BASICS

First Steps Into Writing
Patricia Hoolihan

November 9, 2022 - December 21, 2022
Wed, 11/09/2022 - 12:00pm - Wed, 12/21/2022 - 2:00pm
Basics | Adult

Price
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

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

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/first-steps-writing-7)

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Introduction to Writing Picture Books for Children
Mélina Mangal

November 9, 2022 - November 16, 2022
Wed, 11/09/2022 - 6:00pm - Wed, 11/16/2022 - 8:00pm
Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

Do you have a story you want to share with children? In this introductory two-part course, we will survey a range of contemporary picture books and explore writing techniques for crafting stories in this unique genre.

In our first session, we will discuss basic craft elements foundational to...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/introduction-writing-picture-books-children)

Mining Your Strongest Story from the Word Pile: A Revision Workshop
Rina Heisel

December 10, 2022
Sat, 12/10/2022 - 12:00pm - Sat, 12/10/2022 - 2:00pm
Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

Price
Regular $35.00 | Member $31.50

In this class, we will discuss why revision is important as well as revision tips and tricks, including the importance of understanding comps and what agents and editors need to know about what makes your book different. Please have a copy of the first chapter from your work-in-progress. We'll...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/mining-your-strongest-story-word-pile-revision-workshop)

CREATIVE NONFICTION

Like a Thread Through the Labyrinth: Finding the Arc of Your Memoir
Lynette Reini-Grandell

November 3, 2022 - December 1, 2022
Thu, 11/03/2022 - 10:00am - Thu, 12/01/2022 - 12:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $140.00 | Member $126.00

Whether you want to write an essay or a book, memoir is a form that asks the writer to choose which memories to explore and which to skip over. But how do you decide? How do you determine what stories to tell? Another complication is that life is not easily divided into segments of beginning, middle...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/thread-through-labyrinth-finding-arc-your-memoir)
The Art of the Personal Essay
Kate Carmody
November 8, 2022 - December 20, 2022

Time
Tue, 11/08/2022 - 6:00pm - Tue, 12/20/2022 - 8:00pm

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

Moths, elephants, athleisure, Katniss Everdeen, bad neighbors, Richard Pryor, mansplaining coworkers, essayists make the everyday interesting. Personal essays often stem from nagging thoughts, feelings, memories, opinions, or questions. That moment when you feel compelled to write about something...

View Online
[https://loft.org/classes/art-personal-essay-0]

The Object of My Attention: The Contemplative Essay
Kate Carmody
November 9, 2022 - December 21, 2022

Time
Wed, 11/09/2022 - 12:00pm - Wed, 12/21/2022 - 2:00pm

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

In her essay "Street Haunting," Virginia Woolf says, "For there we sit surrounded by objects which perpetually express the oddity of our own temperaments and enforce the memories of our own experience." In poetry and prose, objects are often used to aid the writer's articulation of abstract and...

View Online
[https://loft.org/classes/object-my-attention-contemplative-essay]

Introduction to Creative Nonfiction
Sun Yung Shin
November 9, 2022 - December 21, 2022

Time
Wed, 11/09/2022 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/21/2022 - 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-7]

Expressive Writing Practices for Serenity, Creativity, and Joy
Kimberly Lee
November 12, 2022

Time
Sat, 11/12/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/12/2022 - 12:00pm

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $52.50 | Member $47.25

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

View Online
[https://loft.org/classes/expressive-writing-practices-serenity-creativity-and-joy]
Flash Memoir: Life Stories in Under 500 Words
Brenda Hudson
November 12, 2022
Time
Sat, 11/12/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/12/2022 - 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...

Write Your Life: Guidelines for Writing Memoir
Kate St. Vincent Vogl
November 12, 2022
Time
Sat, 11/12/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/12/2022 - 5:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00
How can you best write the story of your life? Maybe you've started writing (and maybe you haven't), but now you're stuck, wondering how much to include and what all to leave out. How much of the family history should you tell? And what do you do about that family secret? This class provides real...

Homesick: The Role of Place in Memoir
Kathryn Savage
December 3, 2022
Time
Sat, 12/03/2022 - 10:00am - Sat, 12/03/2022 - 4:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $105.00 | Member $94.50
In this craft-centered class, we will spend a day together asking the question: how does place shape and inform our prose? We'll read, write, and discuss the craft of place in our nonfiction, through the lens of assigned course readings and also generative writing prompts. We will read bell hooks...

The Art of Brevity: Four Building Blocks for Short and Sweet Creative Nonfiction
Vanessa Ramos
December 10, 2022
Time
Sat, 12/10/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 12/10/2022 - 5:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00
The art of brevity can be a challenge to master, but in this class, we will work together to keep your creative nonfiction short and sweet. You will be introduced to the four building blocks—or craft elements—needed for constructing short pieces. We'll reference works from top nonfiction writers...

CREATIVE PROCESS
Creative Maps for Creative Writing
Heidi Newbauer

November 19, 2022 | Time | Sat, 11/19/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/19/2022 - 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—and fun!—to our writing processes. We will look at examples of writer’s maps from other...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/creative-maps-creative-writing-0]

Starting a Large Writing Project: Create a Map and Get on the Road!
Melanie Figg

December 10, 2022 | Time | Sat, 12/10/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/10/2022 - 1:00pm | Creative Process | Adult
Price | Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

Ready to turn all those notes and fragments into something “real”? This class is for writers ready to explore, organize, and start to develop their fragments into a large writing project or book (novel, memoir, poem or essay collection, hybrid). Let's have 2023 be the year you get a complete draft...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/starting-large-writing-project-create-map-and-get-road]

FICTION

What You Don't Know: Mystery in Fiction
Allison Wyss

November 7, 2022 - December 19, 2022 | Time | Mon, 11/07/2022 - 6:00pm - Mon, 12/19/2022 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult
Price | Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

Maud Casey's The Art of Mystery: The Search for Questions is not about the mystery genre. (Though, if that's what you write, join us anyway!) It's not about coyness or about the frustrating lack of specificity that can leave us baffled or confused, ready to throw a book against the wall. Instead...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/what-you-dont-know-mystery-fiction]

The Beginner’s Guide to Starting Your Novel
Tamara Hogan

November 8, 2022 - December 20, 2022 | Time | Tue, 11/08/2022 - 6:00pm - Tue, 12/20/2022 - 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 craft elements such as character, setting, plot, and structure to discover your story, establish a starting point, and help get the right words on the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beginners-guide-starting-your-novel-4]
Writing the Historical Novel
Jennifer S. Brown
November 9, 2022 - December 21, 2022  |  Fiction  |  Adult
Price  Regular $210.00  |  Member $189.00

Historical fiction is an opportunity not just to experience the world in another time but to immerse ourselves in the past in order to make sense of it. History books reveal facts; historical fiction uncovers meaning. Yet too many writers are daunted at the prospect of writing historical fiction, as...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-historical-novel-0]

From Novice to Novelist
John DeDakis
Time
November 9, 2022 - December 21, 2022  |  Wed, 11/09/2022 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/21/2022 - 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-4]

Developing Authentic Characters
Savannah Brooks
Time
November 19, 2022  |  Sat, 11/19/2022 - 10:00am - Sat, 11/19/2022 - 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-0]

MULTIGENRE
What If: Exploring Science, Technology, and the Environment in Writing
Anna Farro Henderson
Time
November 3, 2022 - December 1, 2022  |  Thu, 11/03/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/01/2022 - 8:00pm  |  Multigenre  |  Adult
Price  Regular $140.00  |  Member $126.00

Are you a poet interested in birds, robots, space colonies, or climate change? A journalist, scientist, or memoir writer engaged with technical material? Or a fiction writer working with fantasy, science-fiction, or climate-fiction? If so, this class is for you.

We live in unprecedented times of...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/what-if-exploring-science-technology-and-environment-writing]
The Body in Writing
Kimberly Lee Claire Sheridan
November 3, 2022 - December 1, 2022
Time
Thu, 11/03/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/01/2022 - 8:00pm
Multigenre | Adult
Price
Regular $140.00 | Member $126.00

In this highly generative, interactive workshop, we'll get in touch with how the body impacts our writing—and vice versa. Through short readings, we'll explore and discuss the work of writers who have effectively used the body as a source of inspiration then craft our own pieces on this topic by...

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

Trust Your Writing: How to Listen to What Your Draft is Telling You
Kate St. Vincent Vogl
November 8, 2022 - December 20, 2022
Time
Tue, 11/08/2022 - 12:00pm - Tue, 12/20/2022 - 2:00pm
Multigenre | Adult
Price
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

We want readers to trust the writer and writers to trust the story. For that, writers need to trust their process. But how can you when you're not sure what you're doing? This class offers guidelines to provide more secure footing as you navigate writing or revising a full draft, regardless of genre...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/trust-your-writing-how-listen-what-your-draft-telling-you]

Blogging for Beginners
Jinnene Foster
November 9, 2022 - December 21, 2022
Multigenre | 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-4]

Breathing Life Into Characters
Aurelia Wills
December 3, 2022
Sat, 12/03/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 12/03/2022 - 5:00pm
Multigenre | Adult
Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

Creating a character who seems real is one of the most fascinating and challenging aspects of fiction writing. How does a writer depict fictional people who seem to come alive? In four intensive hours of writing exercises, readings, and discussion, we'll explore that question. We will practice the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/breathing-life-characters-0]

Descriptive Language
Aurelia Wills
December 10, 2022
Sat, 12/10/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/10/2022 - 1:00pm
Multigenre | Adult
Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

Descriptive language is a writer's most powerful tool for creating what John Gardner called the best fiction—a vivid and continuous dream. Readings and writing exercises will focus on the importance of specificity, how to deftly work with adverbs and adjectives, describing with all five senses, and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/descriptive-language-3]
PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

Write Your Screenplay in Six Weeks
Michael Gorrie

November 8, 2022 - December 20, 2022  
Time: Tue, 11/08/2022 - 6:00pm - Tue, 12/20/2022 - 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-1]

Reverse Alchemy: Writing Adaptations
Cristina Pippa

December 3, 2022  
Time: Sat, 12/03/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 12/03/2022 - 4:00pm  
Play- and Screenwriting  
Adult
Price  
Regular $52.50  
Member $47.25

Writing adaptations for film, television, and stage requires a connection to the source material and a willingness to reshape it. Considering all the elements that make a story shine, we will find the images and ideas most worthy of retaining and reimagining. Once we pull all the original pieces...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/reverse-alchemy-writing-adaptations]

POETRY

Beautiful Time: A Class for Poets 55 and Up
Thomas R. Smith

November 8, 2022 - December 20, 2022  
Time: Tue, 11/08/2022 - 12:00pm - Tue, 12/20/2022 - 2:00pm  
Poetry  
Adult
Price  
Regular $210.00  
Member $189.00

This class is for both experienced poets and those trying poetry as a new or renewed direction as they move toward elder status. Taking the work of such poets as Lucille Clifton, Stanley Kunitz, Wislawa Szymborska, and W. S. Merwin as our models, we'll explore the emotional landscape of the older...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beautiful-time-class-poets-55-and]

Let's Try Poetry!
Tasslyn Magnusson

November 9, 2022 - December 21, 2022  
Time: Wed, 11/09/2022 - 12:00am - Wed, 12/21/2022 - 12:00pm  
Poetry  
Adult
Price  
Regular $210.00  
Member $189.00

Have you always wanted to try to write a poem but thought, "I'm not a poet"? Or wondered how poets work word magic? In this class, you'll learn you can! This class is meant for the absolute poetry beginner or a poetry lover who needs to find their poem joy again. By the end of this class, you'll...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/lets-try-poetry-0]
Introduction to Poetry
Yasmine Ameli

November 10, 2022 - December 22, 2022
Thu, 11/10/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/22/2022 - 8:00pm

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-6]

PUBLISHING AND CAREER

Submitting to Paid Literary Markets
Yasmine Ameli

December 3, 2022
Sat, 12/03/2022 - 10:00am - Sat, 12/03/2022 - 3:00pm

Price
Regular $87.50
Member $78.75

Ready to press submit? Come learn the nuances of submitting to literary journals and magazines. With a focus on paying markets, we will go over the basics: finding the right journals for your work, creating a Submittable account, writing a cover letter and author's bio, navigating tiers of rejection...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/submitting-paid-literary-markets]

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

December 10, 2022
Sat, 12/10/2022 - 10:00am - Sat, 12/10/2022 - 4:00pm

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-2]