

## **Year in Review**

## September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017

Thank you for making 2017 an exciting year for the Loft! We stepped into the new year with a healthy surplus and our eyes on a sustainable future.

Thanks to you we were able to continue offering unparalleled educational opportunities for writers at every stage of their artistic development. In 2017 we launched several new initiatives to serve writers even better than before.

We've expanded offerings for advanced writers with the launch of the Novel Writing Project and the development of the Memoir Writing Project. In addition to our direct service to writers we have worked hard to throw open the doors even more widely by creating programs for readers, expanding offerings for writers of color, giving more scholarships than ever before, presenting challenging conversations with Big Ideas, and launching a policy of radical hospitality at all readings and events.

In addition to these amazing new developments, 2017 was a time of important behind the scenes work. The Loft staff is working hard to use the full scope of our programs to place literature at the center of civic life. As we prepare for the coming years we are incredibly honored to have your support. Without you we would not be able to offer existing programs nor would we have the humbling task of moving this organization into its next phase.

Thank you for believing that narrative arts are essential. We agree and we can't wait to see what story the Loft will tell next.