imagine it." This session will ask writers to push the boundaries of what they know to be possible by changing one small thing in our known...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/imagining-better-world-through-speculative-fiction-march\]](https://loft.org/classes/imagining-better-world-through-speculative-fiction-march)

Fiction Basics: Point of View

Brian Malloy

Time
March 15, 2025 | Sat, 03/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Point of view (POV) is often a question of camera angle (Wide shots or close-ups?) and access (Can we present the thoughts of one or more characters in addition to what they say and do?). POV is not simply a question of the 1st person (I said) or 3rd person (they said); you'll need to consider...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-point-view-21\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-point-view-21)

The Art of Backstory in Fiction: Create Dynamic Characters Through Their Past

Jackie Cangro

Time
March 22, 2025 | Sat, 03/22/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Understanding your characters' past can help you develop their motivations (why they want what they want) and solve plot problems (what they do next). In this class, we'll review craft techniques for developing effective backstory, and we'll review excerpts of published works to illustrate how...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/art-backstory-fiction-create-dynamic-characters-through-their-past\]](https://loft.org/classes/art-backstory-fiction-create-dynamic-characters-through-their-past)

Fiction Basics: Setting

Brian Malloy

Time
March 22, 2025 | Sat, 03/22/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

For this session on setting, keep in mind what Elizabeth Bowen said "Nothing happens nowhere." While many writers shy away from describing their settings, the lack of an atmospheric setting can easily bore and confuse readers. The well-rendered setting can create harmony or conflict, characterize...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-setting-3\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-setting-3)

Fiction Basics: Scene, Summary, and Narrative Time

Brian Malloy

Time
March 29, 2025 | Sat, 03/29/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/29/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Many writers struggle with how to present the events in their story. Does an event demand a moment-by-moment scene? Should it be summarized? How can we transition between scene and summary and move our characters backward and forward in time? Through exercises and brief readings, we'll experiment...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-scene-summary-and-narrative-time-3\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-scene-summary-and-narrative-time-3)

6-Week: Strange Fiction-Writing the Horrific and Harrowing

Rachel Moulton

Time
April 2, 2025- May 7, 2025 | Wed, 04/02/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 05/07/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

This class will experiment with the horror genre, asking students to write a short piece of fiction (story or chapter) that manipulates and elevates the everyday into the bizarre and heart pounding. Students will be asked to generate new work every class with the intent of also workshopping a more...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-strange-fiction-writing-horrific-and-harrowing\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-strange-fiction-writing-horrific-and-harrowing)

4-Week Workshop: Short Fiction

Jeneé Skinner

	Time	
April 2, 2025- April 23, 2025	Wed, 04/02/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 04/23/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$148.00	Friend \$133.20	

In a way, reading a short story can feel like speed dating, or an otherwise seasonal relationship. But in the brief time we spend with the characters, we learn what makes them who they are and become a part of their lives. In this class, we'll discuss ways to maximize the limited space and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-short-fiction-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-short-fiction-01)

Fiction Toolkit: Creative Language

Brian Malloy

	Time	
April 5, 2025	Sat, 04/05/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/05/2025 - 4:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$55.50	Friend \$49.95	

Readers love variety, especially at the sentence level. In this fast-paced session for absolute beginners and pros in need of a refresher, we'll explore periodic sentences, fragments, parataxis, parallelism, anaphora, epiphora, assonance, juxtaposition, ambiguity, and more. We'll play with...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-creative-language\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-creative-language)

Imagining a Better World Through Speculative Fiction (April)

Cristeta Boarini

	Time	
April 12, 2025	Sat, 04/12/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/12/2025 - 1:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$55.50	Friend \$49.95	

Speculative fiction pushes the students to imagine what could be. As the author Simon Sinek has said, "Before we build the world we want to live in, we have to imagine it." This session will ask writers to push the boundaries of what they know to be possible by changing one small thing in our known...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/imagining-better-world-through-speculative-fiction-april\]](https://loft.org/classes/imagining-better-world-through-speculative-fiction-april)

Fiction Basics: Revision

Brian Malloy

	Time	
April 12, 2025	Sat, 04/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/12/2025 - 4:00pm	Fiction Adult
Price Regular \$55.50	Friend \$49.95	

Bring your printed manuscript, and pink, and green highlighters for this hands-on revision lab. You'll practice revision methods focused on scene/summary, characterization, arrangement of events, pacing, abstract/concrete language, sensory imagery, and significant details. If you don't bring your...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-revision-21\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-revision-21)

Fiction Basics: Emotional Range

Brian Malloy

Time
April 19, 2025 | Sat, 04/19/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/19/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

A frequent criticism of literary fiction is that it is often humorless, with a narrow emotional range that begins with ennui and ends in despair. If you're weary of the drama of the broken tea cup and want to write and read stories with a broad emotional range, this session is for you. If readers...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-emotional-range\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-emotional-range)

Re-Seeing and Revising: Crafting Style and Joy in the Writing Process

Tomas Moniz

Time
May 10, 2025 | Sat, 05/10/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 05/10/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

We spend a lot of time producing text, generating story lines, character development, plot. And once that's done, arguably, the more difficult work begins: revisions, rewriting, re-seeing our sentences, honing our style. There are hundreds of craft books that all basically say similar things: avoid...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/re-seeing-and-revising-crafting-style-and-joy-writing-process\]](https://loft.org/classes/re-seeing-and-revising-crafting-style-and-joy-writing-process)

FOR READERS

February Loft After School Online: Graphic Novel Classics–Fahrenheit 451

Savannah Brooks

Time
February 4, 2025- February 25, 2025 | Tue, 02/04/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 02/25/2025 - 5:30pm | For Readers | Youth
Price Regular \$117.00 | Friend \$105.30

Let's face it: The classics of fiction can be a bust. They can feel irrelevant, inaccessible, and yes, at times insulting.

So why are they so important? Because books don't only tell a story. Each story shows us a certain place, time, and perspective on the human experience. They are the people's...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/february-loft-after-school-online-graphic-novel-classics-fahrenheit-451\]](https://loft.org/classes/february-loft-after-school-online-graphic-novel-classics-fahrenheit-451)

March Loft After School Online: Graphic Novel Classics–Frankenstein

Savannah Brooks

Time
March 4, 2025- March 25, 2025 | Tue, 03/04/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 03/25/2025 - 5:30pm | For Readers | Youth
Price Regular \$117.00 | Friend \$105.30

Let's face it: The classics of fiction can be a bust. They can feel irrelevant, inaccessible, and yes, at times insulting.

So why are they so important? Because books don't only tell a story. Each story shows us a certain place, time, and perspective on the human experience. As readers, we then...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/march-loft-after-school-online-graphic-novel-classics-frankenstein\]](https://loft.org/classes/march-loft-after-school-online-graphic-novel-classics-frankenstein)

April Loft After School Online: Graphic Novel Classics–1984

Savannah Brooks

Time
April 8, 2025- April 29, 2025 | Tue, 04/08/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 04/29/2025 - 5:30pm | For Readers | Youth
Price Regular \$117.00 | Friend \$105.30

Let's face it: The classics of fiction can be a bust. They can feel irrelevant, inaccessible, and yes, at times insulting.
So why are they so important? Because books don't only tell a story. Each story shows us a certain place, time, and perspective on the human experience. As readers, we then...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/april-loft-after-school-online-graphic-novel-classics-1984\]](https://loft.org/classes/april-loft-after-school-online-graphic-novel-classics-1984)

MULTIGENRE

Weaving with Word: Writing Lyric Hybrid

Lucia LoTempio

Time
November 23, 2024 | Sat, 11/23/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/23/2024 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

As writers, we look for tools that best scaffold our writing to achieve our intended expression or message. Traditionally, this may compartmentalize our expression into silos of genre. But, our writing can become more fully realized, exciting, and uniquely “us” when we allow ourselves to weave craft...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/weaving-word-writing-lyric-hybrid\]](https://loft.org/classes/weaving-word-writing-lyric-hybrid)

Descriptive Language

Aurelia Wills

Time
December 14, 2024 | Sat, 12/14/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 12/14/2024 - 2:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Descriptive language is a writer's most powerful tool for creating what John Gardner called the best fiction—a vivid and continuous dream. Readings and writing exercises will focus on the importance of specificity, how to deftly work with adverbs and adjectives, describing with all five senses, and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/descriptive-language-3\]](https://loft.org/classes/descriptive-language-3)

6-Week: Writing 3-Dimensional Characters

Michael Gorrie

Time
January 16, 2025- February 20, 2025 | Thu, 01/16/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 02/20/2025 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Having problems getting readers to connect with your characters? Feel like your stories are good, but need an emotional boost to make readers care more? Then this course is for you!
In this class, we'll focus on a variety of tools to create engaging characters. As we go, we'll apply what we learn...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-writing-3-dimensional-characters\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-writing-3-dimensional-characters)

6-Week: The Mother Writer–Winter Edition

Kaia Preus

January 21, 2025- February 25, 2025 | Time
Tue, 01/21/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/25/2025 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

This multi-genre course is for anyone who identifies as a mother and a writer, and anyone who sometimes feels the tension between those roles. It's designed to give mother writers a place to write and to engage in a community of artistic support.

The bulk of each class will be time to write—...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-mother-writer-winter-edition\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-mother-writer-winter-edition)

8-Week: Researching and Writing Literary Historical Fiction

Alysandra Dutton

January 23, 2025- March 13, 2025 | Time
Thu, 01/23/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 03/13/2025 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

Nothing in literature is more contemporary than historical fiction. From critical hits like Marlon James' *A Brief History of Seven Killings* to a surge in ancient mythological retellings à la Madeline Miller's *Circe*, more literary writers than ever are making meaning of the current world through...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-researching-and-writing-literary-historical-fiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-researching-and-writing-literary-historical-fiction)

Decolonizing Your Creative Voice

Anaïs Duplan

January 23, 2025- February 13, 2025 | Time
Thu, 01/23/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 02/13/2025 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

Language carries violence, particularly in the ways we have been socialized to communicate and relate to one another, operating within a language that was used to colonize many of us out of our communal, holistic, and expansive ways of being. How do writers, coming from all professions, challenge...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/decolonizing-your-creative-voice-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/decolonizing-your-creative-voice-01)

Start a Big Writing Project

Melanie Figg

January 25, 2025 | Time
Sat, 01/25/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 01/25/2025 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Ready to turn all those notes and fragments into something “real”? This class is for writers ready to explore, organize, and start to develop their fragments into a large writing project or book (novel, memoir, poem or essay collection, hybrid).

In this class, participants will begin to organize...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/start-big-writing-project\]](https://loft.org/classes/start-big-writing-project)

Multigenre Toolkit: The Power of POV—Choosing the Best Point of View and Perspective for Your Story

Jackie Cangro

Time
January 25, 2025 | Sat, 01/25/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 01/25/2025 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

This online class is for fiction writers who want a deeper look at how POV, perspective, and narration impact their story. We'll focus on different POVs as a framework for how your story will be told. I'll provide examples and guidelines designed to help you choose the right narrative voice for your...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/multigenre-toolkit-power-pov-choosing-best-point-view-and-perspective-your-story\]](https://loft.org/classes/multigenre-toolkit-power-pov-choosing-best-point-view-and-perspective-your-story)

Self-Care for Writers: Writing Through Chronic Pain, Chronic Illness, or Disability

Stephanie Mojica

Time
January 25, 2025 | Sat, 01/25/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 01/25/2025 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Are you weighed down by physical pain, a chronic illness, or a physical disability? Do you feel stuck in your recovery process from life's hurts and hangups? Then join us as we literally try to write our pain away.

In a supportive and safe group environment, we will go through several writing and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/self-care-writers-writing-through-chronic-pain-chronic-illness-or-disability\]](https://loft.org/classes/self-care-writers-writing-through-chronic-pain-chronic-illness-or-disability)

Unlocking the Mystery of Metaphors

Jennifer S. Brown

Time
February 1, 2025 | Sat, 02/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/01/2025 - 5:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Metaphors are the kidney stones of writing. No, that's not quite right. Metaphors are the acid rain of writing. Yuck. Metaphors are... well, they're hard. Metaphors are the bane of many writers. Yet so much can be accomplished with one. Orson Scott Card wrote, "Metaphors have a way of holding the..."

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/unlocking-mystery-metaphors\]](https://loft.org/classes/unlocking-mystery-metaphors)

6-Week: Writing & Publishing for Neurodivergent Writers

Alysandra Dutton

Time
February 4, 2025- March 11, 2025 | Tue, 02/04/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 03/11/2025 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

For Neurodivergent-or-curious writers, beginning to advanced, come together to build community and support in a highly participant-responsive course led by a Neurodivergent instructor. Diagnosis not required.

This course is part writer-support-group and part generative writing course. It does not...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-writing-publishing-neurodivergent-writers\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-writing-publishing-neurodivergent-writers)

Double-Session Class: Writing About Our Animals

Anna Molenaar

	Time	
February 8, 2025- February 15, 2025	Sat, 02/08/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 1:00pm	Multigenre Adult
Price Regular \$111.00	Friend \$99.90	

In this class, students will explore pet memoirs and poetry with a focus on how writing-craft choices deepen themes, tone, and meaning. From historical accounts of beloved pets like Virginia Woolf's *Flush* to modern day memoirs like Rodney Stott's *Bird Brother*, we'll explore how animals can change...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/double-session-class-writing-about-our-animals\]](https://loft.org/classes/double-session-class-writing-about-our-animals)

So What? Your Story and Historical Context: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Patti Kameya

	Time	
February 8, 2025- February 15, 2025	Sat, 02/08/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 12:00pm	Multigenre Adult
Price Regular \$40.00	Friend \$36.00	Pay What You Can \$0.00

Discover how your own story becomes richer and reaches a larger audience when placed within a broader historical frame, or historical context. Through sharing your stories with others, you will become more aware of your global historical context and practice linking your story to other people's...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/so-what-your-story-and-historical-context-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers\]](https://loft.org/classes/so-what-your-story-and-historical-context-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers)

Multigenre Sampler with Laura Walker

Laura Walker

	Time	
February 15, 2025	Sat, 02/15/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 10:00am	Multigenre Adult
Price Regular \$8.00	Friend \$7.20	

Want to try your hand at writing multigenre writing? Perhaps you'd like to take a multigenre class but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a multigenre class online will be the experience you're hoping for. If you're new to the Loft, online classes, this teaching...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/multigenre-sampler-laura-walker\]](https://loft.org/classes/multigenre-sampler-laura-walker)

Go Rococo: Bring the Benefits of Maximalism to Your Work

Kathryn Ganfield

	Time	
February 22, 2025	Sat, 02/22/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/22/2025 - 4:00pm	Multigenre Adult
Price Regular \$55.50	Friend \$49.95	

Who's to say Strunk & White were right when they wrote, "omit needless words"? Why limit yourself in the limitless world of words? You can always cut to the quick later. In this short workshop, let's linger in slow, long, and lush language. By pushing your sentence structure beyond the typical...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/go-rococo-bring-benefits-maximalism-your-work\]](https://loft.org/classes/go-rococo-bring-benefits-maximalism-your-work)

Multigenre Toolkit: Leaning into the Liminal

Laura Walker

Time
March 1, 2025 | Sat, 03/01/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/01/2025 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Liminality is often defined as the space between "not anymore" and "not yet," a time of transition as we move tentatively from what's known and familiar to what's unknown and often scary. Yet liminal spaces allow us to see the world from a fresh perspective, which is something we can very much...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/multigenre-toolkit-leaning-liminal\]](https://loft.org/classes/multigenre-toolkit-leaning-liminal)

8-Week Workshop: Trust Your Writing

Kate St. Vincent Vogl

Time
March 4, 2025- April 22, 2025 | Tue, 03/04/2025 - 1:00pm - Tue, 04/22/2025 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

In writing we trust: We want readers to trust the writer and writers to trust the story. For that, writers have to trust their process. But how can you when you're not sure what you're doing? This class offers guidelines giving you secure footing to navigate writing or revising a full draft...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-workshop-trust-your-writing\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-workshop-trust-your-writing)

6-Week: The Mother Writer–Spring Edition

Kaia Preus

Time
March 4, 2025- April 8, 2025 | Tue, 03/04/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/08/2025 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

This multi-genre course is for anyone who identifies as a mother and a writer, and anyone who sometimes feels the tension between those roles. It's designed to give mother writers a place to write and to engage in a community of artistic support.

The bulk of each class will be time to write—...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-mother-writer-spring-edition\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-mother-writer-spring-edition)

Blueprint for a Revision

Erin Halden

Time
March 22, 2025 | Sat, 03/22/2025 - 2:00pm - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 6:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

You did it! You finished a draft of your novel! Congrats! That's HUGE! All you need is a quick revision pass to polish it up and then – publication! Right!? Wrong. There's another step, one that many writers skip. It's called a manuscript audit, and it's a high-level assessment of the story that...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/blueprint-revision\]](https://loft.org/classes/blueprint-revision)

Multigenre Toolkit: Earth as Home—A Nature & Place-Based Generative Writing Class

Emily Trenholm

Time
April 26, 2025 | Sat, 04/26/2025 - 9:30am - Sat, 04/26/2025 - 12:30pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

This class invites writers to expand their definition of place in relationship to the human and more-than-human world. We'll reorient towards other living beings and phenomena to illuminate our own spot in the larger ecological web. Using the permaculture concept of "Zones of Care," we'll expand our...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/multigenre-toolkit-earth-home-nature-place-based-generative-writing-class\]](https://loft.org/classes/multigenre-toolkit-earth-home-nature-place-based-generative-writing-class)

Fiction Toolkit: Postcolonial Fantasy and Horror Writing

Anaïs Duplan

Time
June 19, 2025- June 26, 2025 | Thu, 06/19/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 06/26/2025 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

It's one thing to feel scared when we watch scary movies, and it's another to feel that same fear as we read. Writers throughout history have found ways of communicating dread, terror, paranoia, and anguish through the written word. The French Continental philosopher Maurice Blanchot writes:...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-postcolonial-fantasy-and-horror-writing\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-postcolonial-fantasy-and-horror-writing)

4-Week Workshop: Speculative Memoir and Autofiction

Anaïs Duplan

Time
July 10, 2025- August 7, 2025 | Thu, 07/10/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 08/07/2025 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

This course will investigate speculative memoir and autofiction. Students in this course should come prepared with a relevant project in progress, with at least 5-10 pages of writing ready for peer workshoping by the start of this course. Projects should be rooted in life writing (i.e. that which...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-speculative-memoir-and-autofiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-speculative-memoir-and-autofiction)

PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

Sampler Class: Multigenre with Michael Gorrie

Michael Gorrie

Time
January 9, 2025 | Thu, 01/09/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 01/09/2025 - 5:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult
Price Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

Want to try your hand at writing fiction or multigenre writing? Perhaps you'd like to take a multigenre class but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a multigenre class online will be the experience you're hoping for. If you're new to the Loft, online classes...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-multigenre-michael-gorrie\]](https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-multigenre-michael-gorrie)

8-Week: Create your own TV Pilot (Comedy, Drama, Reality)

Bo Kaprall

	Time	
January 21, 2025- March 11, 2025	Tue, 01/21/2025 - 10:00am - Tue, 03/11/2025 - 12:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting Adult
Price Regular \$296.00	Friend \$266.40	

Applicable to comedy, drama, and reality TV, this eight-week class is designed for both new and experienced creative writers who hope to break into television writing. We'll study both short- and long-form screenwriting, including a look at the differences between writing scripted and unscripted...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-create-your-own-tv-pilot-comedy-drama-reality\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-create-your-own-tv-pilot-comedy-drama-reality)

8-Week: Write Your First Television Pilot

Elle Thoni

	Time	
January 21, 2025- March 11, 2025	Tue, 01/21/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 03/11/2025 - 8:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting Adult
Price Regular \$296.00	Friend \$266.40	

Have you ever sat streaming one of your fav shows and gotten the itch to try TV writing yourself? This class is for you! Designed for all levels of writers, including those new to screenwriting as well as experienced writers who want to try their hand at a new medium. We'll delve into what makes...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-write-your-first-television-pilot\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-write-your-first-television-pilot)

Let's Talk: Writing Dynamic Dialogue–Winter Edition

Lillie Gardner

	Time	
January 25, 2025	Sat, 01/25/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 01/25/2025 - 1:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting Adult
Price Regular \$55.50	Friend \$49.95	

Dialogue is so much more than characters talking. Dialogue can communicate a story's tone, dictate the energy of a scene, move the plot forward, express important information, provide background context, and make the world come to life—all while sounding like the authentic voice of a character. No...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/lets-talk-writing-dynamic-dialogue-winter-edition\]](https://loft.org/classes/lets-talk-writing-dynamic-dialogue-winter-edition)

Young Writers: Write Your Screenplay or TV Pilot for Teens

Michael Gorrie

	Time	
February 5, 2025- February 26, 2025	Wed, 02/05/2025 - 4:00pm - Wed, 02/26/2025 - 5:30pm	Play- and Screenwriting Youth
Price Regular \$117.00	Friend \$105.30	

This group connects young writers across the U.S. and beyond, fostering a supportive community focused on individual writing goals, making new friends, and meeting young writers where they are at each week.

Join us if you love movies and TV and you're thinking of writing screenplays.

This class is...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/young-writers-write-your-screenplay-or-tv-pilot-teens\]](https://loft.org/classes/young-writers-write-your-screenplay-or-tv-pilot-teens)

Screenplay Workshop: Write Your Screenplay or TV Pilot in 8 Weeks

Michael Gorrie

February 11, 2025- April 1, 2025 | Time Tue, 02/11/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/01/2025 - 8:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult
Price Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

Having trouble starting or following through with your screenplay? Need a structured environment to keep you writing? Then this class is for you.

Designed as both a workshop and instruction on craft as a focus, students will have an opportunity to learn the art form of screenwriting, generate work...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/screenplay-workshop-write-your-screenplay-or-tv-pilot-8-weeks\]](https://loft.org/classes/screenplay-workshop-write-your-screenplay-or-tv-pilot-8-weeks)

Screenwriting Toolkit: Page and the Stage

Loren Niemi

February 22, 2025 | Time Sat, 02/22/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/22/2025 - 2:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Storytelling is the mother of all arts. The use of the term is ubiquitous but too often as writers we forget or downplay the value of orality. I want to appeal to writers to consider the value of the spoken word, the spoken narrative, and the invitation of the oral to provide a qualitatively...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/screenwriting-toolkit-page-and-stage\]](https://loft.org/classes/screenwriting-toolkit-page-and-stage)

Let's Talk: Writing Dynamic Dialogue–Spring Edition

Lillie Gardner

March 22, 2025 | Time Sat, 03/22/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 1:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Dialogue is so much more than characters talking. Dialogue can communicate a story's tone, dictate the energy of a scene, move the plot forward, express important information, provide background context, and make the world come to life—all while sounding like the authentic voice of a character. No...

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6-Week: Idea to Screenplay

Lillie Gardner

April 2, 2025- May 7, 2025 | Time Wed, 04/02/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 05/07/2025 - 8:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Do you have an amazing idea for a screenplay? Are you curious about how the screenwriting process works? Take your project from idea to screenplay in six classes!

In this class, you'll learn what goes into a great screenplay and start generating your own pages. Each week will be devoted to one...

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POETRY

Sampler Class: Poetry with Chelsea DesAutels

Chelsea DesAutels

	Time	
January 14, 2025	Tue, 01/14/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 01/14/2025 - 7:00pm	Poetry Adult
Price	Regular \$8.00 Friend \$7.20	

Want to try your hand at writing poetry? Perhaps you'd like to take a poetry class, but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a poetry class online will be the experience you're hoping for.

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing—or you'd...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-poetry-chelsea-desautels\]](https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-poetry-chelsea-desautels)

Sampler Class: Poetry with Jamila Osman

Jamila Osman

	Time	
January 16, 2025	Thu, 01/16/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 01/16/2025 - 5:00pm	Poetry Adult
Price	Regular \$8.00 Friend \$7.20	

Want to try your hand at writing poetry? Perhaps you'd like to take a poetry class, but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a poetry class online will be the experience you're hoping for.

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing—or you'd...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-poetry-jamila-osman\]](https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-poetry-jamila-osman)

Introduction to Reading & Writing Poetry in 4 Weeks

Anaïs Duplan

	Time	
January 21, 2025- February 18, 2025	Tue, 01/21/2025 - 12:00pm - Tue, 02/18/2025 - 2:00pm	Poetry Adult
Price	Regular \$148.00 Friend \$133.20	

The oftentimes elusive, malleable, interpretive nature of poetry may lead some to believe that they “just don't get poetry.” This course will help students grow more comfortable with digesting and moving slowly with poetry. We will do this by considering eight vantage points: generosity, sonic...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/introduction-reading-writing-poetry-4-weeks\]](https://loft.org/classes/introduction-reading-writing-poetry-4-weeks)

Introduction to Poetry–A Little Class on Form

Jaz Sufi

	Time	
January 21, 2025- February 11, 2025	Tue, 01/21/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/11/2025 - 8:00pm	Poetry Adult
Price	Regular \$148.00 Friend \$133.20	

No experience with poetic forms? No problem! In the spirit of Robert Hass's "A Little Book on Form," this is a class about the formal imagination in poetry. Over the course of this online workshop, we'll explore a variety of different poetic forms and discuss strategies in approaching them, i.e...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/introduction-poetry-little-class-form\]](https://loft.org/classes/introduction-poetry-little-class-form)

6-Week: Demystifying Poetry–Reading and Writing Poems

Jennifer Manthey

	Time	
January 22, 2025- February 26, 2025	Wed, 01/22/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 02/26/2025 - 8:00pm	Poetry Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

Have you always wanted to try writing poetry, but felt intimidated? In this class, we will read an abundance of approachable poetry, including poets Lucille Clifton, Ross Gay and Ada Limon. We will discuss poetry in a comfortable and non-judgmental space, and we'll generate work in class using...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-demystifying-poetry-reading-and-writing-poems\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-demystifying-poetry-reading-and-writing-poems)

8-Week: Making the Space for Poetry in Our World

Deborah Keenan

	Time	
January 23, 2025- March 13, 2025	Thu, 01/23/2025 - 10:00am - Thu, 03/13/2025 - 12:00pm	Poetry Adult
Price Regular \$296.00	Friend \$266.40	

In this 8-week poetry class, we'll read and write together. We'll discuss many poems written by diverse and extraordinary poets, both living and dead. Students will write and turn in as many poems as they wish. All work will be read—fellow students and the teaching artist will provide feedback.

At...

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6-Week: Introduction to Poetry

Angela Siew

	Time	
January 23, 2025- February 27, 2025	Thu, 01/23/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 02/27/2025 - 6:00pm	Poetry Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

Do you love to read poetry and have always wanted to try writing it? Do you have bits of poems or lyrical writing in your journal or notes app that you want to shape into poems?

Come explore the craft of poetry in this six-week course. Each week will feature a fundamental element of poetry, such...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-introduction-poetry\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-introduction-poetry)

6-Week Workshop: Decolonizing Poetry

Gauri Awasthi

	Time	
January 23, 2025- February 27, 2025	Thu, 01/23/2025 - 5:00pm - Thu, 02/27/2025 - 7:00pm	Poetry Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

Different cultures and communities have been colonized, subverted, and often removed from history to respond to the colonizer's culture in diverse ways. In this seminar, we examine poetry and poets who've spoken from marginalized groups and made themselves seen through their writing. We will focus...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-workshop-decolonizing-poetry\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-workshop-decolonizing-poetry)

A Poet's Toolbox

Rebecca Jamieson

Time
January 25, 2025 | Sat, 01/25/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 01/25/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Why do some poems make your heart skip while others leave you cold? In this class, we'll explore some of the key building blocks of good poetry, including voice, metaphor, imagery, and the line.

We'll read and discuss poems that embody these tools from writers including Eve L. Ewing, Ross Gay, Ada...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/poets-toolbox-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/poets-toolbox-01)

Six Poems in Six Weeks

Jude Nutter

Time
January 29, 2025- March 4, 2025 | Wed, 01/29/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 03/04/2025 - 6:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

While every poem has its own formal imperatives, discovering another poet's strategies encourages and enables you to be more self-aware when crafting your own poems; finding the right "form" for the poem is critical, and formal choices change from poem to poem, depending on the poem's subject and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/six-poems-six-weeks\]](https://loft.org/classes/six-poems-six-weeks)

Poetry As Belonging: A Beginners 4-Week Workshop

Jamila Osman

Time
January 30, 2025- February 20, 2025 | Thu, 01/30/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 02/20/2025 - 6:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

This poetry workshop for cultural workers, poets, and dreamers will explore the powerful role of poets and artists to speak to the myriad experiences of migration and movement, dislocation and disenfranchisement. As our news feeds are inundated by a singular story of what it means to be a migrant...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/poetry-belonging-beginners-4-week-workshop\]](https://loft.org/classes/poetry-belonging-beginners-4-week-workshop)

poeTRYhealing

Cassie Premo Steele

Time
February 1, 2025 | Sat, 02/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/01/2025 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

poeTRYhealing is a three-hour class led by an award-winning poet and scholar of trauma that will introduce students to a diverse group of poets who use poetry as a way to heal from individual and collective trauma. During the class meeting, we will read selections from Gloria Anzaldúa, Ellen Bass...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/poetryhealing\]](https://loft.org/classes/poetryhealing)

Beyond the First Draft: Revising Poetry–Winter Edition

Rebecca Jamieson

February 5, 2025- March 12, 2025 | Time
Wed, 02/05/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/12/2025 - 8:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

You've written the wobbly first draft of a poem. Bravo! Perhaps you've made some edits and even had feedback from friends, but you can tell something is missing. Maybe you like it even less than before. What now?

In this class, we'll unpack the biggest and most mysterious phase of the writing...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/beyond-first-draft-revising-poetry-winter-edition\]](https://loft.org/classes/beyond-first-draft-revising-poetry-winter-edition)

Young Writers: Finding the Poet Within for Grades 7-12

Holly Day

February 15, 2025 | Time
Sat, 02/15/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Youth
Price Regular \$58.50 | Friend \$52.65

In this class, we'll discuss the many techniques poets use to find the strongest way to express their ideas through language and structure. We'll discuss how to pull a poem out of a piece of prose, developing stronger imagery in our writing, and how the structure of a poem effects how it looks on...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/young-writers-finding-poet-within-grades-7-12\]](https://loft.org/classes/young-writers-finding-poet-within-grades-7-12)

Risk, Reveal, Reinvent: A Poetry Revision Primer

Chelsea DesAutels

February 15, 2025 | Time
Sat, 02/15/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Marie Howe once described her revision process as an attempt to uncover the poem's "organic heart, its unsayable necessity." In this class, we will dispel with the notion that revision is simply an erasing of error; instead, we will treat revision as an exciting mode of discovery. Ultimately, you...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/risk-reveal-reinvent-poetry-revision-primer-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/risk-reveal-reinvent-poetry-revision-primer-01)

Young Writers: Scrapbook Poetry for Grades 7-12

Dralandra Larkins

February 15, 2025 | Time
Sat, 02/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Youth
Price Regular \$58.50 | Friend \$52.65

This group connects young writers, fostering a supportive community focused on individual writing goals, making new friends, and meeting young writers where they are at.

It all starts in a notebook, right? In this single session "Poetry Scrapbook" and performance-focused workshop, we will dive into...

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Poetry Form: Sonnets!

Melanie Figg

February 22, 2025 | Time
Sat, 02/22/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/22/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Sonnets have been around, since, well, Petrarch invented them in the 13th century. In the 21st century they are still compelling--as a formal puzzle, a container for a love poem, and a fun way to challenge your storytelling and nimbleness with language. The sonnet can build your literary muscles...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/poetry-form-sonnets\]](https://loft.org/classes/poetry-form-sonnets)

Double-Session Class: You Don't Have to Tell the Truth: Omission, Speculation and Fruitful Lies in Poetry

Asa Drake

February 22, 2025- March 1, 2025 | Time
Sat, 02/22/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/01/2025 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

There are many reasons why a poem may resist the explicit truth—a name, a place, an action. During this two part workshop, we'll examine poems that spurn the reader, that ask for whom do we write and what do we preserve by writing? With inspiration from Franny Choi, Taylor Johnson, Saeed Jones, and...

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Finding the Poet Within

Holly Day

March 4, 2025- March 25, 2025 | Time
Tue, 03/04/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 03/25/2025 - 8:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

This class is designed to get you thinking about new ways to write poetry by experimenting with image, metaphor, music, sound, syntax, lineation, and an engagement with both stated and invisible themes. We'll discuss how to heighten the tension in poems through structure and how to make conflicting...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/finding-poet-within-3\]](https://loft.org/classes/finding-poet-within-3)

Generative Poetry Class: The Poetry of the Garden Winter Edition

Amy Sailer

March 8, 2025 | Time
Sat, 03/08/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/08/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

"The word ""anthology"" (anthos + -logia) comes from the Greek for ""flower collection,"" so it's fair to say that the collecting and arranging of poems and flowers are sister arts.

In this generative session, we'll draw inspiration from the history and literature of gardens to inspire new poems...

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Double Session Toolkit: Research in Poetry

Jennifer Manthey

Time
March 15, 2025- March 22, 2025 | Sat, 03/15/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

Research can add depth and interest to poems. It can propel your creative work, and help get you unstuck. In this course, we will examine the role research and fact can play in poetry. We'll read examples, discuss them, and begin our own research for poems. We will read examples during both of our...

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Poetry Form: Golden Shovels!

Melanie Figg

Time
March 22, 2025 | Sat, 03/22/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

In this generative class, we'll take inspiration from poems of Gwendolyn Brooks. We'll read and discuss Golden Shovels: a fun, flexible form invented by Terrence Hayes in tribute to Brooks.

Then we'll take time to begin our own Golden Shovels—and learn how writing out to a word waiting at the end...

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Generative Poetry Class: The Poetry of the Garden Spring Edition

Amy Sailer

Time
April 5, 2025 | Sat, 04/05/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 04/05/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

"The word ""anthology"" (anthos + -logia) comes from the Greek for ""flower collection,"" so it's fair to say that the collecting and arranging of poems and flowers are sister arts.

In this generative session, we'll draw inspiration from the history and literature of gardens to inspire new poems...

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Divinatory Poetics: Using Tarot and Images to Generate Poems Intuitively—A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers (Online)

☐ ☐ ☐ Sun Yung Shin

Time
May 31, 2025 | Sat, 05/31/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 05/31/2025 - 2:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

Poetry is a divinatory practice; words using the alphabet are abstract and symbolic—language acts as a medium between the material and the ethereal, at a crossroads of an ever-traveling present. In this workshop, we will experiment and play with various simple and secular divinatory practices using...

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Poetic Forms Toolkit: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Su Hwang

Time
July 19, 2025 | Sat, 07/19/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/19/2025 - 2:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

The blank page can seem daunting when writing a poem. To remedy the enormity of endless possibilities, certain poetic formal constraints or parameters can be employed to the poet's advantage to spark creative inspiration or provide the poem additional layers of meaning. Former U.S. Poet Laureate Ted...

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PUBLISHING AND CAREER

You Finished Your Book—Now What?

Savannah Brooks

Time
December 14, 2024 | Sat, 12/14/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 12/14/2024 - 4:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

The publishing process can be confusing and intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. Each published writer goes through the same process; somewhere along the way, they just asked for help. That's what this class aims to do: help you take the next step with your manuscript with confidence.

The day...

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A Communal Day of Care: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Rachel Werner

Time
January 11, 2025 | Sat, 01/11/2025 - 12:00pm - Sat, 01/11/2025 - 4:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

Finding time to intentionally replenish our "writerly wells" can be challenging given the numerous demands on our time personally and professionally. Join us a day rooted in care — and community — that's meant to move our creative processes along from stuck to idea to outline (or drafts) more...

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8-Week Writers Sprint: Submissions Accountability Workshop (Click Submit!)

Tina Tocco

Time
January 21, 2025- March 11, 2025 | Tue, 01/21/2025 - 10:00am - Tue, 03/11/2025 - 12:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

Get ready for submission season 2025! As agents and editors reemerge in January from their end-of-year breaks, will you be ready to get back into the submission swing of things after the holidays?

We all need accountability and a nudge now and then, and that's what this class is all about. In...

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Be a Better Copywriter

Mary Ringstad

February 1, 2025 | Time
Sat, 02/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/01/2025 - 4:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Do you want to communicate more effectively? Learn the tricks of the copywriting trade to energize your ads, emails, social media, blogs, reports, proposals, newsletters and more. Achieve better engagement, response rates, and results. You will unlock the secrets behind writing better copy. You will...

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6-Week: Write a Winning Nonfiction Book Proposal

Lyzette Wanzer

February 5, 2025- March 12, 2025 | Time
Wed, 02/05/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/12/2025 - 8:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Did you know that it's possible to sell a book on the strength of a book proposal alone—even if you haven't yet finished writing your book? A book proposal is an equation: a business case married with a marketing plan that you submit to publishers. In this workshop, students will learn the full...

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Finding Community in Literary Magazines: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Halee Kirkwood

March 15, 2025 | Time
Sat, 03/15/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/15/2025 - 2:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

Many writers get their start publishing in literary magazines, but with so many wonderful publications out in the world to read and submit to, it can feel overwhelming to begin the work of submitting. It can be easy to fall into the habit of submitting to any and every literary magazine you can find...

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