

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers: Writing Crossover YA

Shannon Gibney

May 9, 2024- May 16, 2024 | Time
Thu, 05/09/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 05/16/2024 - 8:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

Price Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

What is "crossover YA," and how do you write it well? We will examine this question in this class, and even attempt to answer it. Bring your own work-in-progress to class, as well as your questions, and a willingness to try new writing exercises.

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-writing-crossover-ya\]](https://loft.org/classes/class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-writing-crossover-ya)

2024 Year-Long Children's Literature Writing Project with Lisa Bullard—June Online Cohort

Lisa Bullard

June 13, 2024- April 3, 2025 | Time
Thu, 06/13/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 04/03/2025 - 9:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

Price Regular \$7,500.00 | Friend \$7,440.00

Books can play a profound role in influencing children's curiosity, understanding, and imagination—and the writers who create these titles often help shape the lives of children they will never meet. This year-long program will immerse adults who are interested in writing children's books in a study...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/2024-year-long-childrens-literature-writing-project-lisa-bullard-june-online-cohort\]](https://loft.org/classes/2024-year-long-childrens-literature-writing-project-lisa-bullard-june-online-cohort)

Loft Summer Sampler Class: Children's Literature

Abdullahi Janno

June 15, 2024 | Time
Sat, 06/15/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/15/2024 - 2:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

Price Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-childrens-literature\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-childrens-literature)

Writing for Children: The Next Steps

Lisa M. Bolt Simons

June 19, 2024- July 31, 2024 | Time
Wed, 06/19/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/31/2024 - 8:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Writing for children is a place with a wide spectrum, from picture books to middle grade to young adult. This session will explore it all. We'll review realistic vs "out-of-this-world" children's fiction, as well as the essentials: characters, setting, conflict, etc. We'll read some excerpts of...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-children-next-steps\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-children-next-steps)

Get Inspired: Small Picture Books, Big Ideas!

Abdullahi Janno

Time
June 22, 2024 | Sat, 06/22/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 12:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Looking for inspiration for your first picture book? Want to explore big ideas? Not sure about how to weave messages into your craft? Well, this class seeks to address these questions.

As a beginner-level class, we'll have a cursory look at the fundamentals of a picture book and craft elements...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/get-inspired-small-picture-books-big-ideas\]](https://loft.org/classes/get-inspired-small-picture-books-big-ideas)

Writing YA Short Stories

Jesaka Long

Time
July 10, 2024- August 14, 2024 | Wed, 07/10/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/14/2024 - 8:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Writing short stories for a young adult audience is a great way to develop your voice and your skills as a fiction writer. In this class, we'll cover the nitty gritty and the nuance of what sets YA short stories apart from others, including those in big name literary magazines with young...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-ya-short-stories\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-ya-short-stories)

Research and Writing: Children's Nonfiction for Education

Lisa M. Bolt Simons

Time
July 20, 2024 | Sat, 07/20/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/20/2024 - 4:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult
Price Regular \$129.50 | Friend \$116.55

If you've tried to get your creative work published and haven't been able to, yet, come to this class to discover another writing option. Schools need more nonfiction, which means educational publishers are looking for skilled writers to research, write, and work with an editor(s). Emphasis on...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/research-and-writing-childrens-nonfiction-education-2\]](https://loft.org/classes/research-and-writing-childrens-nonfiction-education-2)

CREATIVE NONFICTION

Lit!Series Intensive Workshop: Finding Your Essay's Compass—Orientation Tools for Crafting Lyric Essays

Kelly Sundberg

Time
June 8, 2024- June 9, 2024 | Sat, 06/08/2024 - 10:00am - Sun, 06/09/2024 - 3:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$450.00 | Friend \$405.00

Lyric essays can seem impenetrable at first, but when done well, they have a beating heart inside of them. We'll first look at examples of published essays with innovative structures and poetic language, then we'll take the tools we've learned and apply them to workshop participant's essays in order...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/litseries-intensive-workshop-finding-your-essays-compass-orientation-tools-crafting-lyric\]](https://loft.org/classes/litseries-intensive-workshop-finding-your-essays-compass-orientation-tools-crafting-lyric)

Resisting the Border: A Creative Nonfiction Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers (Summer 2024–Open Book)

Victoria Blanco

	Time	
June 12, 2024- June 19, 2024	Wed, 06/12/2024 - 7:00pm - Wed, 06/19/2024 - 9:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$40.00	Friend \$36.00	Pay What You Can \$0.00

We tend to think of “the border” as a line drawn in the sand, a physical marker that parcels land and people into political territories. The concept of “the border” is taught to children from an early age, and we accept it as a reality of our lives. But what if the border didn’t exist? What if...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/resisting-border-creative-nonfiction-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-summer-2024\]](https://loft.org/classes/resisting-border-creative-nonfiction-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-summer-2024)

The Naive and Sentimental Essayist

Madi Lommen

	Time	
June 18, 2024- July 16, 2024	Tue, 06/18/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 07/16/2024 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$148.00	Friend \$133.20	

Do you ever find yourself “writing through” a preoccupation of your mind or soul, trying to work out an answer to some question by writing about it? Does your writing flow naturally or are you prone to overthink?

Based on works by Orhan Pamuk and Freidrich Schiller, this class explores distinct...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/naive-and-sentimental-essayist\]](https://loft.org/classes/naive-and-sentimental-essayist)

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

Lizzie Lawson

	Time	
June 19, 2024- July 17, 2024	Wed, 06/19/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/17/2024 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$148.00	Friend \$133.20	

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 workshop...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/its-all-relative-writing-about-relationships-creative-nonfiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/its-all-relative-writing-about-relationships-creative-nonfiction)

Write Memory: Memoir Writing Tips & Tricks

Glenda Reed

	Time	
June 19, 2024- August 14, 2024	Wed, 06/19/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/14/2024 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult
Price Regular \$296.00	Friend \$266.40	

This class is for anyone interested in bringing true-life stories alive on the page. Class sessions will be evenly divided between close-reading discussions, writing exercises, and workshopping your writing using Liz Lerman’s Critical Response Process that leaves the maker eager and motivated to get...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/write-memory-memoir-writing-tips-tricks\]](https://loft.org/classes/write-memory-memoir-writing-tips-tricks)

The Art of Capturing Family History Through Food

Lisa Golden Schroeder

Time
June 20, 2024- July 18, 2024 | Thu, 06/20/2024 - 4:00pm - Thu, 07/18/2024 - 6:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

Food memoir blends memories, verifiable family history, and the unique perspectives and personality of the teller. And food can be a non-threatening gateway to unguarded memories, informed by all-encompassing sensory touchstones. In this 4-week workshop we will read and discuss essays from a diverse...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/art-capturing-family-history-through-food\]](https://loft.org/classes/art-capturing-family-history-through-food)

A Memoir That Goes Beyond You

Rachel Signer

Time
July 9, 2024- July 30, 2024 | Tue, 07/09/2024 - 6:30pm - Tue, 07/30/2024 - 8:30pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

In memoir, an author tells their story, building characters and scenes through dialogue, description, voice, POV (point-of-view), and narrative arc. By successfully enabling these techniques, an author goes beyond their personal story, connecting with readers. This four-week class will involve deep...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/memoir-goes-beyond-you-0\]](https://loft.org/classes/memoir-goes-beyond-you-0)

Writing Flash Essay

Rebecca Jamieson

Time
July 13, 2024 | Sat, 07/13/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/13/2024 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

How can you tell a thrilling true story in less than 1,000 words? One-part story and one-part poem, flash essay helps you get to the heart of what you really want to say while keeping readers riveted until the final word. In this class, open for writers of all genres and levels, you'll learn tools...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-flash-essay\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-flash-essay)

Research & Reveal: Mining Outside Sources for Creative Writing Projects

Lydia Paar

Time
July 13, 2024- August 17, 2024 | Sat, 07/13/2024 - 12:00pm - Sat, 08/17/2024 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

In this class, students will let their curiosity take the lead, and explore how outside sources can be used to deepen creative explorations and writing. Although this class is directed mostly toward nonfiction writers, poets and fiction writers may also benefit from our process of seeking new...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/research-reveal-mining-outside-sources-creative-writing-projects\]](https://loft.org/classes/research-reveal-mining-outside-sources-creative-writing-projects)

From the Kitchen to the Page

Rachel Signer

Time
August 5, 2024- August 12, 2024 | Mon, 08/05/2024 - 6:30pm - Mon, 08/12/2024 - 8:30pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

"It seems to me that our three basic needs, for food and security and love, are so mixed and mingled and entwined that we cannot straightly think of one without the others. So it happens that when I write of hunger, I am really writing about love and the hunger for it, and warmth and the love of it...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/kitchen-page\]](https://loft.org/classes/kitchen-page)

Flash Creative Nonfiction Generator

Lizzie Lawson

Time
August 10, 2024 | Sat, 08/10/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/10/2024 - 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 \[https://loft.org/classes/flash-creative-nonfiction-generator\]](https://loft.org/classes/flash-creative-nonfiction-generator)

CREATIVE PROCESS

Loft Summer Sampler Class: Creative Process

Marlie McGovern

Time
June 13, 2024 | Thu, 06/13/2024 - 5:00pm - Thu, 06/13/2024 - 6:00pm | Creative Process | Adult
Price Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-creative-process\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-creative-process)

Writing from Meditation: Exploring Body and Breath as Creative Inspiration

Marlie McGovern

Time
June 20, 2024- July 18, 2024 | Thu, 06/20/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 07/18/2024 - 8:00pm | Creative Process | Adult
Price Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

What wisdom breathes in the body? What does the body know? This four-week contemplative writing series integrates guided mindfulness meditations with generative writing inquiries to access embodied knowledge and to inspire creative writing. Together, we will explore how the process of meditative...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-meditation-exploring-body-and-breath-creative-inspiration-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-meditation-exploring-body-and-breath-creative-inspiration-01)

Expressive Writing Practices for Creativity, Serenity, and Joy

Kimberly Lee

Time
June 22, 2024 | Sat, 06/22/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 12:00pm | Creative Process | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/expressive-writing-practices-creativity-serenity-and-joy\]](https://loft.org/classes/expressive-writing-practices-creativity-serenity-and-joy)

A Writing Plan for Hard Times

W.L. Bolm

Time
June 29, 2024 | Sat, 06/29/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/29/2024 - 5:00pm | Creative Process | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Finding the time and energy to write can be a challenge even at the best of times, but what do you do when you're navigating burnout? Or grief? Or mental or physical challenges? When times are tough, writing can be a practice that brings healing and catharsis, but prioritizing writing can seem like...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-plan-hard-times-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-plan-hard-times-01)

Poem-Letters & Essay-Letters: Writing Creative, Collaborative Correspondence

Marlie McGovern

Time
August 3, 2024 | Sat, 08/03/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/03/2024 - 2:00pm | Creative Process | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

This workshop will explore the creative process and collaborative possibilities of poetic and lyrical personal letter-writing. Drawing inspiration from "Envelopes of Air," a poem-letter correspondence between Natalie Diaz and Ada Limón, we'll engage with generative, embodied, meditative writing...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/poem-letters-essay-letters-writing-creative-collaborative-correspondence\]](https://loft.org/classes/poem-letters-essay-letters-writing-creative-collaborative-correspondence)

FICTION

Lit!Series Intensive Workshop: Troping the Novel

J. Vanessa Lyon

Time
June 8, 2024- June 9, 2024 | Sat, 06/08/2024 - 10:00am - Sun, 06/09/2024 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$450.00 | Friend \$405.00

In this generative and conceptual workshop we'll study and upend both classic and modern tropes—in sources ranging from high-flying Roman rhetoric to steamy romance novels. Thinking, talking, and writing through novelistic mainstays like setting and character dynamics we'll develop new ways to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/litseries-intensive-workshop-troping-novel\]](https://loft.org/classes/litseries-intensive-workshop-troping-novel)

Lit!Series Intensive Workshop: Revising as Re-seeing for Intermediate/Advanced Writers

Lindsay Hunter

Time
June 8, 2024- June 9, 2024 | Sat, 06/08/2024 - 10:00am - Sun, 06/09/2024 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$450.00 | Friend \$405.00

How are the various components of a novel working together to create a memorable, meaningful experience for the reader? How can the elements of craft collaborate? Once you've got a draft or two, how can you ensure it's cohering into the book you wanted to make? In this intermediate/advanced workshop...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/litseries-intensive-workshop-revising-re-seeing-intermediateadvanced-writers\]](https://loft.org/classes/litseries-intensive-workshop-revising-re-seeing-intermediateadvanced-writers)

Loft Summer Sampler Class: Fiction

Sruthi Narayanan

Time

June 11, 2024 | Tue, 06/11/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 06/11/2024 - 7:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-fiction-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-fiction-01)

2024 Year-Long Fiction Writing Project with Alison McGhee—June Online Cohort

Alison McGhee

Time

June 11, 2024- April 1, 2025 | Tue, 06/11/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/01/2025 - 9:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$7,500.00 | Friend \$7,440.00

In the Loft's year-long Fiction Project, we'll dive into fiction in all its glorious forms throughout the year. What are you drawn to? What are you interested in writing? Short stories, flash fiction, sudden fiction, novels for adults, novels for children, less-definable fiction forms and structures...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/2024-year-long-fiction-writing-project-alison-mcghee-june-online-cohort1\]](https://loft.org/classes/2024-year-long-fiction-writing-project-alison-mcghee-june-online-cohort1)

Genre-Queer: Narrative Structures for the Other

Milo Todd

Time

June 17, 2024- July 29, 2024 | Mon, 06/17/2024 - 6:00pm - Mon, 07/29/2024 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/genre-queer-narrative-structures-other1\]](https://loft.org/classes/genre-queer-narrative-structures-other1)

Loft Summer Sampler Class: Fiction

Taiwana Shambley

Time

June 18, 2024 | Tue, 06/18/2024 - 1:00pm - Tue, 06/18/2024 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-fiction1\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-fiction1)

Crafting Flash Fiction That Lasts

Nathan Larson

June 18, 2024- August 13, 2024

Time

Tue, 06/18/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/13/2024 - 8:00pm

Fiction

Adult

Price

Regular \$296.00

Friend \$266.40

Whatever the reason (shrinking attention spans; too much mental stimuli; just plain old cultural preferences shifting) the flash genre has seen a massive uptick in readers and writers over the past decade. This recent surge has meant that more people than ever before are aware of flash fiction, but...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/crafting-flash-fiction-lasts\]](https://loft.org/classes/crafting-flash-fiction-lasts)

Creature Feature: Monsters in Scary Stories

Summer Alexis

June 19, 2024- July 31, 2024

Time

Wed, 06/19/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/31/2024 - 8:00pm

Fiction

Adult

Price

Regular \$222.00

Friend \$199.80

From classic werewolves to never before seen creatures that came from a painting, we love to be scared by otherworldly beings. What makes these monsters frightening and how do we as writers create them? In this class we will take a deep dive into the classics like vampires and the pieces inspired by...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/creature-feature-monsters-scary-stories\]](https://loft.org/classes/creature-feature-monsters-scary-stories)

Beyond the Nitty Gritty: Short Story Deep Dive

Troy Wilderson

June 19, 2024- August 14, 2024

Time

Wed, 06/19/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/14/2024 - 9:00pm

Fiction

Adult

Price

Regular \$296.00

Friend \$266.40

Want to feel more confident in crafting a short story? Each week we'll dive into "craft" and some vital aspects of the short story form such as point of view, characterization, plot, stakes, and structure. Students will pre-read a short story by Viet Thanh Nguyen. A discussion about its strengths on...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/beyond-nitty-gritty-short-story-deep-dive\]](https://loft.org/classes/beyond-nitty-gritty-short-story-deep-dive)

Necrofemme: Queering Horror

Alice Paige

June 19, 2024- August 14, 2024

Time

Wed, 06/19/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/14/2024 - 8:00pm

Fiction

Adult

Price

Regular \$296.00

Friend \$266.40

Horror gorges full on the other. Obsesses over it. Breaks down the barriers between other and self. Between past and present. Invites audiences to brush up against otherness. But what happens when you are the other?

Necrofemme: Queering Horror will explore how to restructure horror storytelling...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/necrofemme-queering-horror-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/necrofemme-queering-horror-01)

Braided Narratives: Weaving Multiple Threads in a Single Story

Sruthi Narayanan

June 20, 2024- August 15, 2024 | Time
Thu, 06/20/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/15/2024 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

This class will invite students to explore braided structures in fiction: stories that move between past and present, pieces with multiple POVs and perspectives, and narratives that balance plot arc and character arc. How can we pull apart the "threads" of a narrative in order to better understand...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/braided-narratives-weaving-multiple-threads-single-story\]](https://loft.org/classes/braided-narratives-weaving-multiple-threads-single-story)

Fiction Basics: Five Parts of Story

Brian Malloy

June 22, 2024 | Time
Sat, 06/22/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-five-parts-story-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-five-parts-story-01)

Speculative Fiction by Women

Taiwana Shambley

June 25, 2024- August 6, 2024 | Time
Tue, 06/25/2024 - 1:00pm - Tue, 08/06/2024 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

There's a lot to be said about the critical perspectives that womanhood offers us on matters of power. In this class, while craft techniques are universal to all writers, we will study the various writing techniques that women speculative fiction writers use to create tangible new worlds. A 6-week...

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

Fiction Basics: Characters & Characterization

Brian Malloy

June 29, 2024 | Time
Sat, 06/29/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/29/2024 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-characters-characterization-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-characters-characterization-11)

Queering Epistolary Fiction

W.L. Bolm

Time

July 9, 2024- August 13, 2024 | Tue, 07/09/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/13/2024 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Are you struggling to find the right frame for your writing? Epistolary fiction is traditionally fiction written as a series of letters, but we'll find ways to queer the form by reading stories and one longer work (This is How You Lose the Time War by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone) written by...

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

The Beginner's Guide to Starting Your Novel

Tamara Hogan

Time

July 10, 2024- August 14, 2024 | Wed, 07/10/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/14/2024 - 8:30pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$277.50 | Friend \$249.75

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

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

Writing Romance Novels

Dara Dokas

Time

July 10, 2024- August 14, 2024 | Wed, 07/10/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/14/2024 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Romance novels are big business as the #1 selling fiction genre in the US. With many sub-genres - from sweet small town to paranormal, romantasy to romcom - romance novels appeal to a wide-range of, often voracious, readers. In this class, students will learn what defines a romance novel vs. a novel...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-romance-novels\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-romance-novels)

Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers: Fiction for BIPOC Writers (Summer 2024—Open Book)

Taiwana Shambley

Time

July 10, 2024- July 17, 2024 | Wed, 07/10/2024 - 7:00pm - Wed, 07/17/2024 - 9:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

The goal of this class is to create space for Black, Indigenous, and POC writers to analyze and practice applying BIPOC cultural interpretations of fiction craft elements. While it is true that more contemporary writers are featuring racially diverse characters in their stories, it's still the case...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-fiction-bipoc-writers-summer-2024-open-book\]](https://loft.org/classes/writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-fiction-bipoc-writers-summer-2024-open-book)

Fiction Basics: Point of View

Brian Malloy

Time
July 13, 2024 | Sat, 07/13/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/13/2024 - 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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-point-view-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-point-view-01)

Fiction in a Flash: Writing the Short, Short Story

Alex Juffer

Time
July 13, 2024 | Sat, 07/13/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/13/2024 - 5:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Is flash fiction, like Dippin' Dots, the future of fiction? Undoubtedly, yes, with much more staying power. Flash fiction has exploded in popularity within the past decade, as it lends itself well to online literary magazines (not to mention our waning attention spans). Are you slogging through a...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-flash-writing-short-short-story\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-flash-writing-short-short-story)

Introduction to Fiction

Holly Day

Time
July 16, 2024- August 20, 2024 | Tue, 07/16/2024 - 2:00pm - Tue, 08/20/2024 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/introduction-fiction-31\]](https://loft.org/classes/introduction-fiction-31)

Fiction Basics: Setting

Brian Malloy

Time
July 20, 2024 | Sat, 07/20/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/20/2024 - 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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-setting-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-setting-11)

Fiction Basics: Scene, Summary, and Narrative Time

Brian Malloy

Time
July 27, 2024 | Sat, 07/27/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/27/2024 - 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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-scene-summary-and-narrative-time-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-scene-summary-and-narrative-time-11)

Your First Five Pages: Hook the Reader's Attention and Don't Let Go!

Jackie Cangro

Time
August 3, 2024 | Sat, 08/03/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/03/2024 - 5:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Your first five pages are the ones that will hook readers to keep turning the pages. Learn how to craft a compelling opening that sets the stage for an unforgettable journey. In this class, you'll discover the art of captivating storytelling right from the very first line. We'll review the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/your-first-five-pages-hook-readers-attention-and-dont-let-go1\]](https://loft.org/classes/your-first-five-pages-hook-readers-attention-and-dont-let-go1)

Fiction Basics: Creative Language

Brian Malloy

Time
August 3, 2024 | Sat, 08/03/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/03/2024 - 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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-creative-language1\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-creative-language1)

Fiction Basics: Revision

Brian Malloy

Time
August 10, 2024 | Sat, 08/10/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/10/2024 - 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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-revision-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-revision-01)

FICTION, MULTIGENRE

Queering Narratives

Jesaka Long

June 18, 2024- August 13, 2024

Time

Tue, 06/18/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/13/2024 - 8:00pm

Fiction Multigenre

Adult

Price

Regular \$296.00

Friend \$266.40

In Queering Narratives, we'll read a wide selection of LGBTQIA2S+ writers across genres, share our thoughts, and generate new work. We have so much to explore! Let's start with "queering" and what it means. For example, is a queer singer covering a song originally performed by a cis het person enough...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/queering-narratives\]](https://loft.org/classes/queering-narratives)

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[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/queering-narratives\]](https://loft.org/classes/queering-narratives)

MULTIGENRE

Loft Summer Sampler Class: Multigenre

Jesaka Long

June 4, 2024

Time

Tue, 06/04/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 06/04/2024 - 7:00pm

Multigenre

Adult

Price

Regular \$8.00

Friend \$7.20

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

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

Loft Summer Sampler Class: Zines

Will Hart

June 11, 2024

Time

Tue, 06/11/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 06/11/2024 - 7:00pm

Multigenre

Adult

Price

Regular \$8.00

Friend \$7.20

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-zines\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-zines)

Craft in Nature Writing

Gabrielle Larson

Time
June 18, 2024- July 30, 2024 | Tue, 06/18/2024 - 4:00pm - Tue, 07/30/2024 - 6:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Throughout this course we will examine the craft of writing about nature paying special attention to context, causality, setting, and theme. We will examine works of nature writing from a diverse group of writers and poet such as Terry Tempest Williams, Gwen Nell Westerman, and Ada Limón and examine...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/craft-nature-writing\]](https://loft.org/classes/craft-nature-writing)

Write to Heal

Glenda Reed

Time
June 18, 2024- August 13, 2024 | Tue, 06/18/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/13/2024 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

Give sorrow words...

~William Shakespeare Together we will explore how writing can help heal our relationship to our own stories. We will investigate how different aspects of craft, from specific detail to focused narrative, not only make for good literature but can help writers gain new perspectives...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/write-heal-0\]](https://loft.org/classes/write-heal-0)

The Art and Craft of Writing Disability

Jaye Viner

Time
June 19, 2024- July 17, 2024 | Wed, 06/19/2024 - 10:00am - Wed, 07/17/2024 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

Much has been said about the representation of marginalized people in the stories we tell. Disability comes with particular challenges because of the contested space it occupies. Who is disabled? Who decides? What is good representation for a character with disabilities?

This mixed-genre prose...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/art-and-craft-writing-disability\]](https://loft.org/classes/art-and-craft-writing-disability)

Writing About Animals We Love

Anna Molenaar

Time
June 20, 2024- June 27, 2024 | Thu, 06/20/2024 - 10:00am - Thu, 06/27/2024 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

In this class, students will explore pet memoirs and poetry with a focus on how craft choices deepen themes, tones, and meanings. From historical accounts of beloved pets like Virginia Woolf's Flush to modern day memoirs like Rodney Stott's Bird Brother that explore how animals can change our lives...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-about-animals-we-love\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-about-animals-we-love)

Writing from Experience: Life Writing in Memoir and Fiction

Liz Harmer

Time
June 20, 2024- August 15, 2024 | Thu, 06/20/2024 - 10:00am - Thu, 08/15/2024 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

What does it mean to write what you know? How do you know what you know? This class will consider approaches to writing about one's own life that start with memoir but move toward hybrid forms (such as prose poetry) and autofiction. We will consider the uses of personal writing, the difference...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-experience-life-writing-memoir-and-fiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-experience-life-writing-memoir-and-fiction)

Intro to Making Comics and Zines

Will Hart

Time
June 20, 2024- August 15, 2024 | Thu, 06/20/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/15/2024 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

In this class we will be learning how to make comics and small analog zines. Around half of each class will be dedicated to learning the fundamental building-blocks of comics (image, text, panels, and the comic page, along with others) and how to use them effectively. The other half will be for...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/intro-making-comics-and-zines\]](https://loft.org/classes/intro-making-comics-and-zines)

Perfecting Your First Ten Pages

Michael Gorrie

Time
June 22, 2024 | Sat, 06/22/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 2:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Most literary agents and managers have stacks of manuscripts sitting on their desks. So how do you make yourself stand out among the pack? As Billy Wilder said, in the beginning "grab them by the throat and never let go." This class is dedicated to doing just that, by teaching you how to create a...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/perfecting-your-first-ten-pages\]](https://loft.org/classes/perfecting-your-first-ten-pages)

Comic Connection: The Tie Between Humor and Reader Emotion

Christine Nessler

Time
June 22, 2024 | Sat, 06/22/2024 - 2:00pm - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 5:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Humor puts life into perspective. In an exploration of the tie between humor and reader emotion, this class explores tools and elements of comedy that bring humor into fiction writing, giving breathing room to the dark and bringing more light to the connections of characters and their stories...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/comic-connection-tie-between-humor-and-reader-emotion\]](https://loft.org/classes/comic-connection-tie-between-humor-and-reader-emotion)

Beginning Again: Intentional Writing for Process, Prose and Healing

Roxanne Sadovsky

Time
June 27, 2024 | Thu, 06/27/2024 - 10:30am - Thu, 06/27/2024 - 2:30pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Based in the traditions of lovingkindness and mindfulness, this heart-centered workshop provides a safe and welcoming retreat space for writers to explore their relationship to intention, balance, vulnerability, empathy, and the role they play (or don't) on and off the page. Whether you are here...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/beginning-again-intentional-writing-process-prose-and-healing\]](https://loft.org/classes/beginning-again-intentional-writing-process-prose-and-healing)

MULTIGENRE, POETRY

Hybrid Forms Poetry Workshop

Anaïs Duplan

	Time	
June 15, 2024- June 22, 2024	Sat, 06/15/2024 - 11:00am - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 2:00pm	Multigenre Poetry Adult
Price Regular \$111.00	Friend \$99.90	

Hybrid Forms is a generative two-day poetry workshop, intended to illuminate the expanded potentials of working with hybrid forms, including but not limited to: auto-fiction, experimental poetry, auto-theory, and writing that incorporates visual arts. Participants will be offered tools to think...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/hybrid-forms-poetry-workshop\]](https://loft.org/classes/hybrid-forms-poetry-workshop)

Research-Based Practice for Creative Writers

Anaïs Duplan

	Time	
July 10, 2024- July 31, 2024	Wed, 07/10/2024 - 12:00pm - Wed, 07/31/2024 - 2:00pm	Multigenre Poetry Adult
Price Regular \$148.00	Friend \$133.20	

The violence enacted on marginalized people is met with a poetry of resistance: art and literature as a political tool accessible to the masses. What service do research-based poetics and experimental documentary offer to liberation, memory, grief?

This course is geared toward folks with...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/research-based-practice-creative-writers\]](https://loft.org/classes/research-based-practice-creative-writers)

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PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

Loft Summer Sampler Class: Screenwriting

Michael Gorrie

Time
June 15, 2024 | Sat, 06/15/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/15/2024 - 11:00am | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult
Price Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-screenwriting\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-screenwriting)

Introduction to Writing for Television

Bo Kaprall

Time
June 18, 2024- August 13, 2024 | Tue, 06/18/2024 - 10:00am - Tue, 08/13/2024 - 12:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult
Price Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

This class is designed for creative writers with no prior experience, as well as those with writing experience, wishing 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 (reality TV)...

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

Write Your Screenplay or TV Pilot in 8 Weeks

Michael Gorrie

Time
June 18, 2024- August 13, 2024 | Tue, 06/18/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/13/2024 - 8:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult
Price Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

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

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

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

Page and the Stage

Helen Banner

Time
June 20, 2024- August 15, 2024 | Thu, 06/20/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/15/2024 - 8:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult
Price Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

Your play becomes theatre only when it is embodied by an actor. Using readings from directing, acting and dramaturgical sources, we will look at how your characters and story could have "presence" for an audience. Each week we will share extracts from contemporary plays and workshop students' own...

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

Idea to Screenplay

Lillie Gardner

	Time	
July 27, 2024- August 17, 2024	Sat, 07/27/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/17/2024 - 3:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting Adult
Price Regular \$148.00	Friend \$133.20	

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 four steps! In this beginner class, you'll learn about what goes into a great screenplay and start generating your own pages. Each week will be...

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

POETRY

Finding the Poet Within

Holly Day

	Time	
June 18, 2024- July 30, 2024	Tue, 06/18/2024 - 10:00am - Tue, 07/30/2024 - 12:00pm	Poetry Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/finding-poet-within-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/finding-poet-within-11)

New Techniques to Kickstart Poetry Revisions

Sonya Lara

	Time	
June 19, 2024- July 10, 2024	Wed, 06/19/2024 - 6:30pm - Wed, 07/10/2024 - 8:30pm	Poetry Adult
Price Regular \$222.00	Friend \$199.80	

As writers, sometimes the task of staring down a blank page and beginning a new piece seems less daunting than opening an existing draft of a poem. Why do we shy away from editing? What about the editing process seems to drain us of our energy and leave us unsure of how to continue? How can we, as...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/new-techniques-kickstart-poetry-revisions\]](https://loft.org/classes/new-techniques-kickstart-poetry-revisions)

Poetry and Worldbuilding

Mary Helen Callier

	Time	
June 20, 2024- August 15, 2024	Thu, 06/20/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/15/2024 - 8:00pm	Poetry Adult
Price Regular \$296.00	Friend \$266.40	

In this class we are going to think about how poems create worlds. How do you select, craft, and imagine the particular parts of an environment or landscape that will leave a lasting impact on your reader's mind? While this class will focus specifically on poetry, it is a useful course for all...

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

Writing the Elegy

Felicity Sheehy

Time
June 22, 2024- June 29, 2024 | Sat, 06/22/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 06/29/2024 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

This is a class about writing elegies. It is intended for poets who see elegy as central to their craft, and who would like to workshop recent work in a supportive environment. As poet Faiz Ahmad Faiz writes, "the true subject of poetry is the loss of the beloved." This is a class that will consider...

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

Poetry: Writing Through Loss

Christopher Vaughan

Time
July 16, 2024- August 6, 2024 | Tue, 07/16/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/06/2024 - 8:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

Almost everyone's life is touched by loss. What's lost could be internal, external, or some combination of the two. Loss can be individual or collective, fleeting or permanent, isolated or recurring across through generations. Loss might imply a wound or trauma, an absence, a breaker-of-bonds, yet...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/poetry-writing-through-loss\]](https://loft.org/classes/poetry-writing-through-loss)

Writing Sestinas

Melanie Figg

Time
August 17, 2024 | Sat, 08/17/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/17/2024 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

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...

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

A Poet's Toolbox

Rebecca Jamieson

Time
August 17, 2024 | Sat, 08/17/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/17/2024 - 5:00pm | Poetry | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

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

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

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

PUBLISHING AND CAREER

Loft Summer Sampler Class: The Art of Freelance Writing

Rachel Werner

Time
June 13, 2024 | Thu, 06/13/2024 - 1:00pm - Thu, 06/13/2024 - 2:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

Are you serious about earning more money as a writer, but unsure of what your next steps should be? Learn how to broaden areas of expertise, expand your range of offered services, and profit from your knowledge as a freelance writer.

This is an abbreviated sampler class for novice freelancers and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-art-freelance-writing\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-art-freelance-writing)

Authenticity Matters: Sensitivity Readers in Writing and Publishing

Sydney Fowler

Time
June 22, 2024 | Sat, 06/22/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 5:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Sensitivity Readers (also called authenticity, diversity, or targeted beta readers) use our lived experience to help writers of all genres create more authentic and respectful portrayals of marginalized identities and communities. Hiring a sensitivity reader can be a meaningful investment in your...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/authenticity-matters-sensitivity-readers-writing-and-publishing\]](https://loft.org/classes/authenticity-matters-sensitivity-readers-writing-and-publishing)

You Finished Your Book—Now What?

Savannah Brooks

Time
June 29, 2024 | Sat, 06/29/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/29/2024 - 4:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

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

The day...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/you-finished-your-book-now-what\]](https://loft.org/classes/you-finished-your-book-now-what)

How To Start or Build Your Sensitivity Reader Business

Sydney Fowler

Time
June 29, 2024 | Sat, 06/29/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/29/2024 - 5:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

This workshop is for folks with experiences and identities underrepresented in media who are interested in either becoming a sensitivity reader or for sensitivity readers interested in growing their business and building community. Sensitivity Readers use our lived experience to help writers of all...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/how-start-or-build-your-sensitivity-reader-business\]](https://loft.org/classes/how-start-or-build-your-sensitivity-reader-business)

Demystifying the Publishing Industry

Lacey Dunham

Time
July 13, 2024 | Sat, 07/13/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/13/2024 - 1:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

So you've written a short story or maybe even a novel, but what do you do now? This session aims to illuminate the notoriously opaque publishing industry by delving into its component parts. From the various options available if you're seeking publication to the role of literary agents and editors...

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How to Write the Perfect Pitch

Dustin Nelson

Time
July 13, 2024 | Sat, 07/13/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/13/2024 - 5:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

The media industry is hard. This class will equip students with everything they need to know to successfully pitch editors, whether they're looking to build a career in freelance writing or hoping to land a big feature story with a major outlet.

This course will go through the business side of...

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Happy Beginnings

Rachel Signer

Time
July 15, 2024 | Mon, 07/15/2024 - 5:30pm - Mon, 07/15/2024 - 8:30pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

It's well known in the publishing world that in order to grab readers, a book must present incredibly strong writing with a compelling hook in the first few pages – or even the first few paragraphs, or sentences.

In this three-hour workshop, we will dissect some of the most powerful beginnings...

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Submitting and Publishing Your Writing to Literary Magazines

Adrianna Jereb

Time
July 20, 2024 | Sat, 07/20/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/20/2024 - 12:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult
Price Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Ready to share your writing with the world? In this class you'll learn how to find homes for your stories, essays, and poems. We'll discuss the process from start to finish: finding literary magazines that are a good fit, formatting author bios and cover letters, staying organized and keeping track...

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Queries About Querying

Amy Bishop-Wycisk

Time

July 27, 2024 | Sat, 07/27/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/27/2024 - 3:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Price Regular \$37.00 | Friend \$33.30

You want to break into traditional publishing, but to do that, you need an agent. And an agent is requiring a query letter (and potentially a synopsis and anywhere from 5-30 pages). The first in a series of classes, this class breaks down the process of writing a query letter, with time for a Q&A at...

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