BASICS

Loft Sampler Class: Start Here! Introduction to Creative Writing
Lyndsey Ellis

**Time**
June 9, 2022 - Thu, 06/09/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 06/09/2022 - 7:00pm

**Price**
Regular $5.00 | Member $4.50

Are you new to creative writing? Wondering where to start? Start here! Join Loft teaching artist Lyndsey Ellis as she introduces you to the basics of creative writing. She'll go over the different genres of writing, introducing some basic aspects of craft in poetry, creative nonfiction/memoir, and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/loft-sampler-class-start-here-introduction-creative-writing-0]

Your Story Starts Here
Savannah Brooks

**Time**
June 22, 2022 - July 13, 2022 - Wed, 06/22/2022 - 12:00pm - Wed, 07/13/2022 - 2:00pm

**Price**
Regular $140.00 | Member $126.00

The hardest part of writing is getting started. In this four-week class, students will gain an introduction to creative writing—in fiction, nonfiction, and poetry—and a trajectory to keep them writing into the future. We'll focus on finding short stories, essays, and poems that resonate and can work...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/your-story-starts-here]

Research Tools for Authentic Historical Nonfiction and Fiction
Holly Day

**Time**
August 20, 2022 - Sat, 08/20/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/20/2022 - 4:00pm

**Price**
Regular $52.50 | Member $47.25

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/research-tools-authentic-historical-nonfiction-and-fiction-3]

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Writing the Young Adult Novel
Nicole Kronzer

**Time**
June 21, 2022 - July 5, 2022 - Tue, 06/21/2022 - 6:00pm - Tue, 07/05/2022 - 8:00pm

**Price**
Regular $105.00 | Member $94.50

This three-week class will delve into topics such as the teenage brain, coming of age arcs, writing authentic teen "evergreen" dialogue, and the responsibilities and ethics of writing YA. We'll examine mentor texts by young adult authors such as Nicola Yoon, Nina LaCour, Brandy Colbert, Maureen...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-young-adult-novel]
A Place at the Desk: Writing for Children
Lisa M. Bolt Simons
July 12, 2022 - August 16, 2022
Tue, 07/12/2022 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/16/2022 - 9:00pm
Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult
Price Regular $315.00 | Member $283.50

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/place-desk-writing-children-0]

So... You Want to Write a Picture Book?
Shannon Anderson
July 16, 2022
Sat, 07/16/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/16/2022 - 1:00pm
Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult
Price Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

Have you always dreamed of writing a children's picture book but don't know where to start? Or maybe you have written some stories but don't know how to submit them to be published. In this class, you will learn the nuts and bolts of creating picture books for today's marketplace. We'll cover things...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/so-you-want-write-picture-book]

Love, Adventure, Change: Writing Young Adult Fiction
Natalie Martell
July 25, 2022 - July 29, 2022
Mon, 07/25/2022 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/29/2022 - 4:00pm
Children's and Young Adult Literature | Youth
Price Regular $262.50 | Member $236.25

Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and building community.

Teen years are full of wild emotions, experiences, and transformations. In this class, we'll...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/love-adventure-change-writing-young-adult-fiction]

Research and Writing: Children's Nonfiction for Education
Lisa M. Bolt Simons
August 6, 2022 - August 13, 2022
Sat, 08/06/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/13/2022 - 12:00pm
Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult
Price Regular $105.00 | Member $94.50

If you've tried to get your creative work published and haven't been able to, yet, come to this two-session 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). Let...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/research-and-writing-childrens-nonfiction-education-6]
Idea Lab: Finding Inspiration for Your Children's Book Writing
Cristina Oxtra
Time
August 13, 2022  Sat, 08/13/2022 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/13/2022 - 12:00pm  Children's and Young Adult Literature  Adult
Price  Regular $35.00  Member $31.50

A comment often heard from aspiring children's book writers is, “I want to write stories for young readers, but I don't know what to write about.” You may be an adult now, but you, too, were a child once, and inspiration for your children’s book writing can be found within you and in your lived...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/idea-lab-finding-inspiration-your-childrens-book-writing-2]

Picture Books with Purpose
Ty Chapman
Time
August 13, 2022  Sat, 08/13/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/13/2022 - 4:00pm  Children's and Young Adult Literature  Adult
Price  Regular $52.50  Member $47.25

While many adults associate picture books with lighthearted antics and titles strictly intended to entertain, there is a whole world of picture books that speak to deeper issues. Whether we want them to be or not, children are acutely aware of the world around them and its major events—particularly...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/picture-books-purpose]

CREATIVE NONFICTION

Loft Sampler Class: Creative Nonfiction
Kaia Preus
Time
June 7, 2022  Tue, 06/07/2022 - 6:00pm - Tue, 06/07/2022 - 7:00pm  Creative Nonfiction  Adult
Price  Regular $5.00  Member $4.50

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/loft-sampler-class-creative-nonfiction-2]

In The Beginning: An Entrance into Creative Nonfiction
Judea DeMaris
Time
June 20, 2022- June 24, 2022  Mon, 06/20/2022 - 1:00pm - Fri, 06/24/2022 - 4:00pm  Creative Nonfiction  Youth
Price  Regular $262.50  Member $236.25

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Creative Nonfiction may sound easy, and it can be. Write about your morning; what you did...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beginning-entrance-creative-nonfiction]
### Mining Memory for Memoir
**Allison Vincent**

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**Price**
- Regular $210.00
- Member $189.00

You've already got great stories locked inside you! Learn how to coax sensory details from the depths of your memory in this engaging, writing-centered course. Be prepared to generate work—the good, the bad, and, yes, even the ugly—as we train our brain to forego perfection and our ear to parse out...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/mining-memory-memoir)

### Briefly: Flash Nonfiction
**Ellen Roscher**

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**Price**
- Regular $210.00
- Member $189.00

Flash nonfiction calls our attention to detail. In this class, we will read, analyze, write, edit, polish, and submit flash nonfiction pieces. We can focus on quality over quantity, pouring over word choice and raising our own standard of excellence at the sentence level. We will work on drafting...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/briefly-flash-nonfiction-0)

### Short Takes on the Personal: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers
**Vanessa Ramos**

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**Price**
- Regular $40.00
- Member $36.00
- Pay What You Can $0.00

"If I were to remember other things, I should be someone else," writes N. Scott Momaday in his memoir The Names. Through a series of in-class writing exercises, you will generate a list of things remembered, the memories and moments that make you you. You'll be challenged to tell complete—and true...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/short-takes-personal-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers)

### Writing the Personal Essay
**Kathryn Savage**

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**Price**
- Regular $140.00
- Member $126.00

In this class we'll write the personal essay, a form that is, at its core, about a writer sharing a story from their own life with readers. We will explore the wide variety of essay forms that writers may choose to work in when writing a personal story, such as the lyric essay, literary journalism...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/writing-personal-essay)
**Contemporary Joy & Grief in Creative Nonfiction**

*Mariah Rigg*

**Time**
June 23, 2022 - August 11, 2022  |  Thu, 06/23/2022 - 12:00pm - Thu, 08/11/2022 - 2:00pm  |  Creative Nonfiction  |  Adult

**Price**
Regular $280.00  |  Member $252.00

These days, it often feels like our lives are inundated with grief and loss. In this class, we'll study the works of writers such as Ross Gay, Melissa Faliveno, and Aimee Nezhukumatathil, among others, as we explore public accounts of grief as an access point to our own stories and a way toward joy...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/contemporary-joy-grief-creative-nonfiction)

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**Introduction to Creative Nonfiction**

*Sun Yung Shin*

**Time**
June 23, 2022 - July 28, 2022  |  Thu, 06/23/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 07/28/2022 - 8:00pm  |  Creative Nonfiction  |  Adult

**Price**
Regular $210.00  |  Member $189.00

Learn to write creative nonfiction in a non-intimidating environment with fellow beginners. We'll cover important aspects of craft, including narrative, structure, and characterization, while studying short essays and long form creative nonfiction that epitomizes well crafted story by writers such...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/introduction-creative-nonfiction-6)

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**Starting Your Memoir**

*Kaia Preus*

**Time**
June 23, 2022 - August 11, 2022  |  Thu, 06/23/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/11/2022 - 8:00pm  |  Creative Nonfiction  |  Adult

**Price**
Regular $280.00  |  Member $252.00

There is a saying in Iceland that everyone has a book inside of them. Perhaps not so coincidentally, 10 percent of the Icelandic population has written a book. What is the book inside of you? What stories do you have to tell? What lessons to impart? In Starting Your Memoir, you will do just that...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/starting-your-memoir-0)

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**Writing "My Story": The Personal Essay for Scholarship and College Applications**

*Mitchell LeGrand*

**Time**
July 5, 2022 - July 8, 2022  |  Tue, 07/05/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/08/2022 - 12:00pm  |  Creative Nonfiction  |  Youth

**Price**
Regular $210.00  |  Member $189.00

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We all have stories that we want to share with others! In this class, we will be exploring the personal narrative, how to tell our own stories in a compelling way. These...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/writing-my-story-personal-essay-scholarship-and-college-applications-1)
Nature Writing in Creative Nonfiction
Anna Molenaar
July 5, 2022 - July 8, 2022
Time
Tue, 07/05/2022 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/08/2022 - 4:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Youth
Price
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

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Using nature and the living world as a focal point for creative nonfiction can greatly...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/nature-writing-creative-nonfiction]

Finding Your Story, Telling Your Truth
Carolyn Holbrook
July 12, 2022 - August 16, 2022
Time
Tue, 07/12/2022 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/16/2022 - 8:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

Everyone leads a life that is important enough to write about. Everyone is an authority on something, whether that something is personal or something of importance in the larger scheme of things. Toni Morrison said, "I write the books I've always wanted to read." Pablo Neruda wrote an ode to his sox...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/finding-your-story-telling-your-truth-2]

Blogging for Beginners
Jinnene Foster
July 13, 2022 - August 23, 2022
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

Have you ever thought, "I'd love to start a blog, but how?" In this class, we learn to eliminate that "but." Blogging offers myriad benefits, to both established and beginning writers alike. To blog can give us a sense of agency in our ability to be in control of our lives and to maintain something...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/blogging-beginners-3]

"Flash" Memoir: Life Stories in 500 Words or Less
Brenda Hudson
July 16, 2022
Sat, 07/16/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/16/2022 - 12:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $52.50 | Member $47.25

Do you yearn to capture your life's stories but aren't ready to commit to a book-length memoir? Flash memoir to the rescue! 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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/flash-memoir-life-stories-500-words-or-less-2]
Memoir Intervention: Retrieving, Remembering, and Reviving your Forgotten Voice
Roxanne Sadovsky

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Price
- Regular $87.50
- Member $78.75

Are you stuck or stalled on your memoir? Bored? Forgot the point? Lost your way? These days, most everyone is feeling overwhelmed and disjointed, which can take a huge toll on your writing practice and spirit, often resulting in a lost, deflated, and unreliable narrator (voice) on the page...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/memoir-intervention-retrieving-remembering-and-reviving-your-forgotten-voice)

Elements of Creative Nonfiction and Memoir
Kathryn Savage

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Price
- Regular $140.00
- Member $126.00

In this class we'll write a range of creative nonfiction and memoir. We'll read works by Joy Harjo, Teju Cole, Valeria Luiselli, Victoria Chang, Audre Lorde, Robin Wall Kimmerer, Carmen Maria Machado, and others that explore the human condition in myriad ways. Through in-class discussions, weekly...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/elements-creative-nonfiction-and-memoir-1)

Beyond the Memoir: Writing Personal, Creative Nonfiction (and Getting It Published)
Tony Jones

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Price
- Regular $70.00
- Member $63.00

Write what you know, they say. But it turns out that's harder than it looks, especially when the genre of memoir may have already passed its peak of popularity. However, memoir is only one of the ways to embed your own story in what you write. In this class, we will explore memoir, but we'll also...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/beyond-memoir-writing-personal-creative-nonfiction-and-getting-it-published-2)

Developing Personal Essays from Scratch
Rachel Kincaid

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Price
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- Member $63.00

Whether you're an emerging writer interested in writing about your personal experiences or a seasoned essay or memoir writer, the prospect of starting a new personal writing project is daunting. Relying on exploratory writing techniques to develop scenes, images, and ideas into a *zero draft* of a...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/developing-personal-essays-scratch)
Personal essays are the load-bearing pillar of digital media; every year someone new declares the personal essay "over," and every year truly groundbreaking and compelling personal writing in the digital sphere shapes the discourse (and the careers of its authors). Whether you're looking to form an...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/pitching-your-personal-essay-digital-media-publication]

CREATIVE NONFICTION, MULTIGENRE

Summer Youth Week Three - Writing About Pets & More!
Blythe Baird Chizorom Richards-Okorie

July 5, 2022 - July 8, 2022  Tue, 07/05/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/08/2022 - 4:00pm

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Have you ever dreamed of having a pet platypus, cheetah, manatee, kangaroo, octopus, or...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-three-writing-about-pets-more]

Summer Youth Week Seven - Imagining a Better World & More!
Lilly Keefe-Powers Rachel Guvenc

August 1, 2022 - August 5, 2022  Mon, 08/01/2022 - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 4:00pm

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Are you wondering how you can make a difference in the world before you're old enough to...

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Summer Youth Week Eight - Imagining a Better World & More!
Lilly Keefe-Powers Chizorom Richards-Okorie

August 8, 2022 - August 12, 2022  Mon, 08/08/2022 - Fri, 08/12/2022 - 4:00pm

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Are you wondering how you can make a difference in the world before you're old enough to vote...

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Summer Youth Week Three - Writing About Pets & More!

Blythe Baird Chizorom Richards-Okorie

July 5, 2022- July 8, 2022 | Tue, 07/05/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/08/2022 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction Multigenre | Youth

**Price**  
Regular $472.00 | Member $424.80

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Summer Youth Week Seven - Imagining a Better World & More!

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August 1, 2022- August 5, 2022 | Mon, 08/01/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction Multigenre | Youth

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**CREATIVE PROCESS**

**Healing The Wounded Writer: Writer's Journal to Recover or Build Writing Practice**

Morgan Grayce Willow

June 23, 2022- August 18, 2022 | Thu, 06/23/2022 - 12:00pm - Thu, 08/18/2022 - 2:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

**Price**  
Regular $280.00 | Member $252.00

We have all been wounded by events of the past two years. The pandemic, social justice action, and war have affected us as persons. As writers, deep grief and anxiety have often challenged our ability to focus, our access to language, our sense of purpose. Many of us find that our writing practice...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/healing-wounded-writer-writers-journal-recover-or-build-writing-practice)
**Use Your Imagination**  
Nancy Carlson  
June 27, 2022 - July 1, 2022  
**Time**  
Mon, 06/27/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/01/2022 - 12:00pm  
**Creative Process**  
**Youth**  
**Price**  
Regular $262.50  
Member $236.25  
Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We’ll spend the week writing, reading, and building community.  
In Use Your Imagination we will create characters, get to know them, and then put them in a...  
[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/use-your-imagination-4)  

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**Wow! Bumpy! Gross! The Senses in Writing**  
Lisa M. Bolt Simons  
July 5, 2022 - July 8, 2022  
**Time**  
Tue, 07/05/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/08/2022 - 12:00pm  
**Creative Process**  
**Youth**  
**Price**  
Regular $210.00  
Member $189.00  
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The ability to describe touch, sight, sound, smell, and taste are vital parts of making any...  
[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/wow-bumpy-gross-senses-writing-0)  

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**Creative Maps for Creative Writing**  
Heidi Newbauer  
July 16, 2022  
**Time**  
Sat, 07/16/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/16/2022 - 12:00pm  
**Creative Process**  
**Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $52.50  
Member $47.25  
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 to our writing processes. We will look at examples of writer’s maps from other creative...  
[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/creative-maps-creative-writing)  

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**A Writing Practice for Caregivers**  
Kate Heartfield  
August 3, 2022 - August 30, 2022  
**Time**  
Wed, 08/03/2022 - 12:00am - Tue, 08/30/2022 - 11:59pm  
**Creative Process**  
**Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $140.00  
Member $126.00  
Elder care and other forms of caregiving for family members can be a privilege and a joy, but it can also be tiring and lonely work that can make it hard to sustain a writing practice. For many caregivers, though, writing can be a way to reconnect with the self, express fears and frustrations, and...  
[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/writing-practice-caregivers)
Create Compelling Characters with Tarot
Susie Shubert
August 11, 2022
Time
Thu, 08/11/2022 - 12:00pm - Thu, 08/11/2022 - 3:00pm
Creative Process | Adult

Price
Regular $52.50 | Member $47.25

Strong character development is key to writing an impactful story that your readers can't put down. With the Royal Character Design method, writers go from basic character development to creating living and breathing personalities with the practical magic of the tarot. In this class, you'll learn...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/create-compelling-characters-tarot]

Magic Writing Generator
Cara Olexa
August 13, 2022
Time
Sat, 08/13/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/13/2022 - 1:00pm
Creative Process | Adult

Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

This fun, relaxed writing class is perfect for people new to writing creatively, people returning to writing after time away, and long-time writers who want to spark new work. Writing becomes a communal activity we explore and enjoy together through short guided exercises in a live online class...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/magic-writing-generator-2]

CREATIVE PROCESS, MULTIGENRE

Summer Youth Week Five - Do YOU Want to Be a Writer? & More
Peter Blau
July 18, 2022- July 22, 2022
Mon, 07/18/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/22/2022 - 4:00pm
Creative Process Multigenre | Youth

Price
Regular $590.00 | Member $531.00

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Is there a writer hiding inside your head? In this class you will be writers. You will be...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-five-do-you-want-be-writer-more]

FICTION
Loft Sampler Class: Fiction
Holly Day
June 9, 2022
Time
Thu, 06/09/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 06/09/2022 - 7:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $5.00 | Member $4.50

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-sampler-class-fiction-2)

Possibilities of Pacing: Controlling Breath in Your Writing
Jack Harris
June 20, 2022 - June 24, 2022
Time
Mon, 06/20/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/24/2022 - 12:00pm
Fiction | Youth
Price
Regular $262.50 | Member $236.25

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Have you ever come away from a book or film with a sense of whiplash, like getting off an...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/possibilities-pacing-controlling-breath-your-writing)

The Beginner's Guide to Starting Your Novel
Tamara Hogan
June 20, 2022 - August 1, 2022
Time
Mon, 06/20/2022 - 6:00pm - Mon, 08/01/2022 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

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 elements such as character, setting, plot, and structure to discover your story, establish a starting point, and help get the right words on the page. Most...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/beginners-guide-starting-your-novel-3)

Flash Fiction: The Power of Brevity
Allison Wyss
June 20, 2022 - August 15, 2022
Time
Mon, 06/20/2022 - 6:00pm - Mon, 08/15/2022 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $280.00 | Member $252.00

Are you ready to get writing? Surely you've got time for a little bit of flash—that short yet evocative form. In this low-stakes class, we'll read some flash fiction each week and discuss how it works. Then you'll get a writing prompt related to the discussion and the opportunity to share your work...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/flash-fiction-power-brevity-1)
Narrative Thrust: Keep Your Story Moving and Your Readers Engaged  
Erin Kate Ryan  
June 21, 2022- July 26, 2022  
Time: Tue, 06/21/2022 - 6:00pm - Tue, 07/26/2022 - 8:00pm  
Fiction | Adult  
Price: Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

Hook your readers and keep 'em turning pages. It's one of the most basic tenets of writing fiction—and one of the most difficult to achieve. It's the "what happens next" that EM Forster talked about. It's tension, conflict, suspense, motion, plot. It's what keeps everything in your story or novel...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/narrative-thrust-keep-your-story-moving-and-your-readers-engaged-0]

Short Story Nitty Gritty  
Troy Wilderson  
June 22, 2022- August 10, 2022  
Time: Wed, 06/22/2022 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/10/2022 - 8:00pm  
Fiction | Adult  
Price: Regular $280.00 | Member $252.00

Wondering about the basic elements needed in crafting a short story? Each week we'll dive into the essential aspects of the short story form such as character, plot, point of view, theme, and setting. Students will pre-read a short story by Viet Thanh Nguyen. A discussion about its core strengths...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/short-story-nitty-gritty-0]

Advanced Novel Writing: Craft, Workshop, Revision  
Robin McLean  
June 23, 2022- August 11, 2022  
Time: Thu, 06/23/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/11/2022 - 8:00pm  
Fiction | Adult  
Price: Regular $280.00 | Member $252.00

In this craft centered class, we'll embark as a community of novelists with a common goal: to have fun while making significant forward progress for our novels. Each week--with each novel section we read--we will dive deep to carefully inventory basic craft elements in the work (character, plot...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/advanced-novel-writing-craft-workshop-revision]

Introduction to Fiction  
Holly Day  
June 23, 2022- July 28, 2022  
Time: Thu, 06/23/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 07/28/2022 - 2:56pm  
Fiction | Adult  
Price: Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

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-4]

Love at First Sight: Hook Your Reader by the First Page  
Rosanna Staffa  
June 25, 2022  
Time: Sat, 06/25/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 06/25/2022 - 1:00pm  
Fiction | Adult  
Price: Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

The first page is critical. What grabs your attention and keeps you reading? We will examine the first page of novels by Rachel Cusk, Octavia Butler, and others, with a close eye toward examining how the personality and goals of the protagonist are made clear and gripping from the very beginning...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/love-first-sight-hook-your-reader-first-page]
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Your Fiction: Skip the Boring Parts
Matt Sharkey-Smith

July 11, 2022 - August 1, 2022  |  Mon, 07/11/2022 - 6:00pm - Mon, 08/01/2022 - 8:00pm  |  Fiction  |  Adult

Price  |  Regular $140.00  |  Member $126.00

Skip the boring parts!

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

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/your-fiction-skip-boring-parts)

Start That Sci-Fi or Fantasy Novel
Anthony Eichenlaub

July 12, 2022 - August 16, 2022  |  Tue, 07/12/2022 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/16/2022 - 8:00pm  |  Fiction  |  Adult

Price  |  Regular $210.00  |  Member $189.00

You have a fantastic idea for a science fiction or fantasy story in your head. Maybe you've put some words on paper. Maybe your first draft is even finished. Now what? In this class we'll discuss the steps needed to turn an idea into a finished novel. We'll learn aspects of craft in writing sci-fi...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/start-sci-fi-or-fantasy-novel)

Fairy Tales and the Art of Subversion
Allison Wyss

July 13, 2022 - August 23, 2022  |  Fiction  |  Adult

Price  |  Regular $210.00  |  Member $189.00

In both form and content, the fairy tale is an affront to "workshop craft." We can find subversive elements in the old stories we read, and we can subvert oppressive tropes in the new tales we write. So let's learn a different sort of craft. We won't cast spells. Or will we? (Hint: All words are...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/fairy-tales-and-art-subversion-1)

From Novice to Novelist
John DeDakis

July 13, 2022 - August 17, 2022  |  Wed, 07/13/2022 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/17/2022 - 8:00pm  |  Fiction  |  Adult

Price  |  Regular $210.00  |  Member $189.00

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...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/novice-novelist-3)
Writing Fiction: Dialogue, Gesture, and Staging
Allison Wyss
July 14, 2022 - August 4, 2022
Thu, 07/14/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/04/2022 - 9:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

This is a deep dive into dialogue and scene building. Through careful analysis of what people say, how they listen, when they don't—and how both conflict and intimacy arise in these moments, we'll create dynamic scenes. Then we'll enrich them through adding gestures that bring the characters to life...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-fiction-dialogue-gesture-and-staging]

Don’t Lose the Plot!
Nicola Koh
July 16, 2022
Sat, 07/16/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/16/2022 - 12:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $52.50 | Member $47.25

We'll explore what makes plots successful through readings of exemplary short stories and a novel excerpt (provided in pdfs, which will be emailed to students by the teaching artist before class), and we'll engage in some writing exercises to help you see how to apply these insights to your own...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/dont-lose-plot-2]

Let's Kill Lovecraft: A Reclaiming of Cosmic Horror
Alice Paige
July 16, 2022 - August 20, 2022
Sat, 07/16/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/20/2022 - 3:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

Cosmic Horror is a genre brimming with the horrifying potential to engage with the darkest corners of humanity, pull forth golden resilience from the ether, and bend the mind into inexplicable shapes. But how do we reclaim a style of storytelling with its origins steeped in racism, sexism, and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/lets-kill-lovecraft-reclaiming-cosmic-horror-0]

Swords and Mythic Promises: An Intro to Making Friends with Dragons
Alice Paige
July 18, 2022 - July 22, 2022
Mon, 07/18/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/22/2022 - 12:00pm
Fiction | Youth
Price
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The sword waits in the stone. The ocean ripples with ancient prophecies. Let's get...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/swords-and-mythic-promises-intro-making-friends-dragons]
Full Color Fiction: Representative Writing Techniques for Afrofuturism and Speculative Fiction
T. Aaron Cisco

July 23, 2022  Time  Sat, 07/23/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/23/2022 - 1:00pm  Fiction  Adult

Price  Regular $70.00  Member $63.00

Perhaps you’ve got an idea for a story, but the background demographics of the character(s) differ than your own. Perhaps your characters share your identity attributes, but you’re looking for engaging ways to incorporate your own experiences. Representing diversity in Afrofuturism and speculative...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/full-color-fiction-representative-writing-techniques-afrofuturism-and-speculative-fiction-0]

Developing Authentic Characters in your Fiction
Savannah Brooks

July 30, 2022  Time  Sat, 07/30/2022 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/30/2022 - 4:00pm  Fiction  Adult

Price  Regular $105.00  Member $94.50

What do your characters do when you’re not looking? How do they interact with each other off the page? What goes through their minds that they might not be saying? What are they obsessed with? All of these questions feed into the work of creating a truly memorable character. While plot, tension, and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/developing-authentic-characters-your-fiction]

Using Color To Manifest Character in Your Fiction
Lyndsey Ellis

August 6, 2022  Time  Sat, 08/06/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/06/2022 - 1:00pm  Fiction  Adult

Price  Regular $70.00  Member $63.00

Color matters. From the sassiest oranges and earthiest greens to the kindest pinks and the most mundane grays, hues across the spectrum affect mood, perception, and how we relate to the world around us. This class aims to help writers delve into the psychology behind color as it relates to the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/using-color-manifest-character-your-fiction]

Building a Novel: From Paragraphs to Pages
Debra Blake

August 8, 2022 - August 12, 2022  Time  Mon, 08/08/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/12/2022 - 12:00pm  Fiction  Youth

Price  Regular $262.50  Member $236.25

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Writing a novel can seem daunting, but “Building a Novel“ breaks it down into manageable...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/building-novel-paragraphs-pages-1]
Second Draft Boot Camp for Novelists
Jessie Hennen
August 13, 2022
Time
Sat, 08/13/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/13/2022 - 1:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

So you've finished the first draft of a novel. Fantastic! But now comes the next phase: editing, a maddening term that encompasses everything from rearranging commas to switching the narrative point of view.

Where to begin? This one-day class, open to anyone who has finished a novel-length work...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/second-draft-boot-camp-novelists-2]

FICTION, MULTIGENRE

Summer Youth Week One - Not Just The Zombie Apocalypse & More!
Lyda Morehouse Kelsey Daly
June 20, 2022- June 24, 2022
Time
Mon, 06/20/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/24/2022 - 4:00pm
Fiction Multigenre | Youth
Price
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What do Hunger Games and Dr. Who have in common? They're both science fiction! Did you love...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-one-not-just-zombie-apocalypse-more]

Summer Youth Week One - Fun with Fiction & More!
Starrla Cray Chizorom Richards-Okorie
June 20, 2022- June 24, 2022
Time
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Have you ever read a really good book and wondered, “How did the author do that?” In this...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-one-fun-fiction-more]

Summer Youth Week Four - Ready! Set! Go! Graphic Novels & More!
Trisha Speed Shaskan Chizorom Richards-Okorie Stephen Shaskan
July 11, 2022- July 15, 2022
Time
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Do you like graphic novels? Do you like to draw? Write your own stories? Get ready! In this...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-four-ready-set-go-graphic-novels-more]
Summer Youth Week Four - Introduction to Fantasy Writing & More  
Aurora Whittet Best  
July 11, 2022- July 15, 2022  
Time  
Mon, 07/11/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/15/2022 - 4:00pm  
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Ever wondered what it takes to create the page-turning heroes and heroines of your favorite...  
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-four-introduction-fantasy-writing-more]

Summer Youth Week Five - Stories About Pets & More  
Holly Day Chizorom Richards-Okorie  
July 18, 2022- July 22, 2022  
Time  
Mon, 07/18/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/22/2022 - 4:00pm  
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In this class for early writers, we'll read stories about companion animals as a group, then...  
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-five-stories-about-pets-more]

Summer Youth Week Six - Wacky Words & More!  
Molly Biskupic Chizorom Richards-Okorie  
July 25, 2022- July 29, 2022  
Time  
Mon, 07/25/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/29/2022 - 4:00pm  
Fiction Multigenre  
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Wacky Words is for young writers who love all things illogical, absurd, and preposterous...  
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-six-wacky-words-more]

Summer Youth Week Six - An Adventure in Collaborative Storytelling & More  
Allison Wyss Kelsey Daly  
July 25, 2022- July 29, 2022  
Time  
Mon, 07/25/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/29/2022 - 4:00pm  
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Let's write a book... together!  
This class will be an adventure in teamwork...  
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-six-adventure-collaborative-storytelling-more]
Summer Youth Week Six - Writing the Fantasy World & More!
Holly Day Rachel Guvenc

Time
July 25, 2022 - July 29, 2022  Mon, 07/25/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/29/2022 - 4:00pm  Fiction Multigenre  Youth

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In this class, we'll learn how important geography is to our stories by building workable...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-six-writing-fantasy-world-more]

Summer Youth Week Seven - This Book is a Monster & More!
Ellen Fee Chizorom Richards-Okorie

Time
August 1, 2022 - August 5, 2022  Mon, 08/01/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 4:00pm  Fiction Multigenre  Youth

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What if a book is more than a book...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-seven-book-monster-more]

Summer Youth Week Seven - Fiction Writing Crash Course & More!
Kaia Preus Kelsey Daly

Time
August 1, 2022 - August 5, 2022  Mon, 08/01/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 4:00pm  Fiction Multigenre  Youth

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Do you have an idea for a short story or a novel but you don't know where to begin? This...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-seven-fiction-writing-crash-course-more]

Summer Youth Week Eight - Write UP! Write Away! & More!
Kate St. Vincent Vogl Rachel Guvenc

Time
August 8, 2022 - August 12, 2022  Mon, 08/08/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/12/2022 - 4:00pm  Fiction Multigenre  Youth

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Are you the kind of kid who fills notebooks with story after story? Maybe you have so many...

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Summer Youth Week Eight - Spark Stories & More!
Kaia Preus Kelsey Daly

August 8, 2022 - August 12, 2022
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Is there a story brewing in your head that you want to explore? Or maybe you want to create...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-eight-spark-stories-more]

Summer Youth Week One - Not Just The Zombie Apocalypse & More!
Lyda Morehouse Kelsey Daly

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Do you like graphic novels? Do you like to draw? Write your own stories? Get ready! In this...

*View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-four-ready-set-go-graphic-novels-more]*

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Summer Youth Week Five - Stories About Pets & More
Holly Day Chizorom Richards-Okorie

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In this class for early writers, we'll read stories about companion animals as a group, then...

*View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-five-stories-about-pets-more]*

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Summer Youth Week Six - Writing the Fantasy World & More!
Holly Day Rachel Guvenc

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In this class, we'll learn how important geography is to our stories by building workable...

*View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-six-writing-fantasy-world-more]*

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Summer Youth Week Six - Wacky Words & More!
Molly Biskupic Chizorom Richards-Okorie

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Wacky Words is for young writers who love all things illogical, absurd, and preposterous...

*View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-six-wacky-words-more]*
Summer Youth Week Six - An Adventure in Collaborative Storytelling & More
Allison Wyss Kelsey Daly

Time
July 25, 2022 - July 29, 2022 | Mon, 07/25/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/29/2022 - 4:00pm | Fiction Multigenre | Youth

Price
Regular $590.00 | Member $531.00

Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and having fun!

Let's write a book... together!

This class will be an adventure in teamwork...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-six-adventure-collaborative-storytelling-more)

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Summer Youth Week Seven - Fiction Writing Crash Course & More!
Kaia Preus Kelsey Daly

Time
August 1, 2022 - August 5, 2022 | Mon, 08/01/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 4:00pm | Fiction Multigenre | Youth

Price
Regular $590.00 | Member $531.00

Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and having fun!

Do you have an idea for a short story or a novel but you don't know where to begin? This...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-seven-fiction-writing-crash-course-more)

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Summer Youth Week Seven - This Book is a Monster & More!
Ellen Fee Chizorom Richards-Okorie

Time
August 1, 2022 - August 5, 2022 | Mon, 08/01/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 4:00pm | Fiction Multigenre | Youth

Price
Regular $590.00 | Member $531.00

The full description that will show up on the website.Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and having fun!

What if a book is more than a book...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-seven-book-monster-more)

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Summer Youth Week Eight - Write UP! Write Away! & More!
Kate St. Vincent Vogl Rachel Guvenc

Time
August 8, 2022 - August 12, 2022 | Mon, 08/08/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/12/2022 - 4:00pm | Fiction Multigenre | Youth

Price
Regular $590.00 | Member $531.00

Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and having fun!

Are you the kind of kid who fills notebooks with story after story? Maybe you have so many...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-eight-write-write-away-more)
Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and having fun!

Is there a story brewing in your head that you want to explore? Or maybe you want to create...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-eight-spark-stories-more]

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**It's In Your DNA: Using Genealogical Research and DNA to Spark Your Writing**
Kris Bigalk

Primary a class designed to generate new work and create connections between writers and their histories and identities, participants will engage in writing exercises and other activities to spark poetry, fiction, essays based on what we know—and don’t know—about our origins. First, we will dive...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/its-your-dna-using-genealogical-research-and-dna-spark-your-writing]

**Let's Get Personal: Crafting Story from Your Life Experience**
Wendy Brown-Baez

You have a story to tell. It can be difficult to know what form will best serve that story. Fiction, memoir, narrative essay, flash—all have specific strengths and weaknesses to support your narrative in different ways. The question is: What form is right for your story? We'll take a look at short...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/lets-get-personal-crafting-story-your-life-experience]

**Crowd Control: Making Your Writing Irresistible to Readers**
Ethan Jacobs

We're competing for readers' attention with more sources of entertainment than ever before. If there was ever an obligation on the part of our audience to “give it time,” it's certainly much less binding now than it once was. This doesn't mean that we have to compromise the quality of our writing or...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/crowd-control-making-your-writing-irresistible-readers-0]
Finding Wonder in the World and the Words while Outside and in Motion
Sara Puotinen

June 22, 2022 - August 2, 2022

Time
Wed, 06/22/2022 - 12:00am - Tue, 08/02/2022 - 11:59pm

Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

In this class, we'll explore how cultivating the habit of being outside and moving regularly can make us more attentive and open to finding wonder in the world. And we'll experiment with different methods for transforming that wonder into words, including creating and maintaining a movement log. We...

View Online
[https://loft.org/classes/finding-wonder-world-and-words-while-outside-and-motion]

Your Story and Historical Context: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers
Patti Kameya

June 22, 2022 - July 13, 2022

Time
Wed, 06/22/2022 - 6:30pm - Wed, 07/13/2022 - 8:30pm

Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $80.00 | Member $72.00 | Pay What You Can $0.00

Discover how your own story becomes richer when placed within a broader historical frame. Through sharing your stories with other participants, you will become more aware of your global historical context, and learn how to link your story to other people's stories. At the end of class you will have...

View Online
[https://loft.org/classes/your-story-and-historical-context-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers]

Free Your Creativity By Writing With Constraints
Kimberly Lee

June 25, 2022

Time
Sat, 06/25/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 06/25/2022 - 12:00pm

Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $52.50 | Member $47.25

"The creation of something new is not accomplished by the intellect but by play." —Carl Jung

For a creative twist, some prose writers impose unique conditions on their work as they craft a piece. Dr. Seuss wrote Green Eggs and Ham on a bet—that he couldn't write an entire book using only 50...

View Online
[https://loft.org/classes/free-your-creativity-writing-constraints]

Writing The Hermit Crab: Exploring Shapes For Your Stories
Starrla Cray

July 13, 2022 - August 3, 2022

Time
Wed, 07/13/2022 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/03/2022 - 8:00pm

Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $140.00 | Member $126.00

If you're looking for a playful way to gain inspiration and get unstuck from writer's block, join us! In this four-week class, we'll write hermit crab essays, a term coined by Brenda Miller and Suzanne Paola in their book Tell It Slant. Just as an actual hermit crab finds a shell to inhabit, this...

View Online
[https://loft.org/classes/writing-hermit-crab-exploring-shapes-your-stories]
Unleash Your Truth
Otis Roffman

July 14, 2022 - August 4, 2022
Thu, 07/14/2022 - 12:00pm - Thu, 08/04/2022 - 2:00pm
Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $140.00 | Member $126.00

"Unleash Your Truth" is an intermediate class for writers who feel paralyzed by expectations of what writing 'should' be. Writing's only true rule is to be real, raw, honest. Rules should be broken. Artists should be bold. This class looks at radical manifestos on literature, and essays about...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/unleash-your-truth]

Loft Summer Writers' Group

July 14, 2022 - August 18, 2022
Thu, 07/14/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/18/2022 - 8:00pm
Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $25.00 | Member $22.50

Welcome back to the writer's life at Open Book!

Are you yearning to write in community after a long, hard, nearly two years of isolation? Or perhaps you're interested in meeting other writers, talking shop about craft or the challenges of a solitary calling, or you want to pick a fellow writer's...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-writers-group]

Writing the Dark
Jeanne Bain

July 18, 2022 - July 22, 2022
Mon, 07/18/2022 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/22/2022 - 4:00pm
Multigenre | Youth

Price
Regular $262.50 | Member $236.25

Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and building community.

As a reader, you are drawn to books with strong characters, disturbing situations and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-dark-1]

Incorporating Multiple Languages into Your Work
Maria Picone

July 23, 2022
Sat, 07/23/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/23/2022 - 1:00pm
Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

Language is all around us, and yet, as writers, we tend to stick to English. In this workshop, we will read a sampling of writers and poets who engage with multilinguality in unique ways such as Craig Santos Perez, Jennifer Kwon Dobbs, and Theresa Hak Kyung Cha. As we practice embodying our own...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/incorporating-multiple-languages-your-work]
Lean Writing
Savannah Brooks
July 23, 2022
Time
Sat, 07/23/2022 - 1:30pm - Sat, 07/23/2022 - 5:30pm
Multigenre | Adult
Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00
You've got the idea, the execution—it’s just the writing itself that could use some love. The difference between a bulky, clunky sentence and a beautiful, fresh sentence is often just a matter of trimming. In this class, we’ll focus on everything that clutters sentences up: repetition, redundancy...
[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/lean-writing-0)

Creating Characters in Five Dimensions
Jim Levi
July 28, 2022
Time
Thu, 07/28/2022 - 5:30pm - Thu, 07/28/2022 - 8:30pm
Multigenre | Adult
Price
Regular $52.50 | Member $47.25
"Begin with an individual and you find that you have created a type: begin with a type and you find that you have created nothing.” F. Scott Fitzgerald’s quote illuminates the importance of creating unique and compelling characters in your work. Well-developed characters are often described as being...
[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/creating-characters-five-dimensions-1)

Creative Writing for Healthcare Professionals
Jack El-Hai
July 30, 2022
Time
Sat, 07/30/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/30/2022 - 5:00pm
Multigenre | Adult
Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00
Healthcare professionals—physicians, nurses, therapists, midwives, and others—are often keenly interested in writing creatively, and they are frequently drawn to write about their patients and experiences. At the same time, however, they may feel that giving in to this urge to write is self...
[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/creative-writing-healthcare-professionals)

Comedy Writing
Holly Day
August 1, 2022 - August 5, 2022
Time
Mon, 08/01/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 12:00pm
Multigenre | Youth
Price
Regular $262.50 | Member $236.25
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Do you like to make people laugh? Have you ever wondered if you could use your sense of humor...
[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/comedy-writing)
Writing with Consistency and Courage
Tamara Dean
August 6, 2022
Time
Regular $70.00  |  Member $63.00
This class is for writers at any level who are looking to begin a new project, resume an old one, overcome obstacles in a work-in-progress, or surprise themselves with a forward leap. This workshop offers practical tools for building consistency and courage, two qualities essential to writing...

MULTIGENRE, PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

Summer Youth Week Two - Flip the Script: Screenwriting & More!
Cristina Pippa Kelsey Daly
June 27, 2022- July 1, 2022
Time
Regular $590.00  |  Member $531.00
Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and having fun!
In this fast-paced and fun screenwriting class for teen and preteen writers at all levels...

MULTIGENRE, POETRY

Summer Youth Week Two - How to Wish, Create, and Dream & More!
Jake Kirby Chizorom Richards-Okorie
June 27, 2022- July 1, 2022
Time
Regular $590.00  |  Member $531.00
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Participants will read poems and stories by children their own age. By using simple prompts...
Summer Youth Week Three - Expression, Aloud! & More!
Laura Brandenburg

Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and having fun!

This class will tap into the ancient roots of storytelling and poetry as performance...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-three-expression-aloud-more]

Summer Youth Week Five - We Are Pyramids: Spoken Word and Identity & More
SEE MORE PERSPECTIVE
Kelsey Daly

Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and having fun!

In this session, we will explore the roots of Spoken Word as an art form, tell stories about...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-five-we-are-pyramids-spoken-word-and-identity-more]

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[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-five-we-are-pyramids-spoken-word-and-identity-more)

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**PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING**

**Introduction to Writing for Television**

Bo Kaprall

*Time*

June 21, 2022- August 9, 2022  |  Tue, 06/21/2022 - 10:00am - Tue, 08/09/2022 - 12:00pm  |  Play- and Screenwriting  |  Adult

*Price*  

Regular $280.00  |  Member $252.00

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)

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**Write Your Screenplay in Six Weeks**

Michael Gorrie

*Time*

July 14, 2022- August 18, 2022  |  Thu, 07/14/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/18/2022 - 8:00pm  |  Play- and Screenwriting  |  Adult

*Price*  

Regular $210.00  |  Member $189.00

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-six-weeks-0)

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**Screenwriting for Teens**

Michael Gorrie

*Time*

August 1, 2022- August 5, 2022  |  Mon, 08/01/2022 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 4:00pm  |  Play- and Screenwriting  |  Youth

*Price*  

Regular $262.50  |  Member $236.25

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Are you a teenager and want to write your own movie, but don’t know how? Then this class is...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/screenwriting-teens-2)
Loft Sampler Class: Poetry
Yasmine Ameli
June 8, 2022
Time
Wed, 06/08/2022 - 6:00pm - Wed, 06/08/2022 - 7:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $5.00 | Member $4.50

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/loft-sampler-class-poetry-1]

Sunrise Poetry
Chelsea DesAutels
June 20, 2022 - June 24, 2022
Time
Mon, 06/20/2022 - 6:00am - Fri, 06/24/2022 - 8:00am
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $175.00 | Member $157.50

Ever dream of having a daily writing practice, but life keeps getting in the way? Looking for a writing ritual to make use of our long, bright days? This poetry class is for anyone seeking community and who wants to create new work, fast. In the week of the summer solstice, during the longest days...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/sunrise-poetry]

The Golden Hours: Capturing Summer in Our Poems
Kamal E. Kimball
June 20, 2022 - August 15, 2022
Time
Mon, 06/20/2022 - 6:00pm - Mon, 08/15/2022 - 8:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $280.00 | Member $252.00

"The Golden Hours: Capturing Summer in Our Poems" offers an exploratory, generative opportunity to write seasonally. After the doldrums of winter, this course will inspire you to explore your environment, look closely at the beauty of the season, and thoughtfully consider your place in it. For this...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/golden-hours-capturing-summer-our-poems]

How to Write a Series of Poems
Emily Wolahan
June 21, 2022 - July 12, 2022
Time
Tue, 06/21/2022 - 6:00pm - Tue, 07/12/2022 - 8:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $140.00 | Member $126.00

In this class we'll discuss aspects that make a group of poems a series—poems that speak to each other and cohere while maintaining individuality, breath, and space. Perfect for poets working on a group of poems they want to develop into a series, we'll explore how to recognize the themes and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/how-write-series-poems]

Writing Poems of Witness and Resistance
Seelai Karzai
June 22, 2022 - August 16, 2022
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $280.00 | Member $252.00

When we write, we draw from our role as a "participant and witness" to what Czeslaw Milosz has called the "major transformations of our time." From the global pandemic to social uprisings to the ongoing US-led humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and imperial entanglements elsewhere—these are some of...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-poems-witness-and-resistance-0]
Introduction to Poetry
Yasmine Ameli

June 22, 2022 - July 27, 2022

**Time**
Wed, 06/22/2022 - 5:00pm - Wed, 07/27/2022 - 7:00pm

**Poetry | Adult**

**Price**
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

Learn to write poems in a non-intimidating, encouraging environment with fellow beginners. We'll cover important aspects of poetic craft, including form, line, voice, and imagery, while studying poems that epitomize well-crafted work. We'll read and write in class; discuss what makes an effective...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/introduction-poetry-5)

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Begin Submitting Your Poetry to Literary Journals
Freesia McKee

June 23, 2022 - July 27, 2022

**Time**
Thu, 06/23/2022 - 10:00am - Wed, 07/27/2022 - 12:00pm

**Poetry | Adult**

**Price**
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

This course is for people who want to begin submitting poems to literary journals but aren't quite sure where to start. We'll cover identifying journals, selecting poems, writing cover letters, and keeping track of submissions. We'll discuss tips for persistence, dealing with rejection, and ways we...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/begin-submitting-your-poetry-literary-journals)

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Poetry Within the Elements: Earth, Air, Fire, Water
Emily Wolahan

June 23, 2022 - July 14, 2022

**Time**
Thu, 06/23/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 07/14/2022 - 8:00pm

**Poetry | Adult**

**Price**
Regular $140.00 | Member $126.00

In this class, we'll open up space to consider how the elemental—earth, air, fire, and water—can be a foundation for us to write about many subjects. This generative poetry class combines reading and discussion of longer selections of poems followed by in-class writing exercises to generate our own...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/poetry-within-elements-earth-air-fire-water)

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The Poetics of Hope: Writing and Reading Poetry
Marlin M. Jenkins

June 25, 2022

**Time**
Sat, 06/25/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/25/2022 - 4:00pm

**Poetry | Adult**

**Price**
Regular $52.50 | Member $47.25

In this class 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...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/poetics-hope-writing-and-reading-poetry-0)
Finding the Poet Within
Holly Day
June 27, 2022 - July 1, 2022
Mon, 06/27/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/01/2022 - 12:00pm

Price
Regular $262.50 | Member $236.25

Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and building community.

In this class, we'll discuss the many techniques poets use to find the strongest way to...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/finding-poet-within]

Lyric Writing: Where Poetry & Music Melt
Jake Kirby
June 27, 2022 - July 1, 2022
Mon, 06/27/2022 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/01/2022 - 4:00pm

Price
Regular $262.50 | Member $236.25

Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and building community.

In this workshop we will consider, read, and take inspiration from the various works of poets...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/lyric-writing-where-poetry-music-melt]

Becoming a Poet & Building Poetry Community
Zach Czaia
July 11, 2022 - July 15, 2022
Mon, 07/11/2022 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/15/2022 - 4:00pm

Price
Regular $262.50 | Member $236.25

Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and building community.

This class will support you in reading, writing, and performing poetry—and building poetry...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/becoming-poet-building-poetry-community]

Love, Death, Friendship: The Poem of the Affections
Thomas R. Smith
July 12, 2022 - August 16, 2022
Tue, 07/12/2022 - 10:00am - Tue, 08/16/2022 - 12:00pm

Price
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

Human beings have written poems about love, death, and friendship for as long as they've been writing poems. Also known as "the poem of the affections," these poems satisfy a perennial hunger for connection, not least in times of bitter dividedness like those in which we now live. Across our many...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/love-death-friendship-poem-affections]
Don’t Yuck My Yum: A Generative Poetry Workshop
J. Bailey Hutchinson

Time
July 13, 2022 - August 3, 2022  |  Wed, 07/13/2022 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/03/2022 - 8:00pm  |  Poetry  |  Adult

Price  Regular $140.00  |  Member $126.00

How do we evaluate poetry that engages with niche source material? How do we write it? Over the duration of this course, we will read, write, and discuss poetry that engages with a wide variety of unexpected subjects and themes (from boybands to Batman to bedsores and beyond) in order to recalibrate...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/dont-yuck-my-yum-generative-poetry-workshop]

Boundless Poetry: Writing Our Own Rules
Emily Lee Luan

Time
July 14, 2022 - August 18, 2022  |  Thu, 07/14/2022 - 12:00pm - Thu, 08/18/2022 - 2:00pm  |  Poetry  |  Adult

Price  Regular $210.00  |  Member $189.00

What can be liberated in our poetry when we write within boundaries or “rules”? How can poetic constraint be built into our daily writing practice? In this generative writing class, we’ll examine the process of writing with formal rules as a means to moving past creative blocks and freeing up our...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/boundless-poetry-writing-our-own-rules-1]

The Joy Workshop: Writing Beautiful Poems in Hard Times
Chelsea DesAutels

Time
July 14, 2022 - August 18, 2022  |  Thu, 07/14/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/18/2022 - 8:00pm  |  Poetry  |  Adult

Price  Regular $210.00  |  Member $189.00

Too often as poets, we shy away from writing about joy out of fear we’ll write a sentimental or unimportant poem. No more! Joy is messy. Love is hard. Pleasure is complicated.

In this class, we will learn to bring that tension to the page. Each week, we will consider poems by Ross Gay, Nicole...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/joy-workshop-writing-beautiful-poems-hard-times-2]

The Poetry of Practice and Presence: Haiku and Haibun
Elizabeth Adilman

Time
July 16, 2022  |  Sat, 07/16/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/16/2022 - 12:00pm  |  Poetry  |  Adult

Price  Regular $52.50  |  Member $47.25

Do you struggle with distraction, staying fully present in your work, and when focusing on your writing? Being present is easy on a mountain retreat, but it’s not that easy in the middle of our busy lives. This class will introduce you to the Haibun form of poetry. Through its hybrid form of...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetry-practice-and-presence-haiku-and-haibun]
Poetry: Writing Through Loss
Christopher Vaughan

July 30, 2022 │ Sat, 07/30/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/30/2022 - 5:00pm │ Poetry │ Adult

Price  Regular $70.00 │ Member $63.00

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 generations. Loss might imply a wound or trauma, an absence, a breaker-of-bonds, yet in some...

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

Poetry Basics
Yasmine Ameli

August 6, 2022 │ Sat, 08/06/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/06/2022 - 1:00pm │ Poetry │ Adult

Price  Regular $70.00 │ Member $63.00

This class will introduce you to the foundations of poetry writing, including the stanza and the line, enjambment, imagery, figurative language, and sound play. We will define each concept, read a poem that models the concept, and then try our own hand at it. Potential in-class readings include...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetry-basics-1]

The Poem as Intimate Space
Michael Torres

August 6, 2022 │ Sat, 08/06/2022 - 1:30pm - Sat, 08/06/2022 - 5:30pm │ Poetry │ Adult

Price  Regular $70.00 │ Member $63.00

What, exactly, does a poem ask of its reader—or of the poet theirself? More than needing to be vulnerable on the page, a poet must be open to the act of writing as a moment when an intimate space is created—between the poet, the reader, and what will be written. In this single-session class, we’ll...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poem-intimate-space-0]

Beautiful Monsters: Writing Horror, Science Fiction and Fantasy Poetry
Holly Day

August 8, 2022- August 12, 2022 │ Mon, 08/08/2022 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/12/2022 - 4:00pm │ Poetry │ Youth

Price  Regular $262.50 │ Member $236.25

Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We’ll spend the week writing, reading, and building community.

Are poems about love and nature just not your thing? Are you drawn more towards the writings...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beautiful-monsters-writing-horror-science-fiction-and-fantasy-poetry]

PUBLISHING AND CAREER
### The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Writers

**Lyzette Wanzer**

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Do you want to publish your work in journals—or better journals, or paying journals? Would you like to query in a way that won't shut you down before you get started, or submit your manuscript with well-earned confidence? Do you wish to be invited to contribute to festivals and fellowships, win...  

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### Getting Your Word Out: Polishing, Submitting, and Marketing Your Writing

**Holly Day**

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Anybody can write, but it takes a special type of determination to see your work through to print. In this class, we'll discuss proper manuscript formatting for poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction and go on to discuss market lists, deciphering writer's guidelines, dealing with rejection, and...  

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/getting-your-word-out-polishing-submitting-and-marketing-your-writing-8)

### Write Your Artist Statement!

**Lyzette Wanzer**

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Artist statements are not just for visual artists and performers; in the 21st century, writers need them, too. You will use some incarnation of this statement on your own web page and media account, in personal and project statements for residency applications, and in letters of intent for grant and...  

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/write-your-artist-statement)

### The Business of Writing: Edit, Polish, Query, Submit

**Kali White VanBaale**

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The art of writing is one thing, but the business of writing is an entirely different beast. In this class, we'll first talk all things publishing: traditional and big publishers, agents, editors, small presses, hybrid publishing, and self-publishing for all genres—how they all work, and which...  

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/business-writing-edit-polish-query-submit-1)
So You Can Write—But Can You Edit?
Cole Williams

Time
July 25, 2022 - July 29, 2022 | Mon, 07/25/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/29/2022 - 12:00pm | Publishing and Career | Youth

Price
Regular $262.50 | Member $236.25

Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We’ll spend the week writing, reading, and building community.

Begin to edit your own poems! This class will uncover ten categories of edits to look for in...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/so-you-can-write-can-you-edit]

Writing the MFA Application
Yasmine Ameli

Time
August 3, 2022 - August 24, 2022 | Wed, 08/03/2022 - 12:00pm - Wed, 08/24/2022 - 2:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Price
Regular $140.00 | Member $126.00

This course introduces MFA applicants to the application process and its components, including the personal statement, creative writing sample, teaching statement, CV, and other supplemental essays. Over four weeks, we will discuss genre expectations for each component and complete several in-class...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-mfa-application]

You've Finished Your Book, Now What?
Savannah Brooks

Time
August 6, 2022 | Sat, 08/06/2022 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/06/2022 - 4:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Price
Regular $105.00 | Member $94.50

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/youve-finished-your-book-now-what-1]

To Market, To Market: How Professionals Look at Your Manuscript
Jennie Goloboy Catherine Lundoff

Time
August 20, 2022 | Sat, 08/20/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/20/2022 - 4:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Price
Regular $52.50 | Member $47.25

A small press publisher and a literary agent discuss how they evaluate manuscripts. What do publishing professionals mean by “marketability”? How can you improve your odds, in every stage of the process? What is and isn't necessary for a book to reach publication? How can you learn to evaluate your...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/market-market-how-professionals-look-your-manuscript]