

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Children's Writing for Beginners

Lisa Bullard

	Time	
October 27, 2026- December 8, 2026	Tue, 10/27/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 12/08/2026 - 8:00pm	
Children's and Young Adult Literature	Adult	

Do you dream of writing a children's book? This class will explore the exciting world of writing for children and young adults through a mix of writing activities and discussion. The class is suited for both beginners and more established writers who are new to writing for a younger audience...

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Diversifying Writers: Writing Immersive Worlds and Authentic Cultural Representation in Children's Literature (for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers)

Payal Doshi

	Time	
December 12, 2026	Sat, 12/12/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/12/2026 - 11:00am	
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

Turning Trips into Tales: The Art of Travel Writing

Suzanne Roberts

	Time		
October 7, 2026	Wed, 10/07/2026 - 10:00am - Wed, 10/07/2026 - 12:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

Have you ever wondered how to become a travel writer? If so, this generative workshop will help you write about your journeys and adventures, past and future. We'll discuss different kinds of travel writing opportunities, as well as how to craft an effective travel piece. Topics covered will include...

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Flash Memoir: Life Stories in Under 500 Words

Brenda Hudson

Time

October 10, 2026 | Sat, 10/10/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/10/2026 - 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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Crafting Story in Personal Essay

Lillie Gardner

Time

October 10, 2026- October 17, 2026 | Sat, 10/10/2026 - 12:00pm - Sat, 10/17/2026 - 2:00pm |

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

We all have stories to tell. But could we be telling them more effectively?

It's easy for personal essay writing to get stuck in the abstract world of reflection or bogged down in accounts of events. While reflection and scene are important tools, an engaging story is what gets readers feeling...

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Mapping Your Personal Universe: Entryways into Creative Nonfiction

Courtney Ann LaFaive

Time

October 10, 2026 | Sat, 10/10/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/10/2026 - 3:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Many writers who want to write creative nonfiction (whether that's an essay, memoir, or other form of personal writing) maybe feel daunted by the idea of how to begin to write about their own lives. Likewise, many established writers may find themselves in a moment of drought or doubt. In this...

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The Art of the Interview for Narrative Nonfiction

Elise Leise

Time

October 24, 2026 | Sat, 10/24/2026 - 12:00pm - Sat, 10/24/2026 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Do you want to master the craft of asking better questions? What goes into a good interview? How do you get people to open up? In this class, we'll explore the art and practice of interviewing for narrative nonfiction. We'll analyze examples of strong interviews, explore guidance from Nieman...

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Learning by Example: Creative Nonfiction

Michael Robinson

	Time	
October 29, 2026- December 10, 2026	Thu, 10/29/2026 - 4:00pm - Thu, 12/10/2026 - 6:00pm	
Creative Nonfiction	Adult	

This class aims to help students build engaging essays by choosing experiences and narratives to translate into a finished work of creative nonfiction. They will produce well considered, focused prose interestingly portrayed with a clear, consistent voice. In particular, students will explore the...

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Personal Essay for Beginners

Brian Malloy

	Time		
November 7, 2026	Sat, 11/07/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/07/2026 - 12:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

The personal essay shares with readers an interesting, thought-provoking, entertaining, and/or funny experience you've had. We'll identify essay topics by making lists (e.g., hobbies, interests, passions, jobs, places you've lived or visited, turning points in your life, and issues you care about)...

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True Starts: Writing Your Memoir's First Page

Kevin Fenton

	Time		
December 5, 2026	Sat, 12/05/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 12/05/2026 - 2:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

The first words of a memoir or personal essay can be the hardest to write. In this four-hour workshop, we'll read the opening of four memoirs which begin in four different ways: James Baldwin's *The Fire Next Time* (a letter to a nephew), Jeannette Winterson's *Why Be Happy When You Can Be Normal?* (a...

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CREATIVE PROCESS

As Above, So Below: Magical Approaches to Writing

Elle Thoni

	Time		
October 17, 2026	Sat, 10/17/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/17/2026 - 12:00pm	Creative Process	Adult

Let's face it: as writers, we are constantly staring into the void. But how can we work with the unknown more consciously, especially when we feel stuck or uninspired? In this class, we will use foundational aspects of magical process to re-enchant our writing practice. Beyond #manifesting vibes, we...

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A Writing Group for LGBTQIA+ Writers

Jesaka Long

	Time	
October 21, 2026- December 16, 2026	Wed, 10/21/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/16/2026 - 8:00pm	
Creative Process	Adult	

Let's gather the whole alphabet! This writing group for LGBTQIA+ writers is designed to create a brave, encouraging community where everyone feels safe to talk about and/or share their writing.

Each session begins with a check in and optional accountability goal sharing. Then we'll get focused with...

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Writing with Nature Magic

Miranda Schmidt

	Time		
October 24, 2026	Sat, 10/24/2026 - 2:00pm - Sat, 10/24/2026 - 5:00pm	Creative Process	Adult

Do you write with the moon? Align your pages with the movements of the seasons? Seek words through communion with trees? Light candles and prepare teas for inspiration? Then you might use nature magic in your writing practice.

In this class, we'll explore many methods for bringing nature-based...

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Writing Through Challenging Times: Journaling for Self-Care

Brenda Hudson

	Time	
October 27, 2026- November 17, 2026	Tue, 10/27/2026 - 1:00pm - Tue, 11/17/2026 - 3:00pm	
Creative Process	Adult	

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

In this class, you will...

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Echoes of Service: A Class for Veteran Servicemember Writers

LeJuane Bowens

	Time		
November 11, 2026	Wed, 11/11/2026 - 1:00pm - Wed, 11/11/2026 - 4:00pm	Creative Process	Adult

Echoes of Service is a community-based creative writing workshop that brings veterans and non-veterans together to share, reflect, and connect through storytelling. Centered on themes of military life, identity, culture, and the lasting impact of service, this workshop invites participants to...

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Write Now, Right Now: Creating a Sustainable Writing Practice

Aimee Seiff Christian

	Time		
November 21, 2026	Sat, 11/21/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/21/2026 - 1:00pm	Creative Process	Adult

Most writers are trying to make creative work inside an interrupted life. This class is for writers who want to build a writing practice that can actually hold up under the pressure of work, family, stress, self-doubt, health issues, and ordinary chaos.

We'll talk honestly about what gets in the...

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Storytelling: Narrative for the Stage

Aida Zilelian

	Time	
December 5, 2026- December 12, 2026	Sat, 12/05/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 12/12/2026 - 12:00pm	
Creative Process	Adult	

This class is for beginner and intermediate participants who are interested in learning how to draft a narrative story to perform on a live stage (such as on "The Moth"). We will begin by viewing short performances, brainstorming our own personal stories, and learning the nuances of how to present...

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DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Writing Blogs & Newsletters: Get Started or Recharge Your Online Writing

Nuria Sheehan

Time

November 7, 2026 | Sat, 11/07/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 11/07/2026 - 1:00pm | Digital Storytelling | Adult

Starting and maintaining a blog or newsletter is a great way to keep your writing flowing, hone your craft, and build a platform. This hands-on session combines practical guidance with inspiration to help you get started or bring new energy to your publication.

We'll analyze examples of compelling...

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FICTION

The Art of the Outline: Novel Writing Clinic

Alysandra Dutton

Time

October 6, 2026- November 17, 2026 | Tue, 10/06/2026 - 12:00pm - Tue, 11/17/2026 - 2:00pm | Fiction |

Adult

Are you looking to kickstart a novel idea that has been stuck that way for ages? Are you a "pantser" looking to reform your novel-writing process? Are the existing story formulas not working for your project? In this generative course, students will create outlines, develop characters, organize...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/index%2Ephp/classes/art-outline-novel-writing-clinic\]](https://loft.org/index%2Ephp/classes/art-outline-novel-writing-clinic)

Historical Fiction Workshop

Alysandra Dutton

Time

October 6, 2026- November 10, 2026 | Tue, 10/06/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 11/10/2026 - 8:00pm | Fiction |

Adult

Writing a novel or a story based in history can be daunting. Where do you begin to understand the past, and how can you accurately portray it in your fiction? Learn tools for researching past eras, historical archives and artifacts, and embed them seamlessly in your story to make your writing feel...

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Fiction Basics: Creative Language

Brian Malloy

	Time		
October 10, 2026	Sat, 10/10/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/10/2026 - 12:00pm	Fiction	Adult

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...

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Flash Fiction 101

Tina Tocco

	Time		
October 13, 2026- November 17, 2026	Tue, 10/13/2026 - 10:00am - Tue, 11/17/2026 - 12:00pm	Fiction	Adult

You want to write flash fiction, but it seems so different from traditional short stories. And you're right -- it is. But if you've ever written fiction (or want to), you have the potential to write flash.

Each week, we'll read a flash story to examine the various ways authors do what they do in...

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

Sruthi Narayanan

	Time		
October 14, 2026- November 4, 2026	Wed, 10/14/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 11/04/2026 - 8:00pm	Fiction	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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Plan and Start Your Romance Novel

Eliot West

	Time		
October 15, 2026- December 10, 2026	Thu, 10/15/2026 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/10/2026 - 8:00pm	Fiction	Adult

Do you want to write a romance novel? This practical, friendly, information-rich class will give you a boost! We'll cover the building blocks of the genre: romantic leads, point of view, romance barriers and resolution, structure, and much more. After these eight weeks, you'll have the planning...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/index%2Ephp/classes/plan-and-start-your-romance-novel-0\]](https://loft.org/index%2Ephp/classes/plan-and-start-your-romance-novel-0)

Fiction Basics: Setting

Brian Malloy

	Time		
October 17, 2026	Sat, 10/17/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/17/2026 - 12:00pm	Fiction	Adult

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...

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Short Fiction Writing and Story Submission for Novices

Jenn Bouchard

	Time		
October 24, 2026	Sat, 10/24/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/24/2026 - 12:00pm	Fiction	Adult

Maybe you've only written long-form fiction and are curious about the short story. Perhaps you are looking to build up your author resumé with some short pieces. If you are searching for a place to start, start here! Jenn Bouchard has written several award-winning novels as well as published six...

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Crafting Powerful Scenes—The Building Blocks of Story

Nigar Alam

	Time		
October 24, 2026	Sat, 10/24/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/24/2026 - 1:00pm	Fiction	Adult

In this class, we'll focus on crafting scenes, which are the building blocks of story. We'll discuss the essential components of a scene and learn how to make it powerful and memorable. During the class, there'll be two blocks of time for writing, so students can apply these techniques to prompts...

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Fiction Basics: Emotional Range

Brian Malloy

	Time		
October 24, 2026	Sat, 10/24/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/24/2026 - 12:00pm	Fiction	Adult

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

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From Novice to Novelist

John DeDakis

	Time		
October 28, 2026- December 9, 2026	Wed, 10/28/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/09/2026 - 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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Fiction Basics: Revision

Brian Malloy

	Time		
October 31, 2026	Sat, 10/31/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/31/2026 - 12:00pm	Fiction	Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/index%2Ephp/classes/fiction-basics-revision-4\]](https://loft.org/index%2Ephp/classes/fiction-basics-revision-4)

Finding Your Story Through Images: Writing with Visual Art (for Ages 15 to 18)

Kimberly Lee

	Time		
November 7, 2026	Sat, 11/07/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 11/07/2026 - 1:00pm	Fiction	Youth

"Step into a scene and let it drip through your fingertips." — MJ Bush

Want to write a story but have no idea where to start? What if the story you're meant to tell is already hiding in the artwork that makes you stop and stare?

In this interactive workshop, you'll discover how visual art can lead...

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Story Blueprint Workshop

Erin Halden

Time
November 7, 2026 | Sat, 11/07/2026 - 12:00pm - Sat, 11/07/2026 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Writers are architects. But instead of building houses, we're building books. Just like an architect, you need a blueprint of your book so you can make sure your foundations are strong. In this class designed for fiction writers, you will develop a one-page Story Blueprint that will illuminate your...

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The Interior Lives of Characters

Jackie Cangro

Time
November 14, 2026 | Sat, 11/14/2026 - 12:00pm - Sat, 11/14/2026 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Characters are the lifeblood of story, no matter the genre. They should feel vivid and authentic—capable of surprising readers while remaining deeply relatable. That's no small task!

In this class, we'll deep dive into the inner lives of your characters. We'll explore the fundamentals of character...

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MULTIGENRE

First Steps into Writing

Patricia Hoolihan

Time
October 6, 2026- November 10, 2026 | Tue, 10/06/2026 - 12:00pm - Tue, 11/10/2026 - 2:00pm |
Multigenre | Adult

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

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Forge: a Craft Seminar with Valeria Luiselli (The Art of Listening)

Valeria Luiselli

Time

October 8, 2026 | Thu, 10/08/2026 - 10:00am - Thu, 10/08/2026 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

We will work on developing listening literacy as writers, thinking of sound as a source of narrative craft. We will likewise explore listening as a collective practice that allows for intentional solidarity and creative resistance, both environmental and political. We will be reading a small...

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Fall Writing Retreat: October

Nuria Sheehan

Time

October 17, 2026 | Sat, 10/17/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/17/2026 - 5:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Spend a full day with your writing! This online retreat combines group discussion, readings, warm-ups, and prompts with quiet writing time to help you make real progress and build a more consistent writing practice. Bring an existing project of any type or start something new.

Schedule:

9:00 - 9...

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Into the Unknown: The Mindful Writer's Journey

Benjamin Shalva

Time

October 27, 2026- November 17, 2026 | Tue, 10/27/2026 - 4:00pm - Tue, 11/17/2026 - 6:00pm |

Multigenre | Adult

We sit down to write. And sometimes — when we are quiet enough, open enough, patient — words rise from beneath the ordinary mind and surprise us. An image we didn't know we carried. A truth we didn't know we held. A poem we didn't know was waiting. This is the territory we will explore together...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/index%2Ephp/classes/unknown-mindful-writers-journey-0\]](https://loft.org/index%2Ephp/classes/unknown-mindful-writers-journey-0)

Points of Origin: Writing About Home

Rachel Werner

	Time
October 29, 2026- November 19, 2026	Thu, 10/29/2026 - 10:00am - Thu, 11/19/2026 - 12:00pm
Multigenre	Adult

The stories we have lived can often only be retold through the lens of home. In this multi-week class, writers will explore different craft techniques for bringing to life on the page the places we have, and still do, call home.

This class is ideal for writers of all levels who are:
-interested in...

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Finding Your Story: Keys to Discovering Your Full Narrative

Kate St. Vincent Vogl

	Time
November 4, 2026- December 2, 2026	Wed, 11/04/2026 - 12:00pm - Wed, 12/02/2026 - 2:00pm
Multigenre	Adult

Trying to find your way in writing your story? This class provides tools to guide you in uncovering the tale you have to tell, whether fiction or memoir. We'll start with the big picture, exploring how the chronology of story—different from chronological time—can shape your narrative. Next...

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Critique Group & Writing Club (for Ages 12-14)

Kelsey Daly

	Time
November 4, 2026- December 2, 2026	Wed, 11/04/2026 - 4:30pm - Wed, 12/02/2026 - 6:00pm
Multigenre	Youth

Looking for a place to unleash your writing creativity and make new friends? Join the Loft for this after-school writing club for writers of all kinds. We'll work on our projects or start new ones, practice the art of workshopping our writing, and encourage one another on our writing journeys...

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Loft After-School Creative Writing Club (for Ages 9-11)

Matthew Taber-Hanson

	Time	
November 4, 2026- December 2, 2026	Wed, 11/04/2026 - 4:30pm - Wed, 12/02/2026 - 6:00pm	
Multigenre	Youth	

Looking for a place to unleash your writing creativity and make new friends? Join the Loft for this after-school writing club for writers of all kinds. With prompts, sharing, discussion, writing time, and fun activities, we'll work on our projects or start new ones--together! Whether you like novels...

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Writing Mindfulness

Michael Kiesow Moore

	Time		
November 7, 2026	Sat, 11/07/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/07/2026 - 12:00pm	Multigenre	Adult

Someone once said that another word for Love is Presence. What does it look like to be fully present to both loved ones and strangers, and to ourselves? Can we give this attention to our writing, and use writing itself to better understand being awake to our lives? We have many claims to our...

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Hope and Imagination in Environmental and Nature Writing

Wendy Johnson

	Time	
November 7, 2026- November 14, 2026	Sat, 11/07/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 11/14/2026 - 12:00pm	
Multigenre	Adult	

At every turn, we see dire news of environmental degradation and biodiversity loss. While there are glimpses of hope and resilience, these stories are often drowned out by predictions of the coming climate apocalypse. The state of the world is overwhelming, but we can't solve our problems by...

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Diversifying Writers: Resource Sharing for Indigenous and BIPOC Writers

Rachel Werner

	Time	
November 7, 2026- November 14, 2026	Sat, 11/07/2026 - 12:00pm - Sat, 11/14/2026 - 2:00pm	
Multigenre	Adult	

Collaboration is a crucial component to cultivating and sustaining arts-centered careers and community initiatives. So what does this theory look like in practice? And how do social determinants of health (SDH) and mutual aid accessibility impact our ability to engage in creative expression and...

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Mini But Mighty: Writing Micro

Kathryn Ganfield

	Time	
November 14, 2026- November 21, 2026	Sat, 11/14/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 11/21/2026 - 1:00pm	
Multigenre	Adult	

How much punch can you pack into a ? 250-word piece? You'll see in this two-session workshop on the short-short genre. Micro prose is among the flashiest of forms; you'll find it's both fulfilling and fun to write.

Publishers might cap it at 500, 250 or 100 words (sometimes exactly 100). Others...

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Scenes: The Secret to Writing Stronger First Drafts

Toby LaPlant

	Time		
November 14, 2026	Sat, 11/14/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 11/14/2026 - 1:00pm	Multigenre	Adult

Scenes are the building blocks of fiction, whether you're writing a 500-page novel or a 5-page short story. They're also the secret to breaking down your writing projects into smaller, more manageable tasks. This class will explain what a scene is, how to start and end scenes, and how to put...

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Memory as Archive

Matt Isaia

	Time	
November 14, 2026- November 21, 2026	Sat, 11/14/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/21/2026 - 3:00pm	
Multigenre	Adult	

This course focuses on personal memory and personal history, using prompts to help generate writing about lived experiences. In this class, students will be encouraged to cull through their own memories in order to write vivid stories and sketches of people, places, and past events. Students will be...

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Fall Writing Retreat: November

Nuria Sheehan

	Time		
November 21, 2026	Sat, 11/21/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/21/2026 - 5:00pm	Multigenre	Adult

Spend a full day with your writing! This online retreat combines group discussion, readings, warm-ups, and prompts with quiet writing time to help you make real progress and build a more consistent writing practice. Bring an existing project of any type or start something new.

Schedule:

9:00 - 9...

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A Place for Your Work: 3 Exercises, 3 Drafts, 3 Publications

Kristin Johnson

	Time		
November 21, 2026	Sat, 11/21/2026 - 12:00pm - Sat, 11/21/2026 - 3:00pm	Multigenre	Adult

Someone once said the reason writers sometimes stop writing is because they don't have an audience or a place to send their work. In this class, we will write with submissions in mind. Through writing exercises geared toward specific regional journals, we will draft short pieces that have the...

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Writing About the Hard Stuff

Roxanne Sadovsky

	Time		
December 3, 2026	Thu, 12/03/2026 - 10:00am - Thu, 12/03/2026 - 2:00pm	Multigenre	Adult

Why are certain things hard to write about? And what specifically makes them hard? Is it our own personal narrative or judgment about the hard stuff that make certain topics off limits? Are we afraid of what we might find? And what happens if we ignore it? Where does the hard stuff live within the...

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Diversifying Writers: Writing Your "We" for LGBTQIAP+ Writers

Jesaka Long

	Time		
December 5, 2026	Sat, 12/05/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 12/05/2026 - 5:00pm	Multigenre	Adult

In "Diversifying Writers: Writing Your "We" for LGBTQIA+ Writers" you, your fellow writers, and your instructor will dive deep into what makes a community and why a community might narrate our stories. We'll also explore how writing your "we" can build complex, expansive stories that resist being...

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PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

Introduction to Screenwriting

Lauren Peacock

	Time
October 22, 2026- November 12, 2026	Thu, 10/22/2026 - 6:00pm - Thu, 11/12/2026 - 8:00pm
Play- and Screenwriting	Adult

Are you sitting on a brilliant movie idea but struggling to get it out of your head and onto the page? This hands-on, online course is designed to take you from a blank screen to the start of a polished, industry-standard (10 or 30 page) script. Led by Lauren Peacock, a working writer and producer...

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Write Your Screenplay or TV Pilot in 6 Weeks

Michael Gorrie

	Time
October 27, 2026- December 8, 2026	Tue, 10/27/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 12/08/2026 - 8:00pm
Play- and Screenwriting	Adult

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...

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Introduction to Playwriting

JR Dawson

	Time
October 27, 2026- November 17, 2026	Tue, 10/27/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 11/17/2026 - 8:00pm
Play- and Screenwriting	Adult

If you've ever wondered how plays get written, this is the class for you. Bring your stories to life onstage, and celebrate the magic of theatre in this four-week intensive. You'll learn the history of plays, how to format and write a script, strengthen your character and dialogue, and see how we...

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Beyond the Linear: Re-imagining Plot

Gemma Irish

	Time	
October 28, 2026- November 18, 2026	Wed, 10/28/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 11/18/2026 - 8:00pm	
Play- and Screenwriting	Adult	

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

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Creating & Writing Your First TV Pilot (Comedy, Drama, Reality)

Bo Kaprall

	Time	
November 3, 2026- December 15, 2026	Tue, 11/03/2026 - 10:00am - Tue, 12/15/2026 - 12:00pm	
Play- and Screenwriting	Adult	

Applicable to comedy, drama, and reality TV, this six-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 shows...

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Story and Page to Stage: Writing a Story-Based Play

Cia Sautter

	Time	
November 3, 2026	Tue, 11/03/2026 - 4:00pm - Tue, 11/03/2026 - 7:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting
Adult		

The goal of this class is create a short 10 minute play as a step to developing a full play with by:

- examining short story-based play examples
- learning basic playwriting techniques of outlining, monologues and dialogues, word play and symbols
- practice sharing work with class members for...

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POETRY

Tips and Tricks to Revise Your Poems

Christopher Vaughan

Time

October 10, 2026 | Sat, 10/10/2026 - 12:00pm - Sat, 10/10/2026 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Between a rough first draft and sharing a poem on stage, or sending it out for publication, lies the journey of revision. That journey can take many forms and be shaped by a myriad of tools. In this class for poets of all levels, we'll explore such questions as: Why do we revise our poems? What...

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Fall Sampler: Poetry with Nicole W. Lee

Nicole W. Lee

Time

October 20, 2026 | Tue, 10/20/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 10/20/2026 - 7:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Want to try your hand at writing poetry? 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...

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Let's Write a Poem

Holly Day

Time

October 22, 2026- November 12, 2026 | Thu, 10/22/2026 - 6:00pm - Thu, 11/12/2026 - 8:00pm | Poetry | Adult

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

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Writing Resistance Haiku

Kelly Westhoff Nissa Valdez

Time

October 24, 2026 | Sat, 10/24/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/24/2026 - 2:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Politics. Climate change. Feminism. Racism. Even if we want to write about our experiences regarding these topics, the issues can feel so complex that it's hard to get started. Haiku can offer a way in. At first, it may seem impossible to write our big emotions inside such a tiny poetic form, but it...

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Diversifying Writers: Reclaiming Language Through Form—A Poet's Guide (for BIPOC and Indigenous Writers)

Chavonn Shen

	Time		
October 31, 2026	Sat, 10/31/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/31/2026 - 1:00pm	Poetry	Adult

This class will discuss the ways artists of color use poetic form as a tool of resistance. We'll read poets whose language protested erasure and reformed what determines legitimacy by exploring both contemporary and classic works. We'll also write poems in form and invent forms to serve our own...

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Forge: a Craft Seminar with Naoko Fujimoto (Let's Create Haiga!)

Naoko Fujimoto

	Time		
November 21, 2026	Sat, 11/21/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 11/21/2026 - 12:00pm	Poetry	Adult

The goal of this class is for students to create their Haiga – a short poem and illustration – it does not require advanced art skills and materials. Haiga is usually represented by black ink, so students need paper and a pen. They will learn about the difference between waka and haiku poems.

Waka...

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The Poetics of Craquelure: On Hybrid Forms

Nicole W. Lee

	Time		
December 3, 2026	Thu, 12/03/2026 - 5:00pm - Thu, 12/03/2026 - 8:00pm	Poetry	Adult

Few of us today could say that our lives have not been shaped by hybridity, and the same might be said of poetic form. This three-hour generative class explores contemporary hybrid forms such as the ghazal-ode, burning haibun, and other invented structures that adapt and transform inherited...

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The Language of Loss: A Poetry, Grief, and Healing Workshop

Benjamin Shalva

	Time		
December 5, 2026	Sat, 12/05/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/05/2026 - 1:00pm	Poetry	Adult

Grief resists ordinary language. It arrives in fragments, in silence, in the body — and it asks something of us that everyday speech cannot quite deliver. Poetry can.

In this four-hour online workshop, we use poetry as a portal into our own experience of loss — and of what follows it: the...

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PUBLISHING AND CAREER

Substack: What the Heck Is It, and How Can I Use it?

Kristin Johnson

Time

October 10, 2026 | Sat, 10/10/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/10/2026 - 1:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Have you heard of Substack and wondered what it was? Do you have a Substack but you're not sure the best way to use it? In this class, we will look at several examples of people using their Substacks effectively to blog and connect with readers. You will come away with ideas for how to focus or...

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Pitch Perfect: Write a Query Letter That Gets Noticed

Jackie Cangro

Time

October 17, 2026 | Sat, 10/17/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/17/2026 - 1:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

The query letter is your gateway to traditional publishing—the one-chance pitch that entices a literary agent to request your manuscript. To put your best foot forward, you need to write a query letter that stands out, follows a specific format, and impresses and intrigues an agent. (No small feat...

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What Agents Look For In Your Fantasy Novels

Sara Megibow

Matthew Valdez

Time

November 7, 2026 | Sat, 11/07/2026 - 2:00pm - Sat, 11/07/2026 - 5:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

We're living in an era filled with great fantasy stories! Fantasy novels for the adult market, fantasy novels for younger readers, "Romantasy", manga, graphic novels, fantasy on TV and in films...the list goes on and on and consumers are hungry!

Sara Megibow and Matthew Valdez - literary agents...

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