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
Basics  |  Adult

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]

A Place at the Desk: Writing for Children
Lisa M. Bolt Simons

Time
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

Time
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

Time
July 25, 2022- July 29, 2022  |  Mon, 07/25/2022 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/29/2022 - 4:00pm
Children's and Young Adult Literature  |  Adult

Price
Regular $262.50  |  Member $236.25

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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
Time
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
August 13, 2022
Time
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
August 13, 2022
Time
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

Writing "My Story": The Personal Essay for Scholarship and College Applications
Mitchell LeGrand
July 5, 2022 - July 8, 2022
Time
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]
### Finding Your Story, Telling Your Truth

**Carolyn Holbrook**

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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**

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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**

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- 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**
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- 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)
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)

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)

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[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**

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

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

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CREATIVE PROCESS

Creative Maps for Creative Writing
Heidi Newbauer

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]

A Writing Practice for Caregivers
Kate Heartfield

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

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
August 13, 2022  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

Time
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, MULTIGENRE

Summer Youth Week Four - Introduction to Fantasy Writing & More
Aurora Whittet Best

Time
July 11, 2022- July 15, 2022  Mon, 07/11/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/15/2022 - 4:00pm  Fiction Multigenre  Youth

Price  Regular $590.00  Member $531.00

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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 Four - Ready! Set! Go! Graphic Novels & More!
Trisha Speed Shaskan Chizorom Richards-Okorie Stephen Shaskan

Time
July 11, 2022 - July 15, 2022 | Mon, 07/11/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/15/2022 - 4:00pm | Fiction Multigenre | Youth

Price
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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 Five - Stories About Pets & More
Holly Day Chizorom Richards-Okorie

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In this 9am-12pm class for early writers with and designed by Holly Day, we'll read stories...

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

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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A 9am-12pm class for early writers with and designed by Mary Biskupic, Wacky Words is for...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-six-wacky-words-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 9am-12pm class for young writers with and designed by Holly Day, we'll learn how...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-six-writing-fantasy-world-more]
### Summer Youth Week Six - An Adventure in Collaborative Storytelling & More

**Allison Wyss Kelsey Daly**

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Let's write a book... together!

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

### Summer Youth Week Seven - This Book is a Monster & More!

**Ellen Fee Chizorom Richards-Okorie**

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

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### Summer Youth Week Seven - Fiction Writing Crash Course & More!

**Kaia Preus Kelsey Daly**

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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...

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### Summer Youth Week Eight - Spark Stories & More!

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

August 8, 2022- August 12, 2022  
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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)

Summer Youth Week Four - Introduction to Fantasy Writing & More
Aurora Whittet Best

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[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-four-introduction-fantasy-writing-more)

Summer Youth Week Four - Ready! Set! Go! Graphic Novels & More!
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In this 9am-12pm class for early writers with and designed by Holly Day, we'll read stories...

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

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A 9am-12pm class for early writers with and designed by Mary Biskupic, Wacky Words is for...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-six-wacky-words-more]

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

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 9am-12pm class for young writers with and designed by Holly Day, we'll learn how...

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

Summer Youth Week Six - An Adventure in Collaborative Storytelling & More
Allison Wyss Kelsey Daly

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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Let's write a book... together!

This 9am-12pm class for writers is with and designed by...

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

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

August 1, 2022- August 5, 2022
Mon, 08/01/2022 - Fri, 08/05/2022
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]
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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]

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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]

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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]

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Wondering about the basic elements needed in crafting a short story? Each day we'll dive into...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/short-story-z]
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.

What if Cinderella's slipper smelled like moldy bread? What if Pinocchio's nose was made of...
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  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  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  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  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]
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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]

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]

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]

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
Mon, 08/08/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/12/2022 - 12:00pm
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
Sat, 08/13/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/13/2022 - 1:00pm
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]

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Writing The Hermit Crab: Exploring Shapes For Your Stories
Starrla Cray
July 13, 2022- August 3, 2022
Wed, 07/13/2022 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/03/2022 - 8:00pm
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
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]
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*

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*

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*

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...

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"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]

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]

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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]

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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-consistency-and-courage]
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In this 9am-12pm class for writers with and designed by SEE MORE PERSPECTIVE, we will...

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

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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]

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]
Becoming a Poet & Building Poetry Community
Zach Czaia
July 11, 2022- July 15, 2022
Time
Mon, 07/11/2022 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/15/2022 - 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.
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
Time
Tue, 07/12/2022 - 10:00am - Tue, 08/16/2022 - 12:00pm
Poetry | Adult
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
July 13, 2022- August 3, 2022
Time
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
July 14, 2022- August 18, 2022
Time
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...
### The Joy Workshop: Writing Beautiful Poems in Hard Times
*Chelsea DesAutels*

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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)

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

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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)

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### Poetry: Writing Through Loss
*Christopher Vaughan*

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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)

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### Poetry Basics
*Yasmine Ameli*

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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
Time
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 themselves? 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
Time
Mon, 08/08/2022 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/12/2022 - 4:00pm
Poetry | Youth
Price
Regular $262.50 | Member $236.25

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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

Write Your Artist Statement!
Lyzette Wanzer
July 16, 2022
Time
Sat, 07/16/2022 - 11:00am - Sat, 07/16/2022 - 5:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $105.00 | Member $94.50

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
July 23, 2022
Time
Sat, 07/23/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/23/2022 - 1:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

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...

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### Finding Community in Literary Magazines: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers
**Halee Kirkwood**

**Time**
August 3, 2022 - August 24, 2022  
Wed, 08/03/2022 - 6:30pm - Wed, 08/24/2022 - 8:30pm  
**Publishing and Career | Adult**

**Price**
- Regular $80.00  
- Member $72.00  
- Pay What You Can $0.00

Many writers get their start publishing in literary magazines, but with so many wonderful publications out in the world to read and submit to, it can feel overwhelming to begin the work of submitting. It can be easy to fall into the habit of submitting to any and every literary magazine you can find...

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### 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...

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