

2026 Teen Writing Project (Fall Edition—Minneapolis)

Robert Voedisch

September 17, 2026- December 9, 2026 | Time
Thu, 09/17/2026 - 4:30pm - Wed, 12/09/2026 - 6:00pm | Youth

This semester-long advanced class is for students who are serious about writing and are ready to take their fiction to the next level. Most of our time in class will be spent discussing your work, helping you make your fiction the best it can be.

The teaching artist will point out areas in your...

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CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Writing for Middle Grade and Young Adult

Tina Tocco

July 14, 2026- August 4, 2026 | Time
Tue, 07/14/2026 - 12:00pm - Tue, 08/04/2026 - 2:00pm |
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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Tools and Techniques for Writing Middle Grade Fiction

Kristin Johnson

July 23, 2026- August 13, 2026 | Time
Thu, 07/23/2026 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/13/2026 - 8:00pm |
Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

This four-week workshop is designed for writers of all experience levels who want to explore the art and craft of middle grade fiction, which is typically intended for readers ages 8-12. Whether you are brand new to writing for children or actively working on a manuscript, this class offers a...

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CREATIVE NONFICTION

Writing Gen X: Voices from the Forgotten Generation

Roxanne Sadovsky

Time

July 9, 2026 | Thu, 07/09/2026 - 10:00am - Thu, 07/09/2026 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Let's face it, Gen X: We have something to say, strong opinions, stories to write about neon nights, latchkey days, and our upbringing in the heart of New Wave, PacMan, and the New Age. Our words, however, feel stuck in some unreachable Land of the Lost within, buried beneath a narrative we've...

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Discovering Your Memoir's Lead Character

John Moe

Time

July 15, 2026- August 5, 2026 | Wed, 07/15/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/05/2026 - 8:00pm |

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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Resisting the Border: A Creative Nonfiction Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Victoria Blanco

Time

July 22, 2026- July 29, 2026 | Wed, 07/22/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/29/2026 - 8:00pm |

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

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...

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Nostalgia, Memory, and Confession—Writing Your Memoir

Holly Day

July 23, 2026- August 13, 2026 | Time
Thu, 07/23/2026 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/13/2026 - 8:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Everybody has a story—what's yours? In this class, we'll go over some of the different ways you can tell your story, through creative journaling, travel writing, coming-of-age and childhood recollections and reflections, poetry, and narrative essays, and explore these forms through generative in...

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Writing “My Story:” The Personal Essay for Scholarship and College Applications (for Ages 15 to 18)

Mitchell LeGrand

August 4, 2026- August 7, 2026 | Time
Tue, 08/04/2026 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/07/2026 - 4:00pm
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 that we want to share with others!

In this class, we will be exploring the personal narrative, and how to tell our own stories in a compelling way. These lessons will prepare...

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CREATIVE PROCESS

The Writing Process, Identity & Technique: How to Unlock Your Creative Potential

David Mura

July 22, 2026 | Time
Wed, 07/22/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/22/2026 - 9:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

"Why can't I finish this book? How can I maximize my own creativity? How do I sustain my writing over the long haul?" There is one answer to these questions: we are not taught the principles and practices of creativity in school or even in writing classes.

Using these principles and practices, this...

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Developing a Daily Creative Writing Practice

Heidi Newbauer

Time

August 8, 2026- August 15, 2026 | Sat, 08/08/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/15/2026 - 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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Creative Maps for Creative Writing

Heidi Newbauer

Time

August 13, 2026 | Thu, 08/13/2026 - 10:00am - Thu, 08/13/2026 - 1:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

The cartographer's map lures us into other worlds, but what about our own creative worlds and ideas? In this session, we'll explore how creative maps can transform ideas into visual aids that give more ease—and fun!—to our writing processes.

We will look at examples of writer's maps from other...

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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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FICTION

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

Tamara Hogan

July 8, 2026- August 12, 2026 | ^{Time} Wed, 07/08/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/12/2026 - 8:30pm | 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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The Craft of Fiction: Sense(s) and Sensibility

Allison Wyss

July 11, 2026 | ^{Time} Sat, 07/11/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/11/2026 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Sensibility is how character reflects through the point of view. It's the choices a voice makes about what to describe and how to describe it. In this class we'll look at some distinctive voices and try to figure out how character comes through just in the way they show us the world. (Hint: This...

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Craft Seminar: Structure, Narrative, and the Novel

Katherine Packert Burke

July 11, 2026 | ^{Time} Sat, 07/11/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/11/2026 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Adult

The structure of a narrative is almost invisible but impacts every choice you make as a writer and the experience of every reader. Does the story begin after a murder has taken place, or a hundred years before? Does it bounce between the brains of a dozen characters or is it trapped in the...

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The Magic of Outlines (for Ages 15 to 18)

Aurora Whittet Best

July 14, 2026- July 17, 2026 | ^{Time} Tue, 07/14/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/17/2026 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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

Learn the power of outlining and create a roadmap into your world!

Have you ever wondered how the central idea, the heart of the story or theme, profoundly changes story beats? Structure doesn...

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

Elise Toedt **Matthew Taber-Hanson**

Time
July 14, 2026- July 17, 2026 | Tue, 07/14/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/17/2026 - 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:

Heroes in the Making: Building My Hero and Their World (for Ages 12 to 14) with Elise Toedt

In this class, we will create compelling heroes whose journey brings up topics of...

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Fiction in a Flash

Alex Juffer

Time
July 18, 2026 | Sat, 07/18/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/18/2026 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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...

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Speculative Fiction

Jeneé Skinner

Time
July 18, 2026 | Sat, 07/18/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/18/2026 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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

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Flash and Micro Fiction: Stories in 100 to 1000 Words

Jane Wageman

Time
July 25, 2026 | Sat, 07/25/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/25/2026 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

In spite of their brevity, flash and micro fiction can pack an emotional punch. This class will introduce participants to the basics of flash and micro fiction, focusing on two questions: How do writers contain a story to such a small space? And how do they give these stories emotional depth? Over...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/index%20e.php/classes/flash-and-micro-fiction-stories-100-1000-words\]](https://loft.org/index%20e.php/classes/flash-and-micro-fiction-stories-100-1000-words)

Fiction for BIPOC Writers: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Taiwana Shambley

August 1, 2026- August 8, 2026 | Time
Sat, 08/01/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/08/2026 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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...

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Fiction by Fury: Building Stories through Moments of Conflict (for Ages 15 to 18)

Alice Paige

August 4, 2026- August 7, 2026 | Time
Tue, 08/04/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/07/2026 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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

Fiction unfolds moment by moment through emotional and physical conflict. The secret told, the duel lost, the prophecy foretold. Those moments define our stories and can make or break our...

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Nature Writing (for Ages 15 to 18)

James Ellis

August 4, 2026- August 7, 2026 | Time
Tue, 08/04/2026 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/07/2026 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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

Explore the centuries-long connection between the human and the natural world in "Nature Writing."

For ages, nature has been an access point for the writer. Never has there been a more...

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

Troy Wilderson

August 11, 2026- August 14, 2026 | Time
Tue, 08/11/2026 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/14/2026 - 4:00pm | 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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MULTIGENRE

The First 10 Pages: A Revision Workshop

Miranda Schmidt

July 7, 2026- August 11, 2026 | Time
Tue, 07/07/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/11/2026 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

The first pages of a book create the entryway into the story. They're what readers first encounter and, often, where they form their expectations of the book as a whole. These pages are also what you will initially send to agents and publishers once your novel is ready for submission.

In this...

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Imagination to Page (for Ages 9 to 11)

Marie Olofsdotter Holly Day

July 14, 2026- July 17, 2026 | Time
Tue, 07/14/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/17/2026 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

This full-day summer writing experience invites young storytellers to spend four imaginative days creating magical worlds, memorable characters, and stories all their own. Mornings focus on fairy tales and bookmaking, guiding students through classic story structures while they write and build a...

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Shadows and Sunshine: Writing and Reading about Grief

Lisa M. Bolt Simons

July 18, 2026- July 25, 2026 | Time
Sat, 07/18/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/25/2026 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

If you've stumbled through a heartbreaking loss and feel it's time to write about your grief, or you'd like to write about it more, this is a class for you. We will work through various writing exercises to help you process what you haven't been able to speak. We'll also read excerpts of work from...

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2026 Loft Youth Writing Intensive: Ages 10 to 13

Kelsey Daly Dralandra Larkins Michael Gorrie Holly Day

July 21, 2026- July 24, 2026 | Time
Tue, 07/21/2026 - 9:30am - Fri, 07/24/2026 - 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...

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The Nature of Memory

Erin Sharkey

July 23, 2026- August 13, 2026 | Time
Thu, 07/23/2026 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/13/2026 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Where does nature start and end? How natural are you? Observing natural patterns and phenomena can help us make meaning of our lives, even in urban spaces. In this writing workshop, we will consider the natural systems and patterns that ripple through our experiences, inscribing them. We'll look...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/index%20php/classes/nature-memory\]](https://loft.org/index%20php/classes/nature-memory)

Mini But Mighty: Writing Micro

Kathryn Ganfield

July 25, 2026- August 1, 2026 | Time
Sat, 07/25/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/01/2026 - 12:00pm | 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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Crisis Creates Us: The Secret Heart of Story

Daniel José Older

Time

July 25, 2026 | Sat, 07/25/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/25/2026 - 2:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

This class explores how crisis functions to unify narrative structure, worldbuilding, and character development. We will get into the nitty-gritty nuts and bolts of plot and touch on wider questions of art and politics in literature. Consider how crisis plays out across our daily newsfeeds—problems...

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Narrative Healing Through Minnesota Resistance

JR Dawson

Time

July 25, 2026 | Sat, 07/25/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/25/2026 - 2:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

When bad things happen, the feelings and memories that we hold inside of us can be overwhelming. Throughout history, those who live through "interesting times" have shared their stories, be it the Blitz Diaries or fiction such as Narnia and Lord of the Rings. After Operation Metro Surge, let us come...

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2026 Loft Youth Writing Intensive: Ages 14 To 18

Robert Voedisch Michael Gorrie Dralandra Larkins Shannon Gibney

Time

July 28, 2026- July 31, 2026 | Tue, 07/28/2026 - 9:30am - Fri, 07/31/2026 - 3:30pm | Multigenre | Youth

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This class consists of...

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Art and the Anecdote: Giving New Form to the Stories We Keep Telling

Jessica Alexander

Time

August 1, 2026 | Sat, 08/01/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/01/2026 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

We all have style when it comes to narrativizing our lives. Even a dull day or a dreadful date can fuel a good story. But when faced with the blank page, our skill and delight might abandon us.

In this generative workshop, we'll turn the stories we tell friends into narrative poems, flash memoirs...

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Be Your Own Developmental Editor

Jackie Cangro

Time

August 1, 2026 | Sat, 08/01/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/01/2026 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

This class will provide the tools and techniques to help you see your manuscript the way an editor or agent might see it. We'll ask the tough questions to guide you in making your manuscript the best it can be. You'll use these tools to assess your story's strengths and weaknesses. Whether your goal...

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Writing Immersion (for Ages 12 to 14)

Rachel Guvenc Craig Noles

Time

August 4, 2026- August 7, 2026 | Tue, 08/04/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/07/2026 - 4:00pm | Multigenre |

Youth

This full-day summer writing experience is designed especially for young writers to explore storytelling through animals, imagination, and play. In the morning, students will read and write stories about beloved pets—both real and imaginary—building confidence with basic story structure and sharing...

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Writing What is Possible: Writing For a Better World (for Ages 15-18)

Mitchell LeGrand

Time

August 4, 2026- August 7, 2026 | Tue, 08/04/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/07/2026 - 12:00pm | Multigenre |

Youth

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

Young people are ready and eager to start changing the world, especially right now in the United States. Issues around climate, criminal injustice, global conflicts, etc. are all at the forefront...

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After the Exquisite Corpse: the Surreal, the Collaborative, the Ekphrastic

Sara Mae

Time

August 8, 2026 | Sat, 08/08/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/08/2026 - 5:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

The Exquisite Corpse is a parlor game popularized by the Surrealists, in which a participant draws or writes a line in response to a line from another participant, rendering, as Simone Kahn wrote, "creatures unimaginable by one alone."

In this class we will try a sampler platter of strategies of...

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

Holly Day Blythe Baird

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Tue, 08/11/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Multigenre |
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Dark Hauntings: Bending Boundaries in Writing (for ages 12 to 14)

Kat Shepherd

August 11, 2026- August 14, 2026 | Time
Tue, 08/11/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Multigenre |
Youth

This full-day summer writing experience invites young writers to spend four days reading, writing, and sharpening their storytelling skills in a supportive community. Mornings focus on the craft of short fiction, with time to read great stories, experiment with structure, and draft and revise...

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Creating Fantastical Worlds (for Ages 9 to 11)

Ellen Fee Holly Day

August 11, 2026- August 14, 2026 | Time
Tue, 08/11/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Multigenre |
Youth

This full-day summer writing experience invites young writers to explore language, imagination, and storytelling from around the world. Mornings focus on poetry as a creative passport—introducing students to poetic forms from different cultures through writing, art, and play—while afternoons expand...

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PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

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

Bo Kaprall

Time
July 7, 2026- August 11, 2026 | Tue, 07/07/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/11/2026 - 8:00pm |
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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Imagine Abolition: A Screenwriting Workshop For Crafting Stories of Justice, Freedom, and Radical Love

Jana Smith

Time
July 16, 2026- August 6, 2026 | Thu, 07/16/2026 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/06/2026 - 8:00pm |
Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

In this screenwriting workshop, writers from all levels—from emerging to advanced—will learn how to incorporate abolitionist ideas, themes, and principles into their work to create narratives of justice, freedom, and radical love. Whether you're revisiting an old work or creating something entirely...

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Adaptation Lab: A Loft x FilmNorth Collaboration

Arleta M. Little Andrew Peterson

Time
July 18, 2026 | Sat, 07/18/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/18/2026 - 2:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

So much of what we see on the screen had a first and a second life on the written page as a literary work and then as a screenplay. Adaptation Lab will engage writers in examining the process of adapting literary work for the screen by learning from writers and directors who have done it.

This...

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Write Your Screenplay

Michael Gorrie

Time

August 8, 2026 | Sat, 08/08/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/08/2026 - 1:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

Having trouble starting or following through with your screenplay? Need a structured environment to get 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 in...

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POETRY

Translating Life Experience Into Poetry

Edward Sambrano III

Time

July 7, 2026- July 28, 2026 | Tue, 07/07/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 07/28/2026 - 8:00pm | Poetry | Adult

What do we do with what moves us to write a poem? Too frequently does something occur in our lives that seems, to us, profound—the start, the raw material, of a poem!—only for us struggle to communicate its significance when it comes time to write. The problem, as we will discuss in this class...

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The Poetry of Preoccupation

Christopher Vaughan

Time

July 8, 2026- July 29, 2026 | Wed, 07/08/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/29/2026 - 8:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Preoccupations: They're the things that make us toss and turn at night. What we just can't let go off—or what won't let us go. In a lighter sense, a preoccupation might be an abiding delight, the item on the bucket list, that dream we can't stop reaching for. In a more difficult sense, the loss, or...

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Poetry: Writing Through Loss

Christopher Vaughan

Time

July 11, 2026- July 18, 2026 | Sat, 07/11/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/18/2026 - 1:00pm | Poetry | Adult

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...

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Not a Love Poem, But Something Close

Asa Drake

Time
July 11, 2026 | Sat, 07/11/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/11/2026 - 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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A Summer of Poetic Forms: Centos & Golden Shovels

Halee Kirkwood

Time
July 18, 2026 | Sat, 07/18/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/18/2026 - 11:00am | Poetry | Adult

How can the poetic form enliven our creative practice? Let’s explore and gather for a summer of sonnets and sestinas, a harvest of haiku. All are welcome in this summer series: formal poetry can be a great entryway to folks who are new to poetry, as well as challenge the most seasoned poet to...

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A Summer of Poetic Forms: Sonnets

Halee Kirkwood

Time
July 25, 2026 | Sat, 07/25/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/25/2026 - 11:00am | Poetry | Adult

How can the poetic form enliven our creative practice? Let’s explore and gather for a summer of sonnets and sestinas, a harvest of haiku. All are welcome in this summer series: formal poetry can be a great entryway to folks who are new to poetry, as well as challenge the most seasoned poet to...

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Writing Poetry Under Traumatic Fascism

Cassie Premo Steele

Time
July 25, 2026 | Sat, 07/25/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/25/2026 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Writing Poetry Under Traumatic Fascism is a three-hour class led by an award-winning poet and scholar of trauma that will introduce students to an innovative method of using poetry as a way of witnessing to and healing from traumatic fascism. During the class meeting, we will read poems from the...

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The Poetics of Hope: Writing and Reading Poetry

Marlin M. Jenkins

Time

July 25, 2026 | Sat, 07/25/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/25/2026 - 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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Rooted: Finding the Poem in Our Own Backyard

Benjamin Shalya

Time

August 1, 2026 | Sat, 08/01/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/01/2026 - 1:00pm | Poetry | Adult

The greatest poets know a secret: the ordinary world is sacred. Not metaphorically. Not occasionally. Always.

In this class, we explore the work of poets for whom place—a snowy hillside, a country road, a patch of winter moss—is not merely backdrop but the very source of the poem. We will read and...

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PUBLISHING AND CAREER

Submitting and Publishing Your Writing to Literary Magazines

Adrianna Jereb

Time

July 18, 2026 | Sat, 07/18/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/18/2026 - 1:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

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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How to Get Your Work Accepted at Literary Conferences

Lyzette Wanzer

Time

July 18, 2026 | Sat, 07/18/2026 - 10:30am - Sat, 07/18/2026 - 2:30pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Being invited to read your creative work at a conference is a huge feather in your literary cap. This class offers information, guidance, and strategies for writers wishing to have their work accepted at a writers' conference, whether virtual or in-person. This class is open to writers of all levels...

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Publishing for Newbies

Rachel Werner

Time
July 22, 2026- July 29, 2026 | Wed, 07/22/2026 - 1:00pm - Wed, 07/29/2026 - 3:00pm |
Publishing and Career | Adult

If you are a writer working on a picture book, memoir, zine, art book or literary work, you may be unsure of how to get your current project published. You also may be struggling to figure out how to create or procure illustrations, cover art, photographs or archival materials. For each publishing...

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Craft Seminar: Your Manuscript Feels Publication-Ready. Are You?

Courtney Maum

Time
July 22, 2026 | Wed, 07/22/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/22/2026 - 8:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Whether you're aiming for traditional publication or are excited to self-publish, many writers understand how to prepare a manuscript for publication, but readying themselves to be their book's ambassadors is a trickier quest. In this energetic and uplifting class that will blend lecture with group...

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Artist Statements for Creative Writers: A 21st Century Necessity

Lyzette Wanzer

Time
July 25, 2026 | Sat, 07/25/2026 - 10:30am - Sat, 07/25/2026 - 3:30pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

The artist statement is an opportunity to demonstrate that you are a thoughtful, deliberate writer who takes your literary career seriously. You'll need a version of this statement on your grant, fellowship, and residency applications, as well as your author web page. In this workshop, you'll learn...

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What Agents Look For In Your Fantasy Novels

Sara Megibow, Matthew Valdez

Time
July 25, 2026 | Sat, 07/25/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/25/2026 - 4:00pm | 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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Take the Leap: Submit Your Writing to Magazines and Journals

Tina Tocco

Time

August 8, 2026 | Sat, 08/08/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/08/2026 - 1:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

You've got a few pieces you're proud of, but how do you get started in the world of submissions? What are the mistakes you want to avoid? In this class, you'll learn where to find publications that are looking for work, proper manuscript format, and submission etiquette.

You'll also draft a cover...

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