

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers: Writing Immersive Worlds and Authentic Cultural Representation in Children's Literature

Payal Doshi

Time
August 9, 2025 | Sat, 08/09/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/09/2025 - 2:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult
Price Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

Every writer needs to build the world their novel for children is set in, but how does one create a setting in which the reader can escape into and become fully immersed? One of the best methods is to weave details from lived experiences, including language, environment, and cultural background...

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CREATIVE NONFICTION

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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-experimenting-essay-structure\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-experimenting-essay-structure)

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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-art-personal-essay\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-art-personal-essay)

Write Your Life: An Essential Toolkit to Writing Memoir

Kate St. Vincent Vogl

Time
March 22, 2025 | Sat, 03/22/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 5:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

How can you best write the story of your life? Maybe you've started writing (and maybe you haven't), but now you're stuck, wondering what to include and what to leave out. How much of the family history should you tell? And what do you do about that family secret?

This class provides real world...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/write-your-life-essential-toolkit-writing-memoir\]](https://loft.org/classes/write-your-life-essential-toolkit-writing-memoir)

Experimental Forms and Creative Nonfiction 101

Jesaka Long

March 25, 2025- April 15, 2025 | Time
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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/experimental-forms-and-creative-nonfiction-101\]](https://loft.org/classes/experimental-forms-and-creative-nonfiction-101)

Flash Creative Nonfiction Generator: Spring Toolkit

Lizzie Lawson

April 12, 2025 | Time
Sat, 04/12/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/12/2025 - 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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/flash-creative-nonfiction-generator-spring-toolkit\]](https://loft.org/classes/flash-creative-nonfiction-generator-spring-toolkit)

Cooking with Words

Mary Ringstad

April 12, 2025 | Time
Sat, 04/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/12/2025 - 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)

Experimentation with Hybrid Memoir

Marianne Manzler

April 19, 2025 | Time
Sat, 04/19/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/19/2025 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Writing a memoir requires profound self-examination and honesty, which can be particularly challenging 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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/experimentation-hybrid-memoir-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/experimentation-hybrid-memoir-01)

Writing Your Debut: The Powerful Beginning

Samina Ali

Time
June 7, 2025 | Sat, 06/07/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/07/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Whether you're working on a memoir or novel, the opening of your book is the most expensive real estate. Agents and editors are looking for key craft decisions— and, within seconds, they can spot whether you've incorporated those craft elements. Have you successfully built the world, introduced the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-your-debut-powerful-beginning\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-your-debut-powerful-beginning)

(June) Writing "My Story:" The Personal Essay for Scholarship and College Applications (for ages 15 to 18)

Mitchell LeGrand

Time
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 12:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth
Price Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for 4 days of writing and creativity!

We all have stories we want to share with others! In this class, we'll explore the personal narrative, and how to tell our own stories in a compelling way. This will prepare you for upcoming...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/june-writing-my-story-personal-essay-scholarship-and-college-applications-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/june-writing-my-story-personal-essay-scholarship-and-college-applications-ages-15-18)

Writing What is Possible: Writing For Social Change (for ages 15 to 18)

Mitchell LeGrand

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[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-what-possible-writing-social-change-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-what-possible-writing-social-change-ages-15-18)

Exploring Place Through Creative Nonfiction (for ages 15 To 18)

Marianne Manzler Michelle Zamanian

Time
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In this multigenre class, we'll use outdoor spaces to inspire essays, poetry, and prose. The creative process is shaped by environment, so we'll use Minneapolis as our muse. We'll...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/exploring-place-through-creative-nonfiction-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/exploring-place-through-creative-nonfiction-ages-15-18)

Write About Yourself: Identity and Creative Nonfiction (for ages 15 to 18)

Amelia Colwell

July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Time Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 12:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth
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Ever wonder why you're drawn to writing about your real-life experiences? Do you have something to say about who you are, but you're not sure where to start?

In this class, we'll write as a tool...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/write-about-yourself-identity-and-creative-nonfiction-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/write-about-yourself-identity-and-creative-nonfiction-ages-15-18)

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[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/august-writing-my-story-personal-essay-scholarship-and-college-applications-ages-15-181\]](https://loft.org/classes/august-writing-my-story-personal-essay-scholarship-and-college-applications-ages-15-181)

CREATIVE NONFICTION, FICTION, MULTIGENRE

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

David Mura

April 12, 2025 | Time 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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-abcs-narrative-construction-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-abcs-narrative-construction-01)

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CREATIVE PROCESS

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/self-care-writers-writing-across-generations1\]](https://loft.org/classes/self-care-writers-writing-across-generations1)

FICTION

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)

Blueprint for a Revision

Erin Halden

Time
March 22, 2025 | Sat, 03/22/2025 - 2:00pm - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 6:00pm | Fiction | 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)

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-scene-summary-and-narrative-time-31\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-scene-summary-and-narrative-time-31)

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)

Narration: Finding the Right Voice

Allison Wyss

Time
April 3, 2025- May 8, 2025 | Thu, 04/03/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 05/08/2025 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

First, find the voice. Then let the voice tell the story. This class will examine a variety of narration techniques, looking at different options a writer has, as well as the opportunities and challenges each style presents. We'll cover topics such as first- and third-person POV, filtering through...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/narration-finding-right-voice\]](https://loft.org/classes/narration-finding-right-voice)

Exit Propelled by Bear: How to Keep Your Reader Turning the Page

Rafael Frumkin

Time
April 5, 2025 | Sat, 04/05/2025 - 12:00pm - Sat, 04/05/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Propulsive. Twisty. Tightly-plotted. We might see these words of praise on the jackets of novels that could be shelved under a variety of subgenres, like mystery, thriller, or suspense. However these books are categorized, it's clear that they all have one thing in common: they keep their readers...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/exit-propelled-bear-how-keep-your-reader-turning-page1\]](https://loft.org/classes/exit-propelled-bear-how-keep-your-reader-turning-page1)

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

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[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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-revision-2\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-revision-2)

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)

Imagination to Page (for ages 12 to 14)

Kelsey Daly John Schaidler

June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Time
Tue, 06/17/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth
Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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SESSION 1:
SPARK NEW IDEAS FOR FICTION WRITING
(for ages 12 to 14, with Kelsey Daly)

Do you love to write, but are sometimes daunted by a blank page? When you're telling a story, do you...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/imagination-page-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/imagination-page-ages-12-14)

Writing About Our Animals (for ages 15 to 18)

Anna Molenaar

June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Time
Tue, 06/17/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth
Price Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

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Over the course of this class, we will explore pet memoirs and poetry about pets. We'll focus on how craft choices deepen themes, tones, and meanings. We will discuss historical accounts of...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-about-our-animals-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-about-our-animals-ages-15-18)

Elements of Fiction—Put the STORY in Your Story (for ages 15 to 18)

Robert Voedisch

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Let's face it: Writing can be a frustrating—and frustratingly mysterious—process. What makes one story soar and another flop? Why do some characters leap off the page and into our hearts, while...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/elements-fiction-put-story-your-story-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/elements-fiction-put-story-your-story-ages-15-18)

6-Week: Finessing Historical Fiction

Rachel Werner

June 18, 2025- July 23, 2025 | Time
Wed, 06/18/2025 - 12:00pm - Wed, 07/23/2025 - 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 \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-finessing-historical-fiction-0\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-finessing-historical-fiction-0)

Fantasy World Immersion for Ages 15 to 18

Aurora Whittet Best

Time
June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth
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Ever wondered what it takes to create the page-turning heroes and heroines of your favorite fantasy novel? In this class, you'll explore the emotional depth necessary to create a...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fantasy-world-immersion-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/fantasy-world-immersion-ages-15-18)

Heroes, Villains, and Worlds: Fantasy Writing for Ages 12 to 14

Kelsey Daly Kat Shepherd

Time
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SESSION 1:

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT:

DESIGN A FANTASY OR SCI-FI PROTAGONIST, VILLAIN, AND SIDEKICK

(for ages 12 to 14, with Kelsey Daly)

Come create your very own fantasy character...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/heroes-villains-and-worlds-fantasy-writing-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/heroes-villains-and-worlds-fantasy-writing-ages-12-14)

Building a Novel—From Paragraphs to Pages (for ages 15 to 18)

Debra Blake

Time
June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth
Price Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

Writing a novel can seem daunting, but this class breaks it down into manageable steps. From the opening class, you'll be writing your novel, first by generating a plot summary and then a...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/building-novel-paragraphs-pages-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/building-novel-paragraphs-pages-ages-15-18)

Worlds of Possibility: Worldbuilding & Interactive Writing (for ages 12 to 14)

Kat Shepherd Amy Sailer

Time
June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth
Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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SESSION 1:

WRITING PICK-A-PATH STORIES

(for ages 12 to 14, with Kat Shepherd)

Interactive book series keep readers turning the pages because the story changes every time. Every decision...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/worlds-possibility-worldbuilding-interactive-writing-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/worlds-possibility-worldbuilding-interactive-writing-ages-12-14)

Strange Worlds: Writing Sci-Fi, Fantasy, & Horror (for ages 12 to 14)

Holly Day Alice Paige

June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Time
Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth
Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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SESSION 1:
THE SCIENCE OF MAGIC
(for ages 12 to 14, with Holly Day)

In this class, we'll explore how magical ideas such as phrenology, numerology, casting runes – and other ways to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/strange-worlds-writing-sci-fi-fantasy-horror-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/strange-worlds-writing-sci-fi-fantasy-horror-ages-12-14)

Storytelling (for ages 6 to 8)

Taiwana Shambley Holly Day

July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Time
Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth
Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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SESSION 1:
WORDS CAN CREATE MAGIC
(with Taiwana Shambley)

Writers are like gardeners. They plant seeds to create magic with words and grow stories from their imaginations. You will begin your...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/storytelling-ages-6-8\]](https://loft.org/classes/storytelling-ages-6-8)

Little Writers, Big Worlds (for ages 6 to 8)

Jack Harris Blythe Baird

July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Time
Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth
Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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SESSION 1:
MYTHICAL CREATURES
(for Ages 6 to 8, with Jack Harris)

If you like to write stories about magical, mythical beings, this session is for you! We'll invent our own creature tales and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/little-writers-big-worlds-ages-6-8\]](https://loft.org/classes/little-writers-big-worlds-ages-6-8)

Jumpstart Your Writing (for ages 12 to 14)

Rachel Guvenc Alice Paige

Time
July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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SESSION 1:

EXPRESS YOURSELF! WORD!

(for ages 12 to 14, with Rachel Guvenc)

Are you passionate about expressing yourself? Are you curious about writing poetry? In this class you will...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/jumpstart-your-writing-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/jumpstart-your-writing-ages-12-14)

Short Story: A to Z—Creative Short Story Writing for Ages 15 to 18

Troy Wilderson

Time
August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Tue, 08/05/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and building community.

At the start of the first class, there will be a discussion based on the pre-reading where we discuss what makes the story successful. Following will be a lecture about the essential components...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/short-story-z-creative-short-story-writing-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/short-story-z-creative-short-story-writing-ages-15-18)

Creating Magical Worlds for Ages 15 to 18

Craig Noles

Time
August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Tue, 08/05/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

Do you want to be a writer? Learn how to create magical, fictional worlds that capture the imagination of your readers and keep them glued to the pages of your stories!

Aspiring writers, grab your...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/creating-magical-worlds-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/creating-magical-worlds-ages-15-18)

Elements of Fiction (for ages 15 to 18)

Alysandra Dutton

Time
August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Tue, 08/05/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

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You've got your story or novel idea. What's next?

You need to create detailed, interesting characters, and a plot that keeps the action moving!

Learn the ins and outs of writing fiction by...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/elements-fiction-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/elements-fiction-ages-15-18)

Elements of Fiction: Put the STORY in Your Story (for ages 15 to 18)

Robert Voedisch

August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025 | Time
Tue, 08/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth
Price Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

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Let's face it: Writing can be a frustrating—and frustratingly mysterious—process. What makes one story soar and another flop? Why do some characters leap off the page and into our hearts, while...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/elements-fiction-put-story-your-story-ages-15-18-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/elements-fiction-put-story-your-story-ages-15-18-01)

Let's Write a Ghost Story (for ages 15 to 18)

Holly Day

August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025 | Time
Tue, 08/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth
Price Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

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Do you like to tell scary stories? In this class, we'll discuss examples of ghost stories and talk about "real" haunted houses. Then we'll write our own stories based on our own haunted houses...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/lets-write-ghost-story-ages-15-181\]](https://loft.org/classes/lets-write-ghost-story-ages-15-181)

Nature Writing (for ages 15 to 18)

James Ellis

August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025 | Time
Tue, 08/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth
Price Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

This multi-genre 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 \[https://loft.org/classes/nature-writing-ages-15-181\]](https://loft.org/classes/nature-writing-ages-15-181)

FOR READERS

April Graphic Novel Classics–1984 for Ages 15 to 18

Savannah Brooks

April 8, 2025- April 29, 2025 | Time
Tue, 04/08/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 04/29/2025 - 5:30pm | For Readers | Youth
Price Regular \$117.00 | Friend \$105.30 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

These Loft Young Writers' After School Online program connects young writers and readers across the U.S. and beyond. They offer a supportive community focused on book discussions, building community, and thinking deeply.

Classics are more than just old stories—they're windows into different times...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/april-graphic-novel-classics-1984-ages-15-181\]](https://loft.org/classes/april-graphic-novel-classics-1984-ages-15-181)

MULTIGENRE

All-Consuming: Writing through Obsession

Lucia LoTempio

Time
April 5, 2025 | Sat, 04/05/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 04/05/2025 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Do you feel you are writing the same thing over and over again? Does what moves your work feel inescapable, haunts you off the page? Together, we will embrace what consumes us through our creative practice. We will locate what is beating at the heart of our writing, and engage in formal modes to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/all-consuming-writing-through-obsession\]](https://loft.org/classes/all-consuming-writing-through-obsession)

Memory and Fragmentation: A Revision Workshop

Piper Lane

Time
April 12, 2025- April 19, 2025 | Sat, 04/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/19/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Price Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

Often understanding character hinges on the past, but we write towards a present and future. Perhaps this interplay is about desire, but what if a narrative requires reckoning? What if memories come gushing back, interrupting the present?

In this course, we will examine creative, nuanced ways to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/memory-and-fragmentation-revision-workshop-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/memory-and-fragmentation-revision-workshop-01)

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)

The Writer's Playground (for ages 9 to 11)

Holly Day Dralandra Larkins

Time
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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SESSION 1:
SCRAPBOOK POETRY
(for ages 9 to 11, with Dralandra Larkins)

It all starts in a notebook, right? We will dive into a river of words, imagery, metaphors, and creativity. This series...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writers-playground-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/writers-playground-ages-9-11)

From Memoir to Myth (for ages 12 to 14)

Amy Sailer Amelia Colwell

Time
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth
Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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SESSION 1:
WRITE ABOUT YOURSELF
(for ages 12 to 14, with Amelia Colwell)

Ever wonder why you're drawn to writing about your real-life experiences? Do you have something to say about who you are...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/memoir-myth-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/memoir-myth-ages-12-14)

Create Your Own Universe (for ages 9 to 11)

Ellen Fee Kat Shepherd

Time
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth
Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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SESSION 1:
WELCOME TO MY WORLD
(for ages 9 to 11, with Ellen Fee)

What other worlds might exist in our universe? We will create a brand-new, imaginative planet and build all the details through...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/create-your-own-universe-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/create-your-own-universe-ages-9-11)

Fiction Toolkit: Postcolonial Fantasy and Horror Writing

Anaïs Duplan

Time
June 19, 2025- July 3, 2025 | Thu, 06/19/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 07/03/2025 - 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)

Creating Fantastical Worlds (for ages 9 to 11)

Ellen Fee Will Hart

Time
June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth
Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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SESSION 1:
POEMS FOR PEACE
(for ages 9 to 11, with Ellen Fee)

Poetry can help us imagine a better future. In this class, we will use poetry to express our dreams for a different world. We will...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/creating-fantastical-worlds-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/creating-fantastical-worlds-ages-9-11)

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 workshopping 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)

Writing Immersion (for ages 12 to 14)

Holly Day Rachel Guvenc

Time
July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth
Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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SESSION 1:
FINDING THE POET WITHIN
(for ages 12 to 14, with Holly Day)

In this class, we'll discuss the many techniques poets use to express their ideas through language and structure. We'll...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-immersion-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-immersion-ages-12-14)

Beyond Text: Visual Experiments in Writing (for ages 15 to 18)

Court Ludwick

Time
July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Tue, 07/15/2025 - 1:30pm - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth
Price Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

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As writers, we rely on imagery all the time: in metaphor, in description, in our characters, in the worlds we create on the page.

But how might we use image beyond text? What happens to our...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/beyond-text-visual-experiments-writing-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/beyond-text-visual-experiments-writing-ages-15-18)

2025 Loft Youth Writing Intensive: Ages 10 To 13

Michael Gorrie Dralandra Larkins Kelsey Daly Robert Voedisch

Time
July 22, 2025- July 25, 2025 | Tue, 07/22/2025 - 9:30am - Fri, 07/25/2025 - 3:30pm | Multigenre | Youth
Price Regular \$550.00 | Friend \$495.00

The Loft's Summer Youth Writing Intensive for Ages 10-13 is led by acclaimed and published writers. These teaching artists are experts in their field! Over the course of four days, students will gain new insights into the craft of writing. (Application link is below.)

This class consists of...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/2025-loft-youth-writing-intensive-ages-10-13\]](https://loft.org/classes/2025-loft-youth-writing-intensive-ages-10-13)

2025 Loft Youth Writing Intensive: Ages 14 To 18

Holly Day Shannon Gibney Dralandra Larkins Michael Gorrie

Time
July 29, 2025- August 1, 2025 | Tue, 07/29/2025 - 9:30am - Fri, 08/01/2025 - 3:30pm | Multigenre | Youth
Price Regular \$550.00 | Friend \$495.00

The Loft's Summer Youth Writing Intensive for Ages 14-18 is led by acclaimed and published writers. These teaching artists are experts in their field! Over the course of four days, students will gain new insights into the craft of writing. (Application link is below.)

This class consists of...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/2025-loft-youth-writing-intensive-ages-14-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/2025-loft-youth-writing-intensive-ages-14-18)

Dark Hauntings: Bending Boundaries in Writing (for ages 12 to 14)

Kelsey Daly Amy Sailer

Time
August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Tue, 08/05/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth
Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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SESSION 1:
CREATE YOUR OWN FANTASY OR SCI-FI WORLD USING CRAFTS
(for ages 12 to 14, with Kelsey Daly)

Build a unique and spectacular fantasy world from the ground up!

During our first 3...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/dark-hauntings-bending-boundaries-writing-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/dark-hauntings-bending-boundaries-writing-ages-12-14)

Write Your World (for ages 12 to 14)

Holly Day Court Ludwick

Time
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SESSION 1:
FINDING THE POET WITHIN
(for ages 12 to 14, with Holly Day)

In this class, we'll discuss the many techniques poets use to find the strongest way to express their ideas through...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/write-your-world-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/write-your-world-ages-12-14)

Story Explorers for Ages 9 to 11

Holly Day Kat Shepherd

Time
August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025 | Tue, 08/12/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth
Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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-Session 1: Help! I Don't Know What to Write! for Ages 9 to 11 with Holly Day
Have you ever sat down to write a story and realized you have no idea how or where to start? In this class, we'll go over...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/story-explorers-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/story-explorers-ages-9-11)

Writing a Better World for Ages 12 to 14

Amy Sailer Court Ludwick

August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025 | Time
Tue, 08/12/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth
Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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-Session 1: Alternate Histories for Ages 12 to 14 with Amy Sailer

In this workshop, the students will collaborate on a group novella that takes place in an alternate history. We will discuss examples of...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-better-world-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-better-world-ages-12-14)

PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

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...

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

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...

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

Screenwriting for Teens (for ages 15 to 18)

Michael Gorrie

June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Time
Tue, 06/17/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 12:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Youth
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Are you a teenager who wants to write your own movie, but you don't know how? This is the class for you!

Aimed at beginners, this class starts off with the fundamentals of screenwriting — how...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/screenwriting-teens-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/screenwriting-teens-ages-15-18)

Half-Day Camp: Get Into Character: Acting 101 (for ages 15 to 18)

John Schaidler

July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Time
Tue, 07/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Youth
Price Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

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Drawing on fundamental techniques of Method Acting, students learn to build great characters piece by piece. Each session focuses on one of Stanislavski's key principles, guiding students to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/half-day-camp-get-character-acting-101-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/half-day-camp-get-character-acting-101-ages-15-18)

Page and the Stage (for ages 12 to 14)

Rachel Guvenc John Schaidler

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SESSION 1:
EXPRESS YOURSELF! WORD!
(for ages 12 to 14, with Rachel Guvenc)

Are you passionate about expressing yourself? Are you curious about writing poetry? In this class you will explore...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/page-and-stage-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/page-and-stage-ages-12-14)

Screenwriting for Teens (for ages 15 to 18)

Michael Gorrie

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POETRY

Poetry Form: Golden Shovels!

Melanie Figg

March 22, 2025 | Time
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...

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

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. We...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/generative-poetry-class-poetry-garden-spring-edition\]](https://loft.org/classes/generative-poetry-class-poetry-garden-spring-edition)

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

☐ ☐ ☐ Sun Yung Shin

Time
June 14, 2025 | Sat, 06/14/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/14/2025 - 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

Michael Kleber-Diggs

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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Magical Worlds of Wonder (for ages 9 to 11)

Marie Olofsdotter Ellen Fee

Time
August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Tue, 08/05/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Youth

Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for 4 days of writing and creativity!

SESSION 1:
FAIRY TALES, MAGIC, AND BOOKMAKING: WRITE YOUR OWN STORY
(for ages 9 to 11, with Marie Olofsdotter)

Explore the timeless territory of magic as you write your own myth-inspired fairy...

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Finding the Poet Within (for ages 15 to 18)

Holly Day

August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Time
Tue, 08/05/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Youth

Price Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for multiple days of writing and creativity!

In this Poet Within class, we'll explore the many techniques poets use to express themselves. We'll discuss the ways they express their ideas through language and structure.

In this class...

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PUBLISHING AND CAREER

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

Halee Kirkwood

March 22, 2025 | Time
Sat, 03/22/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 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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Scrivener 101

Nicole Kronzer

April 12, 2025 | Time
Sat, 04/12/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 04/12/2025 - 12:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Have you downloaded Scrivener and are overwhelmed by all it can do? Never fear! We will go over the basics of using this robust novel-writing software including but not limited to split-screen writing, Revision Mode, organizing with notecards, and the uses of the Inspector.

This class is aimed at...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/scrivener-101-4\]](https://loft.org/classes/scrivener-101-4)

Be a Better Copywriter

Mary Ringstad

April 19, 2025 | Time
Sat, 04/19/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/19/2025 - 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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