

# CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

## 8-Week: Writing for Kids 101

**Tina Tocco**

	Time	
June 17, 2025- July 22, 2025	Tue, 06/17/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 07/22/2025 - 8:00pm	Children's and Young Adult Literature   Adult

Have you always wanted to write stories for kids, but never knew where to start? This class will let you get your feet wet in this fun genre. Don't be nervous about sparking your creativity! We'll use weekly in-class prompts — everything from starter sentences to images, magical objects to inanimate...

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## Crafting Authentic Dialogue in Children's and Young Adult Lit

**Jake Maia Arlow**

	Time	
July 15, 2025	Tue, 07/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Tue, 07/15/2025 - 4:00pm	Children's and Young Adult Literature   Adult

How a person communicates (or doesn't) can tell us everything we need to know about them: are they confident or are they shy? Are they an over-sharer or are they hiding something?

Dialogue is an invaluable asset we have as authors of prose in our toolbelt to showcase characters and move the plot...

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## 4-Week: Writing Novels for Middle Grade

**Kat Shepherd**

	Time	
July 24, 2025- August 14, 2025	Thu, 07/24/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/14/2025 - 8:00pm	Children's and Young Adult Literature   Adult

The world of middle grade is one of optimistic uncertainty. Middle graders, loosely defined as readers between the ages of 8 and 12, embrace their interests with unbridled intensity, even as those interests shift and change with a quickly evolving sense of self.

Writers of Middle Grade fiction must...

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## 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

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

## Summer Sampler: Creative Nonfiction with Victoria Blanco

### Victoria Blanco

Time  
June 3, 2025 | Tue, 06/03/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 06/03/2025 - 5:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

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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## Summer Sampler: Creative Nonfiction with Kelly Sundberg

### Kelly Sundberg

Time  
June 4, 2025 | Wed, 06/04/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 06/04/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

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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## Summer Sampler: Creative Nonfiction with Lizzie Lawson

### Lizzie Lawson

Time  
June 5, 2025 | Thu, 06/05/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 06/05/2025 - 5:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Want to try your hand at writing Creative Nonfiction? Perhaps you'd like to take a Creative Nonfiction 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.

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## 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

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...

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## Summer Sampler: Creative Nonfiction with Rachel Werner

### Rachel Werner

Time  
June 12, 2025 | Thu, 06/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 06/12/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

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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## When and Where: Creating Place for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Carolyn Holbrook

Time  
June 14, 2025 | Sat, 06/14/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/14/2025 - 12:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Great stories can happen anywhere—the corner, the grocery store, the park, the library, the club—even in your own room! Even without knowing the plot, knowing where the story takes place is often enough to allow readers to make assumptions about char

This class is part of a series of classes that...

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## (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

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...

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## 8-Week: Writing Oral Histories

Victoria Blanco

Time  
June 17, 2025- August 5, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 08/05/2025 - 6:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

This eight-week creative nonfiction workshop explores the intersection of climate change and racial justice through the lens of oral histories. Participants will engage with their own communities to document stories of resilience in the face of environmental crisis and political violence.

Using...

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## It's All Relative: Writing About Relationships in Creative Nonfiction

Lizzie Lawson

Time  
June 17, 2025- July 8, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 07/08/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Personal essays and memoir are famously about the writer, but because humans are social creatures, it's near impossible to write our own stories without also including other people. There can be challenges and responsibilities involved in how we portray others on the page.

In this 4-week class, we...

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## 6-Week: Summer Creative Nonfiction Survey

Andy Dehnart

	Time		
June 18, 2025- July 23, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 07/23/2025 - 3:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

Creative nonfiction is crafted from true stories, turning real-life human experience into vibrant literature. But just how do we transform real life into layered, engaging narratives? What techniques can help us unlock the strengths of this genre?

In this interactive, generative, online workshop...

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## 8-Week: Finding Your Essay's Compass--Advanced Creative Nonfiction Workshop

Kelly Sundberg

	Time		
June 18, 2025- August 6, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/06/2025 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

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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## Writing Characters That Walk Off the Page for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Carolyn Holbrook

	Time		
June 21, 2025	Sat, 06/21/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/21/2025 - 12:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

"Whether we are writing a short story or a novel, our characters need to be full and round. In this class, we will talk about characters in urban fiction and will engage in writing exercises to create our own characters. We will learn to deepen our relationship with our characters so they can become...

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## Pitching for Publication

Shawna Kenney

	Time		
June 21, 2025	Sat, 06/21/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/21/2025 - 4:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

Putting your words into the world can be intimidating; adding self-promotion to the mix can be even scarier. Editors have calendars to fill, which is good news for us writers—AKA: organic content creators. Whether you're writing short stories, personal essays, or op eds, these shorter forms are...

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

Marianne Manzler Michelle Zamanian

	Time		
June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025	Tue, 06/24/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 4:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Youth

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

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...

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

**Mitchell LeGrand**

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## 8-Week: Writing Flash Nonfiction

**Anna Molenaar**

June 25, 2025- August 13, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 06/25/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/13/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

In this class, students will examine the genre of flash creative nonfiction. Each class period will be centered around a craft element that serves flash nonfiction, with examples by prominent writers in the genre explored and analyzed for how effective short-form writing is produced. Then, students...

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## Shimmering Images: A Journey of Moments

**Roxanne Sadovsky**

July 2, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 07/02/2025 - 10:00am - Wed, 07/02/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Take a break from talking, working, doing, and gather round for an invigorating retreat of writing and lingering, writing and sharing, and going deeper. We'll warm up with our "shimmering images"—recurring snapshot/flash images that appear to us repeatedly on and off the page in waking, dreaming...

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## Introduction to Food Writing

**Rachel Werner**

July 10, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 07/10/2025 - 10:00am - Thu, 07/10/2025 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Are you an avid foodie who loves to write? Or are you looking to master senses-based, descriptive prose to better compliment your amazing food photography skills? This "101" course is for writers interested in becoming food critics and those already working in the niche market of "epicurean" content...

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## Writing & Publishing Your Op-Ed

**Julie Knopp**

July 12, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 07/12/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/12/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Op-eds are a powerful way to share your voice, influence public discourse, and advocate for the issues you care about. In this interactive class, you'll develop the skills you need to craft a compelling op-ed and get it published in mainstream news.

This class will cover:  
--Why op-eds are effective...

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## Discovering Your Memoir's Lead Character

John Moe

Time  
July 12, 2025 | Sat, 07/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/12/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Wouldn't it be cool if you could write something terrific and also make a lot more sense of your life at the same time?

In this class, which isn't therapy, just a writing class, you'll learn how to identify significant events, moments, stories, and choices from stages of your life and then find...

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

Amelia Colwell

Time  
July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | 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...

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## Discovering the Lyric Essay: Writing Against the Norm in 4 Weeks

Alexis M. Wright

Time  
July 23, 2025- August 13, 2025 | Wed, 07/23/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/13/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

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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## Flash Memoir: Life Stories in Under 500 Words

Brenda Hudson

Time  
July 26, 2025 | Sat, 07/26/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/26/2025 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

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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## Flash Nonfiction Generator

Lizzie Lawson

Time  
July 26, 2025 | Sat, 07/26/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/26/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

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 Book Proposal Writing Intensive

Rachel Werner

July 31, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 07/31/2025 - 10:00am - Thu, 07/31/2025 - 3:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

A nonfiction book proposal details how your book idea has market appeal. It acts as a business case or business plan for your book that persuades a publisher to make an investment in you and your project. If a publisher is convinced by your argument, it will then contract you and pay you to write...

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## Writing Birds

Greta Gaard

August 2, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 08/02/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/02/2025 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

If you are wild about birds or just want to refine your skills of observation, "Writing Birds" will help you! In this three-hour workshop, we will use writing prompts to articulate our curiosities, emotions, and observations of birds, then read and respond in small peer groups.

And your writing...

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

Mitchell LeGrand

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Tue, 08/05/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

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## Experimentation with Hybrid Memoir

Marianne Manzler

August 9, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 08/09/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/09/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

In this generative and interactive course, you'll consider a fresh perspective on your stories. We will explore the writing process, examine examples of innovative and hybrid memoirs and essays, engage in exercises that explore characterization, personal archives and history, and compelling openings...

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

Mitchell LeGrand

August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025 | Time  
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# CREATIVE PROCESS

## Summer Sampler: Creative Process with Brenda Hudson

**Brenda Hudson**

Time  
June 4, 2025 | Wed, 06/04/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 06/04/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

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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## The Fab Five in 6 Weeks: Writing With the Senses

**Kimberly Lee**

Time  
June 17, 2025- July 22, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 10:00am - Tue, 07/22/2025 - 12:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

Powerful writing stimulates the senses, allowing us to fully immerse ourselves in the scene the writer has created. Infusing our pages with imagery evoking scent, touch, taste, hearing, and sight leads to a multi-dimensional experience that stays with the reader.

In this six-week workshop, we'll...

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## "Break the Block": How to Actually Overcome Writer's Block and Start Writing Again

**Sruthi Narayanan**

Time  
June 17, 2025- August 5, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/05/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

This class is for writers who, for any number of reasons, are struggling to actually write. Maybe you're feeling uninspired or burned out; maybe it's been a long time since you've written; maybe you're trying to explore subject matter that is sensitive or traumatic, and are (understandably) having...

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## Developing a Daily Creative Writing Practice

**Heidi Newbauer**

Time  
July 12, 2025 | Sat, 07/12/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/12/2025 - 12:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

Have you wanted to start a daily creative writing practice? Are you a seasoned writer ready to refresh your daily creative toolbox? Are you a bit in between? If so, this class is for you!

We will "flesh out" what a daily practice means and how that is different than going through the stages of a...

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## Improv for Writers: Exploring Interactive Methods to Draft and Revise Class

**Alison Bergblom Johnson**

Time  
July 15, 2025- August 19, 2025 | Tue, 07/15/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/19/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

We'll explore how improv and other performance techniques and practices can improve our written work. We'll also sample the breadth of current oral traditions including The Moth stories (Javier Morillo) to performance artist Spalding Gray, to intimate podcasts from journalist Tonya Mosley (Truth Be...

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# DIGITAL STORYTELLING

## Summer Sampler: Digital Storytelling with John Moe

**John Moe**

	Time	
June 7, 2025	Sat, 06/07/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/07/2025 - 11:00am	Digital Storytelling   Adult

Want to try your hand at Digital Storytelling? 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 an online writing class will be the experience you're hoping for.

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

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## How to Write Your Podcast

**John Moe**

	Time	
June 21, 2025	Sat, 06/21/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/21/2025 - 1:00pm	Digital Storytelling   Adult

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...

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## Summer Sampler: Digital Storytelling with Clare Boyle

**Clare Boyle**

	Time	
June 25, 2025	Wed, 06/25/2025 - 4:00pm - Wed, 06/25/2025 - 5:00pm	Digital Storytelling   Adult

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...

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## Audio Storytelling

**Clare Boyle**

	Time	
July 9, 2025- August 13, 2025	Wed, 07/09/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/13/2025 - 8:00pm	Digital Storytelling   Adult

This 6-week class will guide students through the audio story production process, from pitching and finding stories to final sound mixing. This course is open to students of all experience levels — beginners will learn the fundamentals of podcast creation, and more experienced students will hone...

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# FICTION

## Summer Sampler: Fiction with Jenee Skinner

### Jenee Skinner

	Time	
June 4, 2025	Wed, 06/04/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 06/04/2025 - 2:00pm	Fiction   Adult

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...

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## Summer Sampler: Fiction with Matt Sharkey-Smith

### Matt Sharkey-Smith

	Time	
June 4, 2025	Wed, 06/04/2025 - 5:00pm - Wed, 06/04/2025 - 6:00pm	Fiction   Adult

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.

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## Summer Sampler: Flash Fiction with Alex Juffer

### Alex Juffer

	Time	
June 5, 2025	Thu, 06/05/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 06/05/2025 - 7:00pm	Fiction   Adult

Want to try your hand at writing flash 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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## Summer Sampler: Fiction with Cristeta Boarini

### Cristeta Boarini

	Time	
June 7, 2025	Sat, 06/07/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/07/2025 - 11:00am	Fiction   Adult

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.

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## Summer Sampler: Fiction with Rafael Frumkin

### Rafael Frumkin

	Time	
June 7, 2025	Sat, 06/07/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/07/2025 - 11:00am	Fiction   Adult

Want to try your hand at 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.

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## 2025 Year-Long Fiction Writing Project with Junauda Petrus—June Online Cohort

### Junauda Petrus

	Time		
June 7, 2025- April 9, 2026	Sat, 06/07/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 04/09/2026 - 9:00pm	Fiction	Adult

Your novel is a journey of self discovery, creative research, story channeling and communing with the souls of the realm you are bringing into tangible, literary existence. It is written while living and being present to your life and the ways that the novel is singing through your existence...

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## Summer Sampler: Fiction with Sruthi Narayanan

### Sruthi Narayanan

	Time		
June 10, 2025	Tue, 06/10/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 06/10/2025 - 7:00pm	Fiction	Adult

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...

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## Summer Sampler: Fiction with John DeDakis

### John DeDakis

	Time		
June 11, 2025	Wed, 06/11/2025 - 5:00pm - Wed, 06/11/2025 - 6:00pm	Fiction	Adult

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.

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## Summer Sampler: Short Story with Maggie May

### Maggie May

	Time		
June 11, 2025	Wed, 06/11/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 06/11/2025 - 7:00pm	Fiction	Adult

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.

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## 4-Week: Necrofemme–Queering Horror for Queer and Trans Writers

### Alice Paige

	Time		
June 11, 2025- July 2, 2025	Wed, 06/11/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/02/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction	Adult

Necrofemme: Queering Horror will explore how to restructure horror storytelling from the perspective of the other. Specifically, we will examine queer narratives in horror and discuss craft techniques in these narratives. We will spend time with fiction, poetry, and essays as we work to build a...

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## Summer Sampler: Fiction with Sydney Fowler

### Sydney Fowler

	Time		
June 12, 2025	Thu, 06/12/2025 - 5:00pm - Thu, 06/12/2025 - 6:00pm	Fiction	Adult

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.

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## Plot: Creating Urgency in a Story

### Karen Bender

	Time		
June 14, 2025	Sat, 06/14/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/14/2025 - 12:00pm	Fiction	Adult

Join National Book Award Finalist Karen Bender for a two-hour class in which she talks about plot, and how to create urgency in a story. We will examine stories by Raymond Carver, Octavia Butler and Yoko Ogawa, looking at the way they create questions in a narrative. We'll discuss the idea of The...

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## Descriptive Writing

### Jaye Viner

	Time		
June 14, 2025- June 21, 2025	Sat, 06/14/2025 - 12:00pm - Sat, 06/21/2025 - 2:00pm	Fiction	Adult

This class will guide students through the process of preparing to pitch their long form manuscript (novel or memoir). We will look at genre conventions, comp titles, log lines, and book summaries. Students will have the opportunity to generate pitch materials and receive feedback from the...

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## Imagination to Page (for ages 12 to 14)

### Kelsey Daly John Schaidler

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

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

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...

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

### Tamara Hogan

	Time		
June 17, 2025- July 22, 2025	Tue, 06/17/2025 - 12:00pm - Tue, 07/22/2025 - 2:30pm	Fiction	Adult

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...

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## Writing About Our Animals (for ages 15 to 18)

**Anna Molenaar**

	Time	
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025	Tue, 06/17/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 4:00pm	Fiction   Youth

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

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...

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

**Robert Voedisch**

	Time	
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025	Tue, 06/17/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 4:00pm	Fiction   Youth

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

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...

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## 6-Week: Finessing Historical Fiction

**Rachel Werner**

	Time	
June 18, 2025- July 23, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 12:00pm - Wed, 07/23/2025 - 2:00pm	Fiction   Adult

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...

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## 4-Week: Skip the Boring Parts–Structuring Your Fiction

**Matt Sharkey-Smith**

	Time	
June 18, 2025- July 16, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/16/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction   Adult

These words were famously Elmore Leonard's advice to aspiring fiction writers—but the problem is determining what the boring parts are in one's writing. In this advanced, multi-week course, we will study and practice revision techniques from writers including George Saunders, Sandra Scofield, and...

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## Novel Revision: Beyond the First Draft in 6 Weeks

**Jackie Cangro**

	Time	
June 18, 2025- July 23, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/23/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction   Adult

Novel Revision: Beyond the First Draft is a step-by-step course through the novel revision process. From character development to plot problems to backstory issues, we'll make sure your story is the best it can be to keep readers hooked until the very last page. You'll learn how to analyze your...

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## 8-Week: Short Story Nitty Gritty

Troy Wilderson

	Time	
June 18, 2025- August 13, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/13/2025 - 9:00pm	Fiction   Adult

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...

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## 8-Week: Novel Writing

Jeneé Skinner

	Time	
June 18, 2025- August 6, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/06/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction   Adult

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

Josh Cook

	Time	
June 18, 2025- August 13, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/13/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction   Adult

This 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 at mystery...

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## 8-Week: Worldbuilding in Speculative Fiction

Sydney Fowler

	Time	
June 19, 2025- August 7, 2025	Thu, 06/19/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/07/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction   Adult

New and seasoned Speculative Fiction writers are welcome in this generative workshop focused on creating immersive Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and supernatural worlds. Our goal is to center play, experimentation, and community as we work on a new short story, novel, or develop a work in progress.

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## 4-Week: Advanced Flash Fiction Workshop

Alex Juffer

	Time	
June 19, 2025- July 10, 2025	Thu, 06/19/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 07/10/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction   Adult

The traditional short story is dead, flash fiction has usurped it, and we only have time to read stories that can be finished waiting in the drive-through line at Taco Bell. However, don't confuse brevity for a lack of depth. Flash fiction is rapidly becoming the modern mode of storytelling.

This...

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## Imagining a Better World Through Speculative Fiction (June)

**Cristeta Boarini**

Time  
June 21, 2025 | Sat, 06/21/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/21/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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...

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## Writing as Renewal: A Toolkit for Restorative Storytelling

**Lyndsey Ellis**

Time  
June 21, 2025 | Sat, 06/21/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/21/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Restorative storytelling—writing that centers how people recover from adversity—takes time, care, and forethought. Writing as Renewal: A Toolkit for Restorative Storytelling offers a customized reference guide on cultivating a deep knowledge of story mechanics as it relates to unearthing hard truths...

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## 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

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...

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## 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

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

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...

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

Holly Day Alice Paige

	Time		
June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025	Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 4:00pm	Fiction	Youth

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

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...

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## 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

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

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...

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## Heroes, Villains, and Worlds: Fantasy Writing (for ages 12 to 14)

Kelsey Daly Kat Shepherd

	Time		
June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025	Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 4:00pm	Fiction	Youth

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

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...

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## Summer Sampler: Fiction with Jake Maia Arlow

Jake Maia Arlow

	Time		
June 24, 2025	Tue, 06/24/2025 - 5:00pm - Tue, 06/24/2025 - 6:00pm	Fiction	Adult

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, consider signing up for "Fiction..."

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## From Novice to Novelist in 6 Weeks

John DeDakis

June 25, 2025- July 30, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 06/25/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/30/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

This class is designed to deconstruct and demystify the novel-writing process for struggling and/or aspiring writers. We'll discuss how to tap into your subconscious and life experiences to transform them into a book-length project, populated with engaging characters, a twisty-turny plot, snappy...

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## The Power of Retelling in Fiction

Kate Heartfield

June 28, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 06/28/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/28/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Retellings of myths, legends, fairy tales and other old stories are as popular as they've ever been. Old stories give us tools for understanding the world and our place in it: they tell us how to recognize true love, or defeat a monster, or fulfill our duty. Old plots and characters are memes we use...

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## Summer Sampler: Creative Process with Alison Bergblom-Johnson

Alison Bergblom Johnson

July 1, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 07/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Tue, 07/01/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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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## 4-Week: Short Speculative Fiction

Lyndsey Ellis

July 8, 2025- July 29, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 07/08/2025 - 5:00pm - Tue, 07/29/2025 - 7:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Speculative fiction is a subgenre that deeply explores the nonexistent, the eerie and the downright terrifying. From supernatural horror swarming with haints to dystopian worlds comprised of faes and gargoyles, this is writing that centers the extraordinary. In this class, you'll learn the ins and...

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## 6-Week: Compelling Character Creation for Every Genre

Maggie May

July 9, 2025- August 13, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 07/09/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/13/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

What makes a "compelling character"? Why do some characters leap off the page while others fail to hold our interest? In this class, we'll explore tools, exercises, and organization tactics for creating, fleshing out, and writing as our favorite characters, accompanying an original character of our...

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## Genre-Queer: Narrative Structures for the Other

Milo Todd

July 9, 2025- August 13, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 07/09/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/13/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Throughout our history of marginalization and oppression, queer voices have created our own ways of speaking and expressing ourselves. But with us so Othered in queer tongues, how do we tell our stories to the mainstream authentically?

In this queer-focused course, we'll look at several literary...

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## 4-Week: The Art of Dialogue

Piper Lane

July 10, 2025- July 31, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 07/10/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 07/31/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Charles Baxter claimed that the greatest fallacy of modern storytelling is that everyone is always listening. In truth, we're distracted, caught up in our own lives, and quite terrible at listening and responding, especially to those we care about. But what lies beneath the surface of our dialogue...

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## Writing from Experience: Identity and Fiction

Rafael Frumkin

July 12, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 07/12/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/12/2025 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Adult

In the past decade, the literary world has sought to publish more authors from historically underrepresented populations, resulting in a much-needed diversification of the American canon and many remarkable books about the interplay of identity and culture. In our current sociopolitical climate...

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## Jumpstart Your Writing (for ages 12 to 14)

Rachel Guvenc Alice Paige

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

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

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...

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## Storytelling (for ages 6 to 8)

### Taiwana Shambley Holly Day

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

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

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)

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

### Jack Harris Blythe Baird

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

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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)

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## 6-Week: Introduction to Fiction

### Holly Day

	Time	
July 16, 2025- August 20, 2025	Wed, 07/16/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/20/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction   Adult

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...

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## 6-Week: Beneath the Surface-Exploring Subtext

### Allison Wyss

	Time	
July 17, 2025- August 21, 2025	Thu, 07/17/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/21/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction   Adult

Charles Baxter's The Art of Subtext: Beyond Plot examines those elements that propel readers beyond the plot of a novel or short story into the realm of what haunts the imagination: the implied, the half-visible, and the unspoken." It's an illuminating work on a tough subject. We'll pair each of...

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## Imagining a Better World Through Speculative Fiction (July)

**Cristeta Boarini**

Time  
July 19, 2025 | Sat, 07/19/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/19/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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...

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

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## Blueprint for a Revision

**Erin Halden**

Time  
July 19, 2025 | Sat, 07/19/2025 - 2:00pm - Sat, 07/19/2025 - 6:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/blueprint-revision-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/blueprint-revision-01)

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## 4-Week: Start Writing Right Now

**Tina Tocco**

Time  
July 29, 2025- August 19, 2025 | Tue, 07/29/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/19/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Have you always wanted to try your hand at fiction writing, but never took the leap? Maybe you've put down your pen for a while and need a jumpstart. Come experiment in this low-stress, generative class! If you're thinking, "But I don't have any ideas," don't worry! We'll use fun prompts — music...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-start-writing-right-now1\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-start-writing-right-now1)

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## Revolution, Revelation, and Joy: A Class for Queer and Trans Writers

**W.L. Bolm**

Time  
August 2, 2025 | Sat, 08/02/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/02/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult

This class explores creative non-fiction written by trans writers and containing themes that are underrepresented in traditional publishing and often written in unconventional forms. Students will discuss how to bring aspects of radical joy and vulnerability to their own writing.

The Loft's Queer...

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## 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

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/creating-magical-worlds-ages-15-181\]](https://loft.org/classes/creating-magical-worlds-ages-15-181)

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## 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

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...

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## 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

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

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)

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

**Holly Day**

	Time	
August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025	Tue, 08/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm	Fiction   Youth

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

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/lets-write-ghost-story-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/lets-write-ghost-story-ages-15-18)

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## Nature Writing (for ages 15 to 18)

**James Ellis**

	Time	
August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025	Tue, 08/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm	Fiction   Youth

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/nature-writing-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/nature-writing-ages-15-18)

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## **(August) 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

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

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...

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## **MULTIGENRE**

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

**David Mura**

May 17, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 05/17/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 05/17/2025 - 2:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

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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### **From Memoir to Myth (for ages 12 to 14)**

**Amy Sailer Amelia Colwell**

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

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

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)

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### **Create Your Own Universe (for ages 9 to 11)**

**Ellen Fee Kat Shepherd**

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

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

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...

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## 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

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

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)

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## Crafting Intimate Narratives: A Workshop for Queer & Trans Writers

Jesaka Long

	Time	
June 17, 2025- July 15, 2025	Tue, 06/17/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 07/15/2025 - 8:00pm	Multigenre   Adult

Desire—including the pursuit of tangible material items, love, and longing--drives any story worth telling. This includes writing sex, which can be notoriously intimidating. Factor in the rise of regulations against trans/queer bodies and the frequent erasure of LGBTQIA2S+ people in the media and...

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## 6-Week: The Mother Writer

Kaia Preus

	Time	
June 18, 2025- July 30, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/30/2025 - 8:00pm	Multigenre   Adult

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--...

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## 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

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)

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## Worldbuilding for Ecohorror: This Forest Might Eat You

Maggie May

June 19, 2025- July 24, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 06/19/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 07/24/2025 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Welcome to the wide and terrifying world of ecohorror! From "Area X" in Jeff VanderMeer's "Annihilation" to Rory Power's ghastly Raxter School for Girls, this course examines ecohorror at its creepy-crawliest.

In this course, we'll get down in the dirt to understand exactly why ecohorror heebies...

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## 8-Week: Writing About Music

Kevin Schwandt

June 19, 2025- August 7, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 06/19/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/07/2025 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Elvis Costello or Frank Zappa or someone else once said, "writing about music is like dancing about architecture." The origin of the claim is debated, but it points to a concern that has occupied writers since Plato: How can one write about art that can't be seen? Music permeates culture...

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## Creating Fantastical Worlds (for ages 9 to 11)

Ellen Fee Will Hart

June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

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

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)

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## 4-Week Workshop: Speculative Memoir and Autofiction

Anaïs Duplan

July 10, 2025- August 7, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 07/10/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 08/07/2025 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

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)

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## Research Tools for Authentic Historical Nonfiction and Fiction

Holly Day

July 12, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 07/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/12/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Are you a writer of historical fiction or nonfiction and you don't know how or where to find information on the time period you're writing about? This class will show you where to find textbooks, old newspapers, photographs, voice recordings, illustrations, photos and descriptions of historical and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/research-tools-authentic-historical-nonfiction-and-fiction-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/research-tools-authentic-historical-nonfiction-and-fiction-01)

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## 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

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

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)

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

**Court Ludwick**

	Time	
July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025	Tue, 07/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm	Multigenre   Youth

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

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...

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## 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

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)

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## 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

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)

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## Write Your World (for ages 12 to 14)

### Holly Day Court Ludwick

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

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

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...

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## 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

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

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...

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## Writing a Better World for Ages 12 to 14

### Amy Sailer Court Ludwick

	Time		
August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025	Tue, 08/12/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm	Multigenre	Youth

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

-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...

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## 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

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

-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)

## PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

## Summer Sampler: Screenwriting with Bo Kaprall

**Bo Kaprall**

	Time	
June 5, 2025	Thu, 06/05/2025 - 10:00am - Thu, 06/05/2025 - 11:00am	Play- and Screenwriting   Adult

Want to try your hand at screenwriting? 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 you'd just like...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/summer-sampler-screenwriting-bo-kaprall\]](https://loft.org/classes/summer-sampler-screenwriting-bo-kaprall)

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## (June) Screenwriting for Teens (for ages 15 to 18)

**Michael Gorrie**

	Time	
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025	Tue, 06/17/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 12:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting   Youth

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

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

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## 6-Week: Idea to Screenplay

**Lillie Gardner**

	Time	
June 18, 2025- July 30, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/30/2025 - 8:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting   Adult

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 about what goes into a great screenplay and start generating your own pages. Each week will be devoted to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-idea-screenplay-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-idea-screenplay-01)

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## 8-Week: Creating & Writing Your First TV Pilot (Comedy, Drama, Reality)

**Bo Kaprall**

	Time	
June 19, 2025- August 7, 2025	Thu, 06/19/2025 - 10:00am - Thu, 08/07/2025 - 12:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting   Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-creating-writing-your-first-tv-pilot-comedy-drama-reality\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-creating-writing-your-first-tv-pilot-comedy-drama-reality)

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## Let's Talk: Writing Dynamic Dialogue—Summer Edition

**Lillie Gardner**

	Time	
June 21, 2025	Sat, 06/21/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/21/2025 - 1:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting   Adult

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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## Screenplays: Writing for Indies

Michael Curran-Dorsano

	Time	
July 12, 2025	Sat, 07/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/12/2025 - 4:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting   Adult

It's never been easier to make a film these days. But it's still tough. Even the best scripts can easily be derailed when it comes to call action. Often, it's the practicalities that prove the hardest challenges to overcome. Writing with your limitations in mind can prove to not only be a great way...

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## Get Into Character: Acting 101 (for ages 15 to 18)

John Schaidler

	Time	
July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025	Tue, 07/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting   Youth

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

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...

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## Page and the Stage (for ages 12 to 14)

Rachel Guvenc John Schaidler

	Time	
August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025	Tue, 08/12/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting   Youth

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

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...

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## (August) Screenwriting for Teens (for ages 15 to 18)

Michael Gorrie

	Time	
August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025	Tue, 08/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting   Youth

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

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...

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## POETRY

## Summer Sampler: Fiction with Holly Day

### Holly Day

	Time	
June 4, 2025	Wed, 06/04/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 06/04/2025 - 2:00pm	Poetry   Adult

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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## Summer Sampler: Poetry with Halee Kirkwood

### Halee Kirkwood

	Time	
June 4, 2025	Wed, 06/04/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 06/04/2025 - 7:00pm	Poetry   Adult

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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## Summer Sampler: Poetry with Amy Sailer

### Amy Sailer

	Time	
June 5, 2025	Thu, 06/05/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 06/05/2025 - 7:00pm	Poetry   Adult

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 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'd...

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## 2025 Year-Long Poetry Apprenticeship with Hieu Minh Nguyen—June Online Cohort

### Hieu Minh Nguyen

	Time	
June 10, 2025- April 7, 2026	Tue, 06/10/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/07/2026 - 9:00pm	Poetry   Adult

A poetry collection is a curated itinerary, a map through obsessions—our only compass, a constellation of questions. A poetry collection is not just a stack of your best poems. Not just a table of contents piled high with everything you've ever written. Not just a body of work, but a body. A living...

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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	
June 14, 2025	Sat, 06/14/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/14/2025 - 2:00pm	Poetry   Adult

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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## Poetry of Place

Halee Kirkwood

	Time	
June 18, 2025- July 23, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/23/2025 - 8:00pm	Poetry   Adult

Every poem is written somewhere. But how do we invite place to fully enter our writing? In this course, we'll invite place to be an active collaborator in our creative process. Through writing exercises, readings, and class discussions, we'll try out new craft techniques, building stronger sensory...

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## Beyond the First Draft: Revising Poetry-Summer Edition in 6 Weeks

Rebecca Jamieson

	Time	
June 18, 2025- July 30, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/30/2025 - 8:00pm	Poetry   Adult

You've written the wobbly first draft of a poem. Bravo! Perhaps you've made some edits and even gotten 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...

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## Ecopoetics 4-Week Craft Seminar

Gauri Awasthi

	Time	
June 18, 2025- July 16, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/16/2025 - 8:00pm	Poetry   Adult

Initial understanding of ecopoetry was often intertwined with nature poetry. For centuries, poets have written about their environment to draw attention to its beauty. At a time when we have begun to feel the effects of climate change, contemporary poets have brought to the forefront the adverse...

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## Variations on a Theme: An 8-Week Generative Poetry Workshop

Amy Sailer

	Time	
June 19, 2025- August 7, 2025	Thu, 06/19/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/07/2025 - 8:00pm	Poetry   Adult

The Impressionist painter Claude Monet painted the waterlilies at his home at Giverny for thirty years, and while I'm sure they taught him about waterlilies, they must have also taught him something about his own artistic style. By keeping the subject matter the same, he had to focus on his...

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## Poetry About a Difficult Past: One Approach

Elisabeth Blair

	Time	
June 21, 2025	Sat, 06/21/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/21/2025 - 2:00pm	Poetry   Adult

Explore the practical, step-by-step process Elisabeth used to write and revise a poetry memoir about trauma, including:

- Determining the thesis
- Gently, systematically navigating writing and revision
- Using conscious distancing and emotional immersion
- Discovering effective forms and framing...

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## Revision Honeymoon

**Sarah Green**

	Time	
June 21, 2025	Sat, 06/21/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/21/2025 - 2:00pm	Poetry   Adult

"Ah, summer... pool parties, BBQs, fireworks, and ... revision?" It's natural to see revision as a chore, something that doesn't belong on our summer vacation or with a cocktail after work. But that doesn't have to be true! In this class, we'll approach the exertion of revision with positivity...

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## Subjects and Speakers: Attending to Poetry's Perspectives

**Edward Sambrano III**

	Time	
June 21, 2025	Sat, 06/21/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/21/2025 - 1:00pm	Poetry   Adult

Poetry abounds in voices--fractured voices, voices challenging received knowledge, voices that might speak if only they could. In this course, participants will focus on how poets make use of the poetic speaker—the perspective in which a poem is written—to speak through a persona. What a poet...

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## Organic Poetry

**Michael Curran-Dorsano**

	Time	
June 28, 2025	Sat, 06/28/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/28/2025 - 4:00pm	Poetry   Adult

Poetry, at its most authentic, is a transmutation of our lived experience, channeled and crafted into new forms. At the bedrock of all poetry lies a marriage of sound, rhythm, meaning and form. From the rich music of being, beautiful poems can spring up and guide us into a deeper reality. A reality...

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## poeTRYhealing

**Cassie Premo Steele**

	Time	
June 28, 2025	Sat, 06/28/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/28/2025 - 4:00pm	Poetry   Adult

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...

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## The Poetics of Hope: Writing and Reading Poetry

**Marlin M. Jenkins**

	Time	
July 12, 2025	Sat, 07/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/12/2025 - 4:00pm	Poetry   Adult

We'll examine poetry's power to confront and evoke feeling, to help us perceive, notice, and orient ourselves—with the specific lens of hopefulness. When hope feels unattainable, how can poems help us reach toward it? In desperate moments, what might poems offer to help keep us afloat?

We'll begin...

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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

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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## Catch the Beat: Reading and Writing in Meter

Elijah Mendoza

Time  
July 19, 2025 | Sat, 07/19/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/19/2025 - 1:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Music and poetry are some of the oldest human art forms, even predating written language. This relationship still exists, and our class will focus on rhythm. Meter is an expression of music in poetry that tracks the rhythm of lines and stanzas. We will review and practice the rules to best read (and...

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## Not a Love Poem, but Something Close

Asa Drake

Time  
July 19, 2025 | Sat, 07/19/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/19/2025 - 1:00pm | Poetry | Adult

How might we go about broadening the scope of the love poem to include the "not love" poem? What odes might we write to friends, pets, neighbors and gardens? What poems might include our lovers without being about romantic love? And what about all the negative feelings that come with misdirected...

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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

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

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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## Playing with Prose and Poetry

### Lara Mimosa Montes

August 9, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 08/09/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/09/2025 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Adult

In this generative and process-focused writing workshop, we'll read poems, prose, and poetic texts (e.g., dream-logs, lists, cut-ups) that invite the fledglings in us to take a seat at the table. We'll also collectively embark on writing activities that court naïveté and spontaneity in an attempt to...

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## Poetry Basics: Writing Sestinas

### Melanie Figg

August 16, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 08/16/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/16/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Take a crack at a sestina or learn how to write a better one. This poetic form can build your literary muscles with repetition, diction, description, and more. Sestinas often fail because writers don't pair the form with the right-sized story/idea, so we'll brainstorm ideas, go over the "rules" and...

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## PUBLISHING AND CAREER

## Summer Sampler: Publishing with Shawna Kenney

### Shawna Kenney

June 7, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 06/07/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/07/2025 - 2:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

So, you've written a personal essay and have no idea where to go with it, or maybe you have some in-progress pieces and wonder what's next? This class will cover the many roads one can take with the personal essay, depending on the shape, style, and focus of the work, using real-world examples while...

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## Social Media Strategy: Content and Conversation

### Rachel Werner

June 26, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 06/26/2025 - 10:00am - Thu, 06/26/2025 - 2:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Do you know why your organization uses (or should use) social media? If you don't know or you thought something like 'to make it go viral' or 'that's just what everyone does,' you probably don't have much in the way of social media strategy. In this seminar, we'll explore what tools to consider...

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## 8-Week: From Page to Publication

Kelly Van Sant

	Time	
July 2, 2025- August 20, 2025	Wed, 07/02/2025 - 12:00pm - Wed, 08/20/2025 - 2:00pm	Publishing and Career   Adult

Your manuscript is finished! Now what? Are you wondering how to get your story off of your computer screen and onto bookshelves everywhere? This class is for you!

Step-by-step we'll do a deep dive on all the stages of getting your book published. We'll discuss the different ways to publish—self...

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## Behind the Scenes with Traditional Publishing

Sara Megibow

	Time	
July 12, 2025	Sat, 07/12/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/12/2025 - 1:00pm	Publishing and Career   Adult

Spend time with literary agent Sara Megibow learning how traditional publishing works from behind the scenes. We'll start with a very high-level overview of profit strategy for authors and then spend a bit of time working through how to find a literary agent, how to query a literary agent and what...

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## Publishing Pathways

Jaye Viner

	Time	
July 12, 2025- July 19, 2025	Sat, 07/12/2025 - 12:00pm - Sat, 07/19/2025 - 2:00pm	Publishing and Career   Adult

There is an overwhelming amount of information about publishing online. How do you know what's true? Where do you start? This class walks through a decision tree of options to help new and early career writers match their writing and career goals to industry pathways and equips them with enough...

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## From Page to Publication: Submitting Your Work to Publications and Journals

Lyndsey Ellis

	Time	
August 2, 2025	Sat, 08/02/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/02/2025 - 12:00pm	Publishing and Career   Adult

Writing takes time, care and concentration. Still, completing something you've worked hard on is only half the battle. After workshops, peer reviews and/or self-edits, it's time to send that blog/review/story/essay/article out into the world! Get the scoop on how, where, and when to submit your work...

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