

## Young Writers: Lunchtime Care for All Ages, 2/15

Kelsey Daly

February 15, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/15/2025 - 12:00pm - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 1:00pm | Youth

**Price** Regular \$10.00 | Friend \$9.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

If you'd like to register your child for both morning and afternoon camps and would like her or him to have supervision and community over lunch, register for the Loft's Youth Lunch Time Care option. Loft staff will eat with your child in a Loft classroom, play games, work on writing projects, go to...

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## BASICS

### 6-Week: First Steps into Writing

Patricia Hoolihan

February 4, 2025- March 11, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 02/04/2025 - 10:00am - Tue, 03/11/2025 - 12:00pm | Basics | Adult

**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

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...

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## CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

### A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers: Writing Immersive Worlds and Authentic Cultural Representation in Children's Literature

Payal Doshi

August 9, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 08/09/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/09/2025 - 2:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

**Price** Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

Every writer needs to build the world their novel for children is set in, but how does one create a setting in which the reader can escape into and become fully immersed? One of the best methods is to weave details from lived experiences, including language, environment, and cultural background...

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## CREATIVE NONFICTION

### 6-Week Memoir Workshop: Finding Inspiration and More from Solito

Kate St. Vincent Vogl

January 21, 2025- February 25, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 01/21/2025 - 1:00pm - Tue, 02/25/2025 - 3:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Explore the craft of memoir writing by studying techniques from Javier Zamora's "Solito." Learn how to effectively tell your life's story, address common memoir challenges, and utilize journal entries. Develop compelling narratives, dialogue, and character descriptions, even from vague memories...

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## 6-Week Workshop: Writing the Braided Essay–Winter Edition

Emily Trenholm

January 21, 2025- February 25, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 01/21/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/25/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Do you have two creative lines of thought that feel inexplicably linked? Do you have a sense that two stories are in fact one? Do you delight in challenging a narrative from the inside out? The braided essay will help you explore this.

What is the braided essay? In its simplest sense, the form...

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## 6-Week Class of Delights: Writing the Daily Ode with Inspiration from Ross Gay

Anna Molenaar

January 21, 2025- February 25, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 01/21/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/25/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

In this six-week class, we'll learn about the Ode, a form of nonfiction. We'll do this by reading and analyzing Ross Gay's renowned *The Book of Delights*. As we explore Gay's observations in *The Book of Delights*, students will identify elements of craft and sources of inspiration that can be applied...

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## 8-Week: Discovering the Lyric Essay–Writing Against the Norm

Alexis M. Wright

January 22, 2025- March 12, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 01/22/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 03/12/2025 - 3:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

The essay, at its core, is an art form that resists strict definition—it is a space "to try," to explore, and to discover. The lyric essay takes this further, embracing a form that is often elusive, undefinable, and difficult to claim. But what if this elusiveness is a feature, not a flaw?

In this...

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## Self-Care for Writers: Writing as Healing

Roxanne Sadovsky

January 23, 2025- March 13, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 01/23/2025 - 10:00am - Thu, 03/13/2025 - 12:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

Addiction. War. Climate Crisis. Loss. Identity. Trauma. Injustice. Dysfunctional Family. Heartbreak. Illness. Hunger. Betrayal. Secrets... As writers we are called to create art out of the human tragedy by sharing our story and divulging the gritty details in order to impart wisdom, insight, and...

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## Narratives of Resilience: Crafting Personal Stories of Healing in Six Weeks

Ryan Berg

January 23, 2025- February 27, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 01/23/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 02/27/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Narratives of Resilience: Crafting Personal Stories of Healing is a transformative six-week creative writing course designed for writers of all levels who wish to explore and articulate their most challenging personal stories. This class guides students through the delicate process of turning...

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## 2025 Year-Long Memoir Writing Project with Carolyn Holbrook—Winter Online Cohort

January 29, 2025- December 31, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 01/29/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/31/2025 - 9:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$7,500.00 | Friend \$7,440.00

Everyone leads a life that is important enough to write about. Some of you have known for a while that you want to write about your unique life or a specific time in your life, or perhaps a continuous theme in your life. Some of you simply have an idea that you want to write but may not be sure what...

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## 2025 Year-Long Creative Nonfiction Writing Project with Sun Yung Shin—Winter Online Cohort

☐ ☐ ☐ Sun Yung Shin

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Wed, 01/29/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/31/2025 - 9:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$7,500.00 | Friend \$7,440.00

Your life is a treasure, both utterly unique, never to be repeated again, and also undeniably part of the larger collective. This collective includes contemporary humanity, all our ancestors, as well as all existence in the cosmos. It also includes the unknowable future. Your creative nonfiction or...

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## Sampler Class: Creative Nonfiction with Alison Bergblom Johnson

Alison Bergblom Johnson

February 4, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 02/04/2025 - 10:00am - Tue, 02/04/2025 - 11:00am | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

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...

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## 4-Week Workshop: Writing Personal Essays About Pop Culture

Lizzie Lawson

February 6, 2025- February 27, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 02/06/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 02/27/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

Incorporating pop culture into an essay can be a great way to grab readers' attention and widen the scope of your work. In this four-week class, we'll discuss how to combine cultural criticism and personal stories in a way that deepens insights of both and reaches a broad audience. We'll explore a...

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## Flash Creative Nonfiction Generator: Winter Toolkit

Lizzie Lawson

February 8, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/08/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/08/2025 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Read and write tiny personal essays in this three-hour flash creative nonfiction generator. Writing in the short form (1,000 words or less) can be a great way to energize and focus your words. Learn to create lasting depth and impact in a small space with the help of craft techniques, flash...

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## Nonfiction Basics: Effective Interviewing

Andy Dehnart

February 8, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/08/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/08/2025 - 5:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

The "nonfiction" part of creative nonfiction often means we need to gather information, and the best way to do that is talking to people, i.e. interviewing. Whether interviews are casual (asking a family member about a memory) or formal (interviewing an expert on the record), there are ways to make...

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## Double-Session Class: Internet Research for Nonfiction Writers, Memoirists, Biographers and Family Historians

Alison Bergblom Johnson

February 22, 2025- March 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/22/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/01/2025 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

This research-methods class will prepare nonfiction writers, family historians, genealogists, and biographers exploring the past (whether the 1890s or 1990s) to dig into a variety of resources available via the internet, going far beyond what's accessible via search engines.

It's often the small...

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## Flash Memoir Essentials: Life Stories in Under 500 Words

Brenda Hudson

March 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 03/01/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/01/2025 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

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 your stories, and begin writing. At the end of class, you'll have a beginning draft and the know-how to continue with your...

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## 6-Week: Finding Your Story, Telling Your Truth

Carolyn Holbrook

March 4, 2025- April 8, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 03/04/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/08/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

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...

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## Creative Nonfiction Essentials for Ages 15 to 18

Jesaka Long

March 5, 2025- March 26, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 03/05/2025 - 5:00pm - Wed, 03/26/2025 - 6:30pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$117.00 | Friend \$105.30 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

This class is not about those dreaded five-paragraph school essays! Creative nonfiction pieces can read like fiction—but everything is true. In this class, we'll uncover the art of mixing facts with creative elements, including imagery, vivid description, suspense, and more. We'll also dig deep into...

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## 6-Week: Experimenting with Essay Structure

Lizzie Lawson

March 13, 2025- April 17, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 03/13/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 04/17/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

There are many surprising shapes and structures the essay form can take. From traditional narratives to experimental forms such as lyric, braided, and hermit crab essays, trying out new structures can refresh and re-energize your writing.

In this class, we will read examples of essays written in a...

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## 8-Week: The Art of the Personal Essay

Emily Trenholm

March 18, 2025- May 6, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 03/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 05/06/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

Do you have a burning story to tell—your own? Using creative non-fiction to tell our own stories and find our writing voices can be incredibly empowering. In this 8-week class, we'll explore the personal essay as a way to tell these stories.

The personal essay is a great entry point into creative...

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## Write Your Life: An Essential Toolkit to Writing Memoir

Kate St. Vincent Vogl

Time  
March 22, 2025 | Sat, 03/22/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 5:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

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 what to include and what 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 world...

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## Experimental Forms and Creative Nonfiction 101

Jesaka Long

Time  
March 25, 2025- April 15, 2025 | Tue, 03/25/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 04/15/2025 - 6:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

What's the difference between creative nonfiction, personal essays, and memoir? Where does narrative journalism and cultural criticism fit? What are the limits of the "creative" aspect of this type of nonfiction?

In this Creative Nonfiction 101 class, we'll answer these questions and many more...

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## Flash Creative Nonfiction Generator: Spring Toolkit

Lizzie Lawson

Time  
April 12, 2025 | Sat, 04/12/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/12/2025 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Read and write tiny personal essays in this three-hour flash creative nonfiction generator. Writing in the short form (1,000 words or less) can be a great way to energize and focus your words. Learn to create lasting depth and impact in a small space with the help of craft techniques, flash...

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## Cooking with Words

Mary Ringstad

Time  
April 12, 2025 | Sat, 04/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/12/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Have an appetite for writing recipes, cookbooks and food editorial? Learn the craft behind cookbooks and food marketing content, from arancini to zucchini and everything in between. Explore conceiving, recipe formatting, editorial, tips, blurbs and sidebars. And we'll stir in writing food blogs...

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## Experimentation with Hybrid Memoir

Marianne Manzler

Time  
April 19, 2025 | Sat, 04/19/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/19/2025 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Writing a memoir requires profound self-examination and honesty, which can be particularly challenging for writers from marginalized backgrounds or those writing about trauma. By offering prompts that encourage a fresh perspective on your stories, we aim to make this process more approachable. We...

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## Writing "My Story:" The Personal Essay for Scholarship and College Applications for Ages 15 to 18

Mitchell LeGrand

Time  
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 12:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

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

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## Exploring Place Through Creative Nonfiction (for ages 15 To 18)

Marianne Manzler Michelle Zamanian

Time  
June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Tue, 06/24/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing, creativity, and exploration!

In this multigenre class, we'll use outdoor spaces to inspire essays, poetry, and prose. The creative process is shaped by environment, so we'll use Minneapolis as our muse. We'll...

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## Writing What is Possible: Writing For Social Change (for ages 15 to 18)

Mitchell LeGrand

Time  
June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Tue, 06/24/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

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## Write About Yourself: Identity and Creative Nonfiction for Ages 15 to 18

Amelia Colwell

July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 12:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

Ever wonder why you're drawn to writing about your real-life experiences? Do you have something to say about who you are, but you're not sure where to start? In this class, we will write as a tool to...

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August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 08/05/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth  
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## CREATIVE NONFICTION, FICTION

### Me, Myself, and I: Writing in the First Person

Hillary Jordan

March 8, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 03/08/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

A great first-person voice seems effortless, like it either materialized fully-formed in the mind of the writer or was drawn from their personal experience. It certainly doesn't come across as what it is, the result of hard work, multiple revisions, and calculated choices on the writer's part, all...

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## CREATIVE NONFICTION, FICTION, MULTIGENRE

### A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers: The ABCs of Narrative Construction

David Mura

Time  
April 12, 2025 | Sat, 04/12/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/12/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction Fiction Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

This class will explore the principles of (Western) narrative construction and how these principles/techniques can be used in both fiction and non-fiction/memoir. We will base the class on readings made available to the participants, including work by ZZ Packer, Gish Jen, Junot Diaz, Jhumpa Lahiri...

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April 12, 2025 | Sat, 04/12/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/12/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction Fiction Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

This class will explore the principles of (Western) narrative construction and how these principles/techniques can be used in both fiction and non-fiction/memoir. We will base the class on readings made available to the participants, including work by ZZ Packer, Gish Jen, Junot Diaz, Jhumpa Lahiri...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-abcs-narrative-construction-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-abcs-narrative-construction-01)

## CREATIVE PROCESS

## 8-Week: Southeast Asian Diasporic Voices–The King Retired to His Summer Residence Pacyinz Lyfoung

January 21, 2025- March 11, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 01/21/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 03/11/2025 - 6:00pm | Creative Process | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

"The King retired to his summer residence" is the euphemism used to keep up the appearance of a bloodless transition from a right-wing Kingdom of Laos to left-wing communist country. That euphemism captures the silence that has wrapped around that history, where no sides can officially speak the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-southeast-asian-diasporic-voices-king-retired-his-summer-residence\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-southeast-asian-diasporic-voices-king-retired-his-summer-residence)

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## Creating Compelling Characters With the Tarot Susie Shubert

February 8, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/08/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/08/2025 - 5:00pm | Creative Process | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Strong character development is vital to writing an impactful story that your readers can't put down. With my Creating Compelling Characters with the Tarot method, I help writers go from basic character development to creating living and breathing personalities with the practical magic of the tarot...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/creating-compelling-characters-tarot\]](https://loft.org/classes/creating-compelling-characters-tarot)

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## Beyond the Linear: Re-imagining Plot Gemma Irish

February 22, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/22/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/22/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Process | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Sometimes the stories we're telling don't fit the container we're trying to put them in. But what other containers are there? This isn't just a writing problem. Relying on one story structure limits the way we view reality, and conceive of what's possible.

By learning new narrative structures (aka...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/beyond-linear-re-imagining-plot\]](https://loft.org/classes/beyond-linear-re-imagining-plot)

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## Self-Care for Writers: Writing Across the Generations Roxanne Sadovsky

March 20, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 03/20/2025 - 9:00am - Thu, 03/20/2025 - 3:00pm | Creative Process | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

Hearing yourself wistfully "talkin' about my generation" lately? Complaining about what hurts? Nostalgic for answering machines? Does 50 seem really old? Really young? Tired of being too mature for your age? Hungering for elderly (and youthful) wisdom? You're not alone!

This workshop offers a safe...

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## DIGITAL STORYTELLING

## Digital Storytelling Toolkit: How to Write Your Podcast

John Moe

February 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/01/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/01/2025 - 1:00pm | Digital Storytelling | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Yes, there are loads of podcasts out there but people are always hungry for something unique told well by someone who really cares about it. That someone could be you.

In this one-day intensive course, you'll first learn to identify the subject you want to build your pod around. Then we'll move on...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/digital-storytelling-toolkit-how-write-your-podcast\]](https://loft.org/classes/digital-storytelling-toolkit-how-write-your-podcast)

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## Crafting and Launching Your Digital Series

Anna Kerrigan

February 22, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/22/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/22/2025 - 2:00pm | Digital Storytelling | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Do you have an idea for a short film or digital series but are mystified about how to make it happen? Whether you're interested in creating a short narrative film, docu series, or sketch style variety show, self-distributing your own work is a great way to start creating with minimal resources...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/crafting-and-launching-your-digital-series\]](https://loft.org/classes/crafting-and-launching-your-digital-series)

## FICTION

### 6-Week Workshop: The Beginner's Guide to Starting Your Novel in Six Weeks

Tamara Hogan

January 21, 2025- February 25, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 01/21/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/25/2025 - 8:30pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Do you have a 'novel' idea, but aren't quite sure what to do next? In this high-practicality, no-pressure class, learn how to use essential fiction craft elements such as character, setting, plot, and structure to discover your story, establish a starting point, and help get the right words on the...

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### Intimacy and Conflict: Creating a Scene in Fiction

Allison Wyss

January 22, 2025- March 12, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 01/22/2025 - 10:00am - Wed, 03/12/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

Bodies at rest tend to stay at rest; bodies in motion, well, they just keep going the same way. But in stories, most readers crave change. So let's make those bodies bump or even crash! This can happen through conflict or through intimacy.

Learn strategies to create both intimacy and conflict in...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/intimacy-and-conflict-creating-scene-fiction-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/intimacy-and-conflict-creating-scene-fiction-01)

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## 8-Week: Heat, Escalation, Danger, Delusion: Re-thinking the Short Story

Josh Cook

January 22, 2025- March 12, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 01/22/2025 - 12:00pm - Wed, 03/12/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

This 8-week class seeks to expand our sense of what a story can do, and how it might achieve its effects.

Beyond Freytag's pyramid and conventional modes of plot, we'll look at stories through the lens of what we can see, rather than what formulas have been handed down from old texts. We'll look...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-heat-escalation-danger-delusion-re-thinking-short-story\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-heat-escalation-danger-delusion-re-thinking-short-story)

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## 12-Week: Work in Progress

Aurelia Wills

January 22, 2025- April 9, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 01/22/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 04/09/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$444.00 | Friend \$399.60

Writing is a wonderful vocation, but the effort can be lonely. Come break the isolation! This class is for fiction writers who are looking for artistic camaraderie and would like feedback on a project. The first three weeks, we'll focus on craft: characterization, story and plot, perspective, voice...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/12-week-work-progress\]](https://loft.org/classes/12-week-work-progress)

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## 6-Week: Introduction to Fiction

Holly Day

January 23, 2025- February 27, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 01/23/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 02/27/2025 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-introduction-fiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-introduction-fiction)

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## 6-Week: World-building in Speculative Fiction

Sydney Fowler

January 23, 2025- February 27, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 01/23/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 02/27/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

In this workshop, we will develop complex living worlds for sci-fi, fantasy, horror and other genres under the Speculative Fiction umbrella. Both new and seasoned speculative fiction writers are welcome. Come ready to connect, experiment, play, and learn! Through world-building activities and craft...

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## Anti-Capitalist Fiction in 6 Weeks

Taiwana Shambley

January 28, 2025- March 4, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 01/28/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 03/04/2025 - 6:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Welcome to Anti-capitalist Fiction, a six-session course where we'll explore the powerful stories of working class people and their resistance in literature.

Through discussions, readings, and writing exercises, we'll practice, analyze and evaluate the techniques authors use to bring working class...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/anti-capitalist-fiction-6-weeks\]](https://loft.org/classes/anti-capitalist-fiction-6-weeks)

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## 2025 Year-Long Novel Writing Project with Peter Geye—Winter Online Cohort

Peter Geye

January 29, 2025- December 31, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 01/29/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/31/2025 - 9:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$7,500.00 | Friend \$7,440.00

Your novel, from first word to last and on to market.

One year is plenty of time to write a novel. That's the first lesson of this year-long course. The hundred other lessons that follow will take into account everything from how to begin to how to end, and what to do with your novel once you've...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/2025-year-long-novel-writing-project-peter-geye-winter-online-cohort\]](https://loft.org/classes/2025-year-long-novel-writing-project-peter-geye-winter-online-cohort)

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## 8-Week: Short Story Nitty Gritty

Troy Wilderson

January 29, 2025- March 19, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 01/29/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/19/2025 - 9:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$444.00 | Friend \$399.60

In this 8-week class, we'll explore all the basic elements needed to craft 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. At the first...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-short-story-nitty-gritty\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-short-story-nitty-gritty)

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## Fiction Toolkit: A Wrinkle in Time—How to Manage Chronology

Steve Almond

February 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/01/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/01/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

One of the central struggles in storytelling is that human beings are, in essence, time travelers. We live in the past of our memories and the future of our hopes. Thus, when we tell stories, we often shuttle around in time. This can be exciting, but more often it winds up confusing the reader, and...

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## Structure & Plot in Fiction

### April Dávila

February 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/01/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Discover the crucial difference between structure and plot in this course designed to deepen your storytelling skills and inspire innovative narratives. By teasing structure and plot apart and looking at them individually, with specific examples, we can come to understand BOTH our story and how we...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/structure-plot-fiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/structure-plot-fiction)

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## Short Fiction for Ages 12 to 14

### Jesaka Long

February 5, 2025- February 26, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 02/05/2025 - 5:00pm - Wed, 02/26/2025 - 6:30pm | Fiction | Youth

**Price** Regular \$117.00 | Friend \$105.30 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

What do dabbles, drabbles, micros, and flashes have in common? They're all types of short fiction! In this class, we'll explore stories that range from 50 to 1500 words and develop skills for writing tales. In our sessions, writers will have opportunities to discuss examples, complete exercises...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/short-fiction-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/short-fiction-ages-12-14)

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## Character Development for Ages 15 to 18

### James Ellis

February 6, 2025- February 27, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 02/06/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 02/27/2025 - 5:30pm | Fiction | Youth

**Price** Regular \$117.00 | Friend \$105.30 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

Characters are paramount to every piece of writing. They are the personalities that make us fall in love with the story, further complicating and driving the plot.

Whether we're reading a novel, a memoir, or watching a TV show or movie, we analyze and obsess over character's actions, dialogue, and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/character-development-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/character-development-ages-15-18)

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## 8-Week Workshop: Generate New Pieces & Get Feedback from Your Peers

### Lacey Dunham

February 6, 2025- March 27, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 02/06/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 03/27/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

In this 8-week fiction class that's a combination of feedback and generative workshop, students can expect to write a lot (some of it during class).

Students will have two opportunities to receive feedback on these new drafts—from the teaching artist and from fellow students. Participants will...

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## Fiction Toolkit: Novel Writing & Revision-Getting Unstuck

Lacey Dunham

February 8, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/08/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/08/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Open to writers of all genres and forms of the novel, this intensive revision course is best for writers who find themselves either stuck in the middle of drafting their novel or for writers who have a complete novel draft but don't know where to begin revising.

Our time will be broken into three...

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## Fiction Toolkit: How to Make Plot Your Friend

Steve Almond

February 8, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/08/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/08/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Many writers (myself included) want to believe a gift for exciting language, or narrative invention, will be a substitute for a genuinely arresting plot. Alas, it's not. Velocity, in turns out, isn't the same as direction. It can take many years to unlock the secrets of plot. But it shouldn't! Plot...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-how-make-plot-your-friend\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-how-make-plot-your-friend)

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## World-Building for Ages 9 to 11

Kelsey Daly

February 15, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/15/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

**Price** Regular \$58.50 | Friend \$52.65 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

This group connects young writers, fostering a supportive community focused on individual writing goals, making new friends, and meeting young writers where they are at.

Build a unique and spectacular fantasy world from the ground up! You will design your new world's geography, cultures, laws...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/world-building-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/world-building-ages-9-11)

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## Fiction Toolkit: Brilliant Openings-How to Get the Reader in the Car

Steve Almond

February 15, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/15/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Writing's all fun and games until the rejections start piling up. In this intensive (though informal) workshop, we'll aim to make sure your stories or essays draw the reader in, rather than leaving them in the dark. We'll take a second look at your opening pages, as well as the opening pages of...

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## Nature Writing for Ages 15 to 18

James Ellis

February 15, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$58.50 | Friend \$52.65 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

This multigenre class will investigate the centuries-long connection between the word and the natural world. How do you interpret nature? How do you connect to it? Is there a connection between human nature and the natural world?

In an age that further isolates us from the natural world, we will...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/nature-writing-ages-15-18-0\]](https://loft.org/classes/nature-writing-ages-15-18-0)

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## The 4-Week Short Story Builder

James Ellis

February 26, 2025- March 19, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 02/26/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/19/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

In this 4-week workshop, writers can expect to do the following:

- Get a crash-course review of the essential elements of fiction.
- Read and examine these elements via a variety of authors and excerpts.
- Compose a short story (3000 - 8000 words)
- Workshop your short story.
- Revise and prepare...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-short-story-builder\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-short-story-builder)

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## Sampler Class: Fiction with Cristeta Boarini

Cristeta Boarini

March 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 03/01/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/01/2025 - 11:00am | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

Want to try your hand at writing fiction? 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 \[https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-fiction-cristeta-boarini\]](https://loft.org/classes/sampler-class-fiction-cristeta-boarini)

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## Fiction Toolkit: Five Parts of Story

Brian Malloy

March 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 03/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/01/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.50

In this intentionally kind and friendly class for absolute beginners and those in need of a refresher, we will explore the five part of story model for writers who need help with structuring and building momentum in their stories. We'll examine each of the five parts: exposition, rising action...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-five-parts-story\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-five-parts-story)

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## Character Development for Ages 12 to 14

**Kelsey Daly**

March 4, 2025- March 25, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 03/04/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 03/25/2025 - 5:30pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$117.00 | Friend \$105.30 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

Come create your very own fantasy character alongside fellow fantasy and sci-fi writing peers!

You'll do writing exercise that make your character pop off the page and into your reader's heart. What are their motivations, surprising backstories, dreams, worries, and noteworthy fashion choices? When...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/character-development-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/character-development-ages-12-14)

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## 4-Week Workshop: Novel Writing

**Jeneé Skinner**

March 5, 2025- March 26, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 03/05/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/26/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

We love to sit with characters long enough to know them, navigate adversity with them, and ultimately to be transported by their story. While it's easy to come up with interesting concepts, honing in on those concepts enough to fill a novel is where the work begins. The world, relationships...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-novel-writing\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-novel-writing)

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## Alive on the Page: Learning to Render the Mind of Your Characters

**Scott Guild**

March 8, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 03/08/2025 - 12:00pm - Sat, 03/08/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$39.00 | Friend \$35.00

When we read fiction we love, we often forget that the characters are invented, that they aren't actual people with real struggles and triumphs. More than anything else, it is our deep connection to character—and particularly to perspective characters—that gives us a doorway into the dream of...

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## Fiction Toolkit: Characters & Characterization

**Brian Malloy**

March 8, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 03/08/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.50

For this intentionally kind session for beginners or those in need of a refresher, come prepared to create characters based on people you know (and combinations thereof), as well as characters based on your passion, your interest, your curiosity, and your imagination. We'll practice direct and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-characters-characterization\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-characters-characterization)

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## Imagining a Better World Through Speculative Fiction (March)

**Cristeta Boarini**

Time  
March 15, 2025 | Sat, 03/15/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/15/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Speculative fiction pushes the students to imagine what could be. As the author Simon Sinek has said, "Before we build the world we want to live in, we have to imagine it." This session will ask writers to push the boundaries of what they know to be possible by changing one small thing in our known...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/imagining-better-world-through-speculative-fiction-march\]](https://loft.org/classes/imagining-better-world-through-speculative-fiction-march)

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## Jumpstart Your YA Novel

**Jackie Cangro**

Time  
March 15, 2025 | Sat, 03/15/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/15/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Are you eager to dive into the vibrant world of Young Adult fiction but don't know where to start? Jumpstart Your YA Novel offers an overview of crafting an engaging YA novel.

We'll cover the basics—from developing authentic teenage voices to constructing gripping plots and relatable characters...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/jumpstart-your-ya-novel\]](https://loft.org/classes/jumpstart-your-ya-novel)

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## Fiction Basics: Point of View

**Brian Malloy**

Time  
March 15, 2025 | Sat, 03/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Point of view (POV) is often a question of camera angle (Wide shots or close-ups?) and access (Can we present the thoughts of one or more characters in addition to what they say and do?). POV is not simply a question of the 1st person (I said) or 3rd person (they said); you'll need to consider...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-point-view-21\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-point-view-21)

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## The Art of Backstory in Fiction: Create Dynamic Characters Through Their Past

**Jackie Cangro**

Time  
March 22, 2025 | Sat, 03/22/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Understanding your characters' past can help you develop their motivations (why they want what they want) and solve plot problems (what they do next). In this class, we'll review craft techniques for developing effective backstory, and we'll review excerpts of published works to illustrate how...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/art-backstory-fiction-create-dynamic-characters-through-their-past1\]](https://loft.org/classes/art-backstory-fiction-create-dynamic-characters-through-their-past1)

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## Fiction Basics: Setting

**Brian Malloy**

March 22, 2025 | Time Sat, 03/22/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

For this session on setting, keep in mind what Elizabeth Bowen said "Nothing happens nowhere." While many writers shy away from describing their settings, the lack of an atmospheric setting can easily bore and confuse readers. The well-rendered setting can create harmony or conflict, characterize...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-setting-3\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-setting-3)

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## Fiction Basics: Scene, Summary, and Narrative Time

**Brian Malloy**

March 29, 2025 | Time Sat, 03/29/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/29/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Many writers struggle with how to present the events in their story. Does an event demand a moment-by-moment scene? Should it be summarized? How can we transition between scene and summary and move our characters backward and forward in time? Through exercises and brief readings, we'll experiment...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-scene-summary-and-narrative-time-3\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-scene-summary-and-narrative-time-3)

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## 4-Week Workshop: Short Fiction

**Jeneé Skinner**

April 2, 2025- April 23, 2025 | Time Wed, 04/02/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 04/23/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

In a way, reading a short story can feel like speed dating, or an otherwise seasonal relationship. But in the brief time we spend with the characters, we learn what makes them who they are and become a part of their lives. In this class, we'll discuss ways to maximize the limited space and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-short-fiction-0\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-short-fiction-0)

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## 6-Week: Strange Fiction—Writing the Horrific and Harrowing

**Rachel Moulton**

April 2, 2025- May 7, 2025 | Time Wed, 04/02/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 05/07/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

This class will experiment with the horror genre, asking students to write a short piece of fiction (story or chapter) that manipulates and elevates the everyday into the bizarre and heart pounding. Students will be asked to generate new work every class with the intent of also workshopping a more...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-strange-fiction-writing-horrific-and-harrowing\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-strange-fiction-writing-horrific-and-harrowing)

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## Narration: Finding the Right Voice

Allison Wyss

Time  
April 3, 2025- May 8, 2025 | Thu, 04/03/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 05/08/2025 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

First, find the voice. Then let the voice tell the story. This class will examine a variety of narration techniques, looking at different options a writer has, as well as the opportunities and challenges each style presents. We'll cover topics such as first- and third-person POV, filtering through...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/narration-finding-right-voice\]](https://loft.org/classes/narration-finding-right-voice)

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## Fiction Toolkit: Creative Language

Brian Malloy

Time  
April 5, 2025 | Sat, 04/05/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/05/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Readers love variety, especially at the sentence level. In this fast-paced session for absolute beginners and pros in need of a refresher, we'll explore periodic sentences, fragments, parataxis, parallelism, anaphora, epiphora, assonance, juxtaposition, ambiguity, and more. We'll play with...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-creative-language\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-creative-language)

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## Imagining a Better World Through Speculative Fiction (April)

Cristeta Boarini

Time  
April 12, 2025 | Sat, 04/12/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/12/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Speculative fiction pushes the students to imagine what could be. As the author Simon Sinek has said, "Before we build the world we want to live in, we have to imagine it." This session will ask writers to push the boundaries of what they know to be possible by changing one small thing in our known...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/imagining-better-world-through-speculative-fiction-april\]](https://loft.org/classes/imagining-better-world-through-speculative-fiction-april)

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## Fiction Basics: Revision

Brian Malloy

Time  
April 12, 2025 | Sat, 04/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/12/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Bring your printed manuscript, and pink, and green highlighters for this hands-on revision lab. You'll practice revision methods focused on scene/summary, characterization, arrangement of events, pacing, abstract/concrete language, sensory imagery, and significant details. If you don't bring your...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-revision-21\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-revision-21)

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## Fiction Basics: Emotional Range

**Brian Malloy**

Time  
April 19, 2025 | Sat, 04/19/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/19/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

A frequent criticism of literary fiction is that it is often humorless, with a narrow emotional range that begins with ennui and ends in despair. If you're weary of the drama of the broken tea cup and want to write and read stories with a broad emotional range, this session is for you. If readers...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-emotional-range\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-emotional-range)

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## Re-Seeing and Revising: Crafting Style and Joy in the Writing Process

**Tomas Moniz**

Time  
May 10, 2025 | Sat, 05/10/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 05/10/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

**Price** Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

We spend a lot of time producing text, generating story lines, character development, plot. And once that's done, arguably, the more difficult work begins: revisions, rewriting, re-seeing our sentences, honing our style. There are hundreds of craft books that all basically say similar things: avoid...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/re-seeing-and-revising-crafting-style-and-joy-writing-process\]](https://loft.org/classes/re-seeing-and-revising-crafting-style-and-joy-writing-process)

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## Imagination to Page for Ages 12 to 14

**Kelsey Daly John Schaidler**

Time  
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

SESSION 1:  
SPARK NEW IDEAS FOR FICTION WRITING  
(for ages 12 to 14, with Kelsey Daly)

Do you love to write, but are sometimes daunted by a blank page? When you're telling a story, do you...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/imagination-page-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/imagination-page-ages-12-14)

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## Elements of Fiction—Put the STORY in Your Story (for Ages 15 to 18)

**Robert Voedisch**

Time  
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

Let's face it: Writing can be a frustrating—and frustratingly mysterious—process. What makes one story soar and another flop? Why do some characters leap off the page and into our hearts...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/elements-fiction-put-story-your-story-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/elements-fiction-put-story-your-story-ages-15-18)

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## Writing About Our Animals for Ages 15 to 18

Anna Molenaar

Time  
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

In this weeklong summer camp, students will explore pet memoirs and poetry about pets. We'll focus on how craft choices deepen themes, tones, and meanings. We'll discuss historical...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-about-our-animals-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-about-our-animals-ages-15-18)

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## Worlds of Possibility: Worldbuilding & Interactive Writing (for ages 12 to 14)

Kat Shepherd Amy Sailer

Time  
June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

SESSION 1:  
WRITING PICK-A-PATH STORIES  
(for ages 12 to 14, with Kat Shepherd)

Interactive book series keep readers turning the pages because the story changes every time. Every decision...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/worlds-possibility-worldbuilding-interactive-writing-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/worlds-possibility-worldbuilding-interactive-writing-ages-12-14)

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## Strange Worlds: Writing Sci-Fi, Fantasy, & Horror (for ages 12 to 14)

Holly Day Alice Paige

Time  
June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

SESSION 1:  
THE SCIENCE OF MAGIC  
(for ages 12 to 14, with Holly Day)

In this class, we'll explore how magical ideas such as phrenology, numerology, casting runes – and other ways to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/strange-worlds-writing-sci-fi-fantasy-horror-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/strange-worlds-writing-sci-fi-fantasy-horror-ages-12-14)

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## Fantasy World Immersion for Ages 15 to 18

Aurora Whittet Best

Time  
June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

Ever wondered what it takes to create the page-turning heroes and heroines of your favorite fantasy novel? In this class, you'll explore the emotional depth necessary to create a...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fantasy-world-immersion-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/fantasy-world-immersion-ages-15-18)

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## Heroes, Villains, and Worlds: Fantasy Writing for Ages 12 to 14

Kelsey Daly Kat Shepherd

June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

SESSION 1:

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT:

DESIGN A FANTASY OR SCI-FI PROTAGONIST, VILLAIN, AND SIDE KICK

(for ages 12 to 14, with Kelsey Daly)

Come create your very own fantasy character...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/heroes-villains-and-worlds-fantasy-writing-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/heroes-villains-and-worlds-fantasy-writing-ages-12-14)

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## Building a Novel—From Paragraphs to Pages (for ages 15 to 18)

Debra Blake

June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

Writing a novel can seem daunting, but this class breaks it down into manageable steps. From the opening class, you'll be writing your novel, first by generating a plot summary and then a...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/building-novel-paragraphs-pages-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/building-novel-paragraphs-pages-ages-15-18)

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## Jumpstart Your Writing for Ages 12 to 14

Rachel Guvenc Alice Paige

July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

-Session 1: Express Yourself! WORD! for Ages 12 to 14 with Rachel Guvenc

Are you passionate about expressing yourself? Are you curious about writing poetry? In this class you will encounter poetry...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/jumpstart-your-writing-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/jumpstart-your-writing-ages-12-14)

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## Writing Pick-a-Path Stories for Ages 15 to 18

Kat Shepherd

July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Interactive book series keep readers turning the pages because the story changes every time. Every decision the reader makes takes the plot through unexpected twists and turns that lead to a host of exciting new endings. And writing them is even more fun than reading them! This class offers the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-pick-path-stories-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-pick-path-stories-ages-15-18)

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## Little Writers, Big Worlds for Ages 6 to 8

### Marianne Manzler Blythe Baird

July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

-Session 1:

-Lunch & Enrichment: We'll break for lunch with more activities that will inspire us to express ourselves while having fun! We may explore Gold Medal Park to seek creativity outside the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/little-writers-big-worlds-ages-6-8\]](https://loft.org/classes/little-writers-big-worlds-ages-6-8)

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## Storytelling (for ages 6 to 8)

### Taiwana Shambley Holly Day

July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

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

SESSION 1:  
WORDS CAN CREATE MAGIC  
(with Taiwana Shambley)

Writers are like gardeners. They plant seeds to create magic with words and grow stories from their imaginations. You will begin your...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/storytelling-ages-6-8\]](https://loft.org/classes/storytelling-ages-6-8)

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

### Troy Wilderson

August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 08/05/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

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

At the start of the first class, there will be a discussion based on the pre-reading where we discuss what makes the story successful. Following will be a lecture about the essential components...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/short-story-z-creative-short-story-writing-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/short-story-z-creative-short-story-writing-ages-15-18)

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## Creating Magical Worlds for Ages 15 to 18

### Craig Noles

August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 08/05/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

Do you want to be a writer? Learn how to create magical, fictional worlds that capture the imagination of your readers and keep them glued to the pages of your stories!

Aspiring writers, grab your...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/creating-magical-worlds-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/creating-magical-worlds-ages-15-18)

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## Elements of Fiction for Ages 15 to 18

Alysandra Dutton

August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 08/05/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

You've got your story or novel idea. What's next? You need to create detailed, interesting characters, and a plot that keeps the action moving forward. Learn the ins and outs of writing fiction by...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/elements-fiction-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/elements-fiction-ages-15-18)

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## Nature Writing for Ages 15 to 18

James Ellis

August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 08/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

This multi-genre class will investigate the centuries-long connection between the word and the natural world. How do you interpret nature? How do you connect to it? Is there a connection between human nature and the natural world? In an age that further isolates us from the natural world, we will...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/nature-writing-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/nature-writing-ages-15-18)

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## Elements of Fiction: Put the STORY in Your Story for Ages 15 to 18

Robert Voedisch

August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 08/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

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Let's face it: Writing can be a frustrating—and frustratingly mysterious—process. What makes one story soar and another flop? Why do some characters leap off the page and into our hearts, while others...

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## Let's Write a Ghost Story for Ages 15 to 18

Holly Day

August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 08/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

Do you like to tell scary stories? In this class, we'll discuss examples of ghost stories and talk about "real" haunted houses, then write our own stories based on our own haunted houses, landscapes...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/lets-write-ghost-story-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/lets-write-ghost-story-ages-15-18)

FOR READERS

## February Graphic Novel Classics–Fahrenheit 451 for Ages 15 to 18

Savannah Brooks

February 4, 2025- February 25, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 02/04/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 02/25/2025 - 5:30pm | For Readers | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$117.00 | Friend \$105.30 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

These Loft Young Writers' After School Online program connects young writers and readers across the U.S. and beyond. They offer a supportive community focused on book discussions, building community, and thinking deeply.

Classics are more than just old stories—they're windows into different times...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/february-graphic-novel-classics-fahrenheit-451-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/february-graphic-novel-classics-fahrenheit-451-ages-15-18)

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## March Graphic Novel Classics–Frankenstein for Ages 15 to 18

Savannah Brooks

March 4, 2025- March 25, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 03/04/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 03/25/2025 - 5:30pm | For Readers | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$117.00 | Friend \$105.30 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

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Classics are more than just old stories—they're windows into different times...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/march-graphic-novel-classics-frankenstein-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/march-graphic-novel-classics-frankenstein-ages-15-18)

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## April Graphic Novel Classics–1984 for Ages 15 to 18

Savannah Brooks

April 8, 2025- April 29, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 04/08/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 04/29/2025 - 5:30pm | For Readers | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$117.00 | Friend \$105.30 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

These Loft Young Writers' After School Online program connects young writers and readers across the U.S. and beyond. They offer a supportive community focused on book discussions, building community, and thinking deeply.

Classics are more than just old stories—they're windows into different times...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/april-graphic-novel-classics-1984-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/april-graphic-novel-classics-1984-ages-15-18)

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## MULTIGENRE

### 6-Week: The Mother Writer–Winter Edition

Kaia Preus

January 21, 2025- February 25, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 01/21/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/25/2025 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

This multi-genre course is for anyone who identifies as a mother and a writer, and anyone who sometimes feels the tension between those roles. It's designed to give mother writers a place to write and to engage in a community of artistic support.

The bulk of each class will be time to write...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-mother-writer-winter-edition\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-mother-writer-winter-edition)

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## Unlocking the Mystery of Metaphors

Jennifer S. Brown

February 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/01/2025 - 5:00pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Metaphors are the kidney stones of writing. No, that's not quite right. Metaphors are the acid rain of writing. Yuck. Metaphors are... well, they're hard. Metaphors are the bane of many writers. Yet so much can be accomplished with one. Orson Scott Card wrote, "Metaphors have a way of holding the..."

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/unlocking-mystery-metaphors\]](https://loft.org/classes/unlocking-mystery-metaphors)

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## Double-Session Class: Writing About Our Animals

Anna Molenaar

February 8, 2025- February 15, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/08/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

In this class, students will explore pet memoirs and poetry with a focus on how writing-craft choices deepen themes, tone, and meaning. From historical accounts of beloved pets like Virginia Woolf's *Flush* to modern day memoirs like Rodney Stott's *Bird Brother*, we'll explore how animals can change...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/double-session-class-writing-about-our-animals\]](https://loft.org/classes/double-session-class-writing-about-our-animals)

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## So What? Your Story and Historical Context: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Patti Kameya

February 8, 2025- February 15, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/08/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

Discover how your own story becomes richer and reaches a larger audience when placed within a broader historical frame, or historical context. Through sharing your stories with others, you will become more aware of your global historical context and practice linking your story to other people's...

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

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## Multigenre Sampler with Laura Walker

Laura Walker

February 15, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/15/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 10:00am | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$8.00 | Friend \$7.20

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/multigenre-sampler-laura-walker\]](https://loft.org/classes/multigenre-sampler-laura-walker)

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## Go Rococo: Bring the Benefits of Maximalism to Your Work

**Kathryn Ganfield**

February 22, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/22/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/22/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Who's to say Strunk & White were right when they wrote, "omit needless words"? Why limit yourself in the limitless world of words? You can always cut to the quick later. In this short workshop, let's linger in slow, long, and lush language. By pushing your sentence structure beyond the typical...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/go-roccoco-bring-benefits-maximalism-your-work\]](https://loft.org/classes/go-roccoco-bring-benefits-maximalism-your-work)

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## Multigenre Toolkit: Leaning into the Liminal

**Laura Walker**

March 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 03/01/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/01/2025 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Liminality is often defined as the space between "not anymore" and "not yet," a time of transition as we move tentatively from what's known and familiar to what's unknown and often scary. Yet liminal spaces allow us to see the world from a fresh perspective, which is something we can very much...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/multigenre-toolkit-leaning-liminal\]](https://loft.org/classes/multigenre-toolkit-leaning-liminal)

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## 8-Week Workshop: Trust Your Writing

**Kate St. Vincent Vogl**

March 4, 2025- April 22, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 03/04/2025 - 1:00pm - Tue, 04/22/2025 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

In writing we trust: We want readers to trust the writer and writers to trust the story. For that, writers have to trust their process. But how can you when you're not sure what you're doing? This class offers guidelines giving you secure footing to navigate writing or revising a full draft...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-workshop-trust-your-writing\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-workshop-trust-your-writing)

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## 6-Week: The Mother Writer-Spring Edition

**Kaia Preus**

March 4, 2025- April 8, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 03/04/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/08/2025 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

This multi-genre course is for anyone who identifies as a mother and a writer, and anyone who sometimes feels the tension between those roles. It's designed to give mother writers a place to write and to engage in a community of artistic support.

The bulk of each class will be time to write--...

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## Double Session Sampler: Submitting Your Work

Courtney Harler

March 6, 2025- March 13, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 03/06/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 03/13/2025 - 7:00pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$16.00 | Friend \$14.40

Is your work ready for the world? Is the world ready for your work? Come explore your options for submission (and potentially, publication!) with CRAFT Literary Magazine Editor in Chief, Courtney Harler. Courtney has worked in the literary industry as a writer, submitter, editor, educator, and...

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## Blueprint for a Revision

Erin Halden

March 22, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 03/22/2025 - 2:00pm - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 6:00pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

You did it! You finished a draft of your novel! Congrats! That's HUGE! All you need is a quick revision pass to polish it up and then – publication! Right! Wrong. There's another step, one that many writers skip. It's called a manuscript audit, and it's a high-level assessment of the story that...

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## All-Consuming: Writing through Obsession

Lucia LoTempio

April 5, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 04/05/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 04/05/2025 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Do you feel you are writing the same thing over and over again? Does what moves your work feel inescapable, haunts you off the page? Together, we will embrace what consumes us through our creative practice. We will locate what is beating at the heart of our writing, and engage in formal modes to...

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## Multigenre Toolkit: Earth as Home–A Nature & Place-Based Generative Writing Class

Emily Trenholm

April 26, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 04/26/2025 - 9:30am - Sat, 04/26/2025 - 12:30pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

This class invites writers to expand their definition of place in relationship to the human and more-than-human world. We'll reorient towards other living beings and phenomena to illuminate our own spot in the larger ecological web. Using the permaculture concept of "Zones of Care," we'll expand our...

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## Create Your Own Universe for Ages 9 to 11

Ellen Fee Kat Shepherd

Time  
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

SESSION 1:  
WELCOME TO MY WORLD  
(for ages 9 to 11, with Ellen Fee)

What other worlds might exist in our universe? In this class, students will create a brand-new, imaginative planet and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/create-your-own-universe-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/create-your-own-universe-ages-9-11)

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## The Writer's Playground for Ages 9 to 11

Holly Day Dralandra Larkins

Time  
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

SESSION 1:  
SCRAPBOOK POETRY  
(for ages 9 to 11, with Dralandra Larkins)

It all starts in a notebook, right? In 'Scrapbook Poetry,' we'll dive into a river of words, imagery, metaphors...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writers-playground-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/writers-playground-ages-9-11)

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## From Memoir to Myth for Ages 12 to 14

Amy Sailer Amelia Colwell

Time  
June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Tue, 06/17/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

SESSION 1:  
WRITE ABOUT YOURSELF  
(for ages 12 to 14, with Amelia Colwell)

Ever wonder why you're drawn to writing about your real-life experiences? Do you have something to say about who...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/memoir-myth-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/memoir-myth-ages-12-14)

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## Fiction Toolkit: Postcolonial Fantasy and Horror Writing

Anaïs Duplan

Time  
June 19, 2025- July 3, 2025 | Thu, 06/19/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 07/03/2025 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

It's one thing to feel scared when we watch scary movies, and it's another to feel that same fear as we read. Writers throughout history have found ways of communicating dread, terror, paranoia, and anguish through the written word. The French Continental philosopher Maurice Blanchot writes:...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-postcolonial-fantasy-and-horror-writing\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-toolkit-postcolonial-fantasy-and-horror-writing)

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## Creating Fantastical Worlds for Ages 9 to 11

Ellen Fee Will Hart

Time  
June 24, 2025- June 27, 2025 | Tue, 06/24/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/27/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

SESSION 1:  
POEMS FOR PEACE  
(for ages 9 to 11, with Ellen Fee)

Poetry can help us imagine a better future. In this class, we will use poetry to express our dreams for a different world...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/creating-fantastical-worlds-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/creating-fantastical-worlds-ages-9-11)

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## 4-Week Workshop: Speculative Memoir and Autofiction

Anaïs Duplan

Time  
July 10, 2025- August 7, 2025 | Thu, 07/10/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 08/07/2025 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

This course will investigate speculative memoir and autofiction. Students in this course should come prepared with a relevant project in progress, with at least 5-10 pages of writing ready for peer workshopping by the start of this course. Projects should be rooted in life writing (i.e. that which...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-speculative-memoir-and-autofiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-workshop-speculative-memoir-and-autofiction)

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## Page and the Stage for Ages 6 to 8

Holly Day

Time  
July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

-Session 1:

-Lunch & Enrichment: We'll break for lunch with more activities that will inspire us to express ourselves while having fun! We may explore Gold Medal Park to seek creativity outside the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/page-and-stage-ages-6-8\]](https://loft.org/classes/page-and-stage-ages-6-8)

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## Writing Immersion for Ages 12 to 14

Holly Day

Time  
July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

-Session 1: Finding the Poet Within for Grades 7-9 with Holly Day: In this class, we'll discuss the many techniques poets use to find the strongest way to express their ideas through language and...

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## Beyond Text: Visual Experiments in Writing for Ages 15 to 18

Courtney Ludwick

Time  
July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Tue, 07/15/2025 - 1:30pm - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

As writers, we rely on image all the time: in metaphor, in description, in our characters, in the worlds we create on the page. But how might we use image beyond text? What happens to our writing when...

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## 2025 Loft Youth Writing Intensive for Ages 10 To 13

Mitchell LeGrand Michael Gorrie Dralandra Larkins Kelsey Daly

Time  
July 22, 2025- July 25, 2025 | Tue, 07/22/2025 - 9:30am - Fri, 07/25/2025 - 3:30pm | Multigenre | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$550.00 | Friend \$495.00

The Loft's Summer Youth Writing Intensive for Ages 10-13 is led by acclaimed and published writers, who are experts in their field. Each workshop aims to inspire creativity, self-expression, and a passion for writing. During the week, young writers will engage with several published teaching artists...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/2025-loft-youth-writing-intensive-ages-10-13\]](https://loft.org/classes/2025-loft-youth-writing-intensive-ages-10-13)

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## 2025 Loft Youth Writing Intensive for Ages 14 To 18

Holly Day Shannon Gibney Dralandra Larkins Michael Gorrie

Time  
July 29, 2025- August 1, 2025 | Tue, 07/29/2025 - 9:30am - Fri, 08/01/2025 - 3:30pm | Multigenre | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$550.00 | Friend \$495.00

The Loft's Summer Youth Writing Intensive for Ages 14-18 is led by acclaimed and published writers, who are experts in their field. Each workshop aims to inspire creativity, self-expression, and a passion for writing.

Fiction: Let's Write a Story--From Blank Page to the Last Page for Ages 14-18...

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## Write Your World for Ages 12 to 14

Holly Day Courtney Ludwick

Time  
August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Tue, 08/05/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

-Session 1: Finding the Poet Within for Ages 12 to 14 with Holly Day

In this class, we'll discuss the many techniques poets use to find the strongest way to express their ideas through language and...

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## Dark Hauntings: Bending Boundaries in Writing for Ages 12 to 14

Kelsey Daly Amy Sailer

August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 08/05/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

-Session 1: Create Your Own Fantasy or Sci Fi World Using Crafts for Ages 12 to 14 with Kelsey Daly  
Build a unique and spectacular fantasy world from the ground up! During our first three sessions, you...

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## Story Explorers for Ages 9 to 11

Holly Day Kat Shepherd

August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 08/12/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

-Session 1: Help! I Don't Know What to Write! for Ages 9 to 11 with Holly Day  
Have you ever sat down to write a story and realized you have no idea how or where to start? In this class, we'll go over...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/story-explorers-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/story-explorers-ages-9-11)

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## Writing a Better World for Ages 12 to 14

Amy Sailer Courtney Ludwick

August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 08/12/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

-Session 1: Alternate Histories for Ages 12 to 14 with Amily Sailer  
In this workshop, the students will collaborate on a group novella that takes place in an alternate history. We will discuss examples...

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## PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

### Write Your Screenplay or TV Pilot for Ages 15 to 18

Michael Gorrie

February 5, 2025- February 26, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 02/05/2025 - 4:00pm - Wed, 02/26/2025 - 5:30pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$117.00 | Friend \$105.30 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

This group connects young writers across the U.S. and beyond, fostering a supportive community focused on individual writing goals, making new friends, and meeting young writers where they are at each week.

Join us if you love movies and TV and you're thinking of writing screenplays.

This class is...

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## Screenplay Workshop: Write Your Screenplay or TV Pilot in 8 Weeks

**Michael Gorrie**

February 11, 2025- April 1, 2025 | <sup>Time</sup> Tue, 02/11/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/01/2025 - 8:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/screenplay-workshop-write-your-screenplay-or-tv-pilot-8-weeks\]](https://loft.org/classes/screenplay-workshop-write-your-screenplay-or-tv-pilot-8-weeks)

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## Your Voice, Your Process, Your Story: Write a Screenplay That Only You Can Write

**Anna Kerrigan**

February 12, 2025- April 2, 2025 | <sup>Time</sup> Wed, 02/12/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 04/02/2025 - 8:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

A good traditional screenplay is well-structured, with a propulsive plot, dynamic characters and dialogue. But a great screenplay should also have a unique perspective. Your screenplay should feel like only you could've written it, which sounds much easier than it actually is.

Through this eight...

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## Screenwriting Toolkit: Page and the Stage

**Loren Niemi**

February 22, 2025 | <sup>Time</sup> Sat, 02/22/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/22/2025 - 2:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$74.00 | Friend \$66.60

Storytelling is the mother of all arts. The use of the term is ubiquitous but too often as writers we forget or downplay the value of orality. I want to appeal to writers to consider the value of the spoken word, the spoken narrative, and the invitation of the oral to provide a qualitatively...

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## 8-Week: Create Your Own TV Pilot (Comedy, Drama, Reality)

**Bo Kaprall**

March 4, 2025- April 22, 2025 | <sup>Time</sup> Tue, 03/04/2025 - 10:00am - Tue, 04/22/2025 - 12:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

Applicable to comedy, drama, and reality TV, this eight-week class is designed for both new and experienced creative writers who hope to break into television writing. We'll study both short- and long-form screenwriting, including a look at the differences between writing scripted and unscripted...

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## Let's Talk: Writing Dynamic Dialogue–Spring Edition

Lillie Gardner

March 22, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 03/22/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 1:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Dialogue is so much more than characters talking. Dialogue can communicate a story's tone, dictate the energy of a scene, move the plot forward, express important information, provide background context, and make the world come to life—all while sounding like the authentic voice of a character. No...

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## 6-Week: Idea to Screenplay

Lillie Gardner

April 2, 2025- May 7, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 04/02/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 05/07/2025 - 8:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Do you have an amazing idea for a screenplay? Are you curious about how the screenwriting process works? Take your project from idea to screenplay in six classes!

In this class, you'll learn what goes into a great screenplay and start generating your own pages. Each week will be devoted to one...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-idea-screenplay\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-idea-screenplay)

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## Screenwriting for Teens for Ages 15 to 18

Michael Gorrie

June 17, 2025- June 20, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 06/17/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 06/20/2025 - 12:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Youth

**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all-day creativity!

Are you a teenager and want to write your own movie, but don't know how? Then this class is for you! Aimed at beginners, this class starts off with the fundamentals of screenwriting. How...

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## Half-Day Camp: Get Into Character: Acting 101 for Ages 15 to 18

John Schaidler

July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 07/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Youth

**Price** Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

Drawing on fundamental techniques of Method Acting, students learn to build great characters piece by piece. Each session focuses on one of Stanislavski's key principles, guiding students to create...

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## Page and the Stage for Ages 12 to 14

Rachel Guvenc John Schaidler

August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 08/12/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

-Session 1: Express Yourself! WORD! for Ages 12 to 14 with Rachel Guvenc

Are you passionate about expressing yourself? Are you curious about writing poetry? In this class you will encounter poetry...

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## POETRY

### Introduction to Reading & Writing Poetry in 4 Weeks

Anaïs Duplan

January 21, 2025- February 18, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 01/21/2025 - 12:00pm - Tue, 02/18/2025 - 2:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

The oftentimes elusive, malleable, interpretive nature of poetry may lead some to believe that they "just don't get poetry." This course will help students grow more comfortable with digesting and moving slowly with poetry. We will do this by considering eight vantage points: generosity, sonic...

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### 8-Week: Making the Space for Poetry in Our World

Deborah Keenan

January 23, 2025- March 13, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 01/23/2025 - 10:00am - Thu, 03/13/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$296.00 | Friend \$266.40

In this 8-week poetry class, we'll read and write together. We'll discuss many poems written by diverse and extraordinary poets, both living and dead. Students will write and turn in as many poems as they wish. All work will be read—fellow students and the teaching artist will provide feedback.

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## 6-Week: Introduction to Poetry

Angela Siew

January 23, 2025- February 27, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 01/23/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 02/27/2025 - 6:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Do you love to read poetry and have always wanted to try writing it? Do you have bits of poems or lyrical writing in your journal or notes app that you want to shape into poems?

Come explore the craft of poetry in this six-week course. Each week will feature a fundamental element of poetry, such...

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## 6 Poems in 6 Weeks

Jude Nutter

January 29, 2025- March 4, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 01/29/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 03/04/2025 - 6:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

While every poem has its own formal imperatives, discovering another poet's strategies encourages and enables you to be more self-aware when crafting your own poems; finding the right "form" for the poem is critical, and formal choices change from poem to poem, depending on the poem's subject and...

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## poeTRYhealing

Cassie Premo Steele

February 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/01/2025 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

poeTRYhealing is a three-hour class led by an award-winning poet and scholar of trauma that will introduce students to a diverse group of poets who use poetry as a way to heal from individual and collective trauma. During the class meeting, we will read selections from Gloria Anzaldúa, Ellen Bass...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/poetryhealing\]](https://loft.org/classes/poetryhealing)

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## Beyond the First Draft: Revising Poetry–Winter Edition

Rebecca Jamieson

February 5, 2025- March 12, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 02/05/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/12/2025 - 8:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

You've written the wobbly first draft of a poem. Bravo! Perhaps you've made some edits and even had feedback from friends, but you can tell something is missing. Maybe you like it even less than before. What now?

In this class, we'll unpack the biggest and most mysterious phase of the writing...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/beyond-first-draft-revising-poetry-winter-edition\]](https://loft.org/classes/beyond-first-draft-revising-poetry-winter-edition)

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## Risk, Reveal, Reinvent: A Poetry Revision Primer

Chelsea DesAutels

February 15, 2025 | Time Sat, 02/15/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Marie Howe once described her revision process as an attempt to uncover the poem's "organic heart, its unsayable necessity." In this class, we will dispel with the notion that revision is simply an erasing of error; instead, we will treat revision as an exciting mode of discovery. Ultimately, you...

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## Finding the Poet Within for Ages 12 to 14

Holly Day

February 15, 2025 | Time Sat, 02/15/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$58.50 | Friend \$52.65 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

In this class, we'll discuss the many techniques poets use to find the strongest way to express their ideas through language and structure. We'll discuss how to pull a poem out of a piece of prose, developing stronger imagery in our writing, and how the structure of a poem effects how it looks on...

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## Scrapbook Poetry for Ages 12 to 14

Dralandra Larkins

February 15, 2025 | Time Sat, 02/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Youth  
**Price** Regular \$58.50 | Friend \$52.65 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

This group connects young writers. fostering a supportive community focused on individual writing goals, making new friends, and meeting young writers where they are at.

It all starts in a notebook, right? In this single session "Poetry Scrapbook" and performance-focused workshop, we will dive into...

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## Poetry Form: Sonnets!

Melanie Figg

February 22, 2025 | Time Sat, 02/22/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/22/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Sonnets have been around, since, well, Petrarch invented them in the 13th century. In the 21st century they are still compelling--as a formal puzzle, a container for a love poem, and a fun way to challenge your storytelling and nimbleness with language. The sonnet can build your literary muscles...

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## Double-Session Class: You Don't Have to Tell the Truth: Omission, Speculation and Fruitful Lies in Poetry

Asa Drake

February 22, 2025- March 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 02/22/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/01/2025 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

There are many reasons why a poem may resist the explicit truth—a name, a place, an action. During this two part workshop, we'll examine poems that spurn the reader, that ask for whom do we write and what do we preserve by writing? With inspiration from Franny Choi, Taylor Johnson, Saeed Jones, and...

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## Finding the Poet Within

Holly Day

March 4, 2025- March 25, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 03/04/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 03/25/2025 - 8:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$148.00 | Friend \$133.20

This class is designed to get you thinking about new ways to write poetry by experimenting with image, metaphor, music, sound, syntax, lineation, and an engagement with both stated and invisible themes. We'll discuss how to heighten the tension in poems through structure and how to make conflicting...

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## Queer Poems of Protest

Chavonn Shen

March 8, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 03/08/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/08/2025 - 1:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

There is no single path to poetry or protest. Queer and trans writers of color have historically resisted exclusion in literary spaces by creating art that both uplifted and liberated their communities.

We will study examples of protest poetry written by these writers, both historical and...

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## Generative Poetry Class: The Poetry of the Garden Winter Edition

Amy Sailer

March 8, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 03/08/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/08/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

The word "anthology" (anthos + -logia) comes from the Greek for "flower collection," so it's fair to say that the collecting and arranging of poems and flowers are sister arts.

In this generative session, we'll draw inspiration from the history and literature of gardens to inspire new poems. We...

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## Double Session Toolkit: Research in Poetry

Jennifer Manthey

March 15, 2025- March 22, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 03/15/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$111.00 | Friend \$99.90

Research can add depth and interest to poems. It can propel your creative work, and help get you unstuck. In this course, we will examine the role research and fact can play in poetry. We'll read examples, discuss them, and begin our own research for poems. We will read examples during both of our...

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## Poetry Form: Golden Shovels!

Melanie Figg

March 22, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 03/22/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

In this generative class, we'll take inspiration from poems of Gwendolyn Brooks. We'll read and discuss Golden Shovels: a fun, flexible form invented by Terrence Hayes in tribute to Brooks.

Then we'll take time to begin our own Golden Shovels—and learn how writing out to a word waiting at the end...

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## Generative Poetry Class: The Poetry of the Garden Spring Edition

Amy Sailer

April 5, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 04/05/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 04/05/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

The word "anthology" (anthos + -logia) comes from the Greek for "flower collection," so it's fair to say that the collecting and arranging of poems and flowers are sister arts.

In this generative session, we'll draw inspiration from the history and literature of gardens to inspire new poems. We...

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## Divinatory Poetics: Using Tarot and Images to Generate Poems Intuitively—A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers (Online)

☐ ☐ ☐ Sun Yung Shin

June 14, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 06/14/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/14/2025 - 2:00pm | Poetry | Adult  
**Price** Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

Poetry is a divinatory practice; words using the alphabet are abstract and symbolic—language acts as a medium between the material and the ethereal, at a crossroads of an ever-traveling present. In this workshop, we will experiment and play with various simple and secular divinatory practices using...

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## Poetic Forms Toolkit: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Su Hwang

July 19, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 07/19/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/19/2025 - 2:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Price Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

The blank page can seem daunting when writing a poem. To remedy the enormity of endless possibilities, certain poetic formal constraints or parameters can be employed to the poet's advantage to spark creative inspiration or provide the poem additional layers of meaning. Former U.S. Poet Laureate Ted...

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## Magical Worlds of Wonder for Ages 9 to 11

Marie Olofsdotter Ellen Fee

August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 08/05/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Youth

Price Regular \$546.00 | Friend \$491.40

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

-Session 1: Fairy Tales, Magic and Bookmaking: Write Your Own Story for Ages 9 to 11 with Marie Olofsdotter  
Explore the timeless territory of magic as you write your own myth-inspired fairy tale...

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## Finding the Poet Within for Ages 15 to 18

Holly Day

August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 08/05/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Youth

Price Regular \$234.00 | Friend \$210.60

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

In this class, we'll discuss the many techniques poets use to find the strongest way to express their ideas through language and structure. We'll discuss how to pull a poem out of a piece of prose...

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## PUBLISHING AND CAREER

### 6-Week: Write a Winning Nonfiction Book Proposal

Lyzette Wanzer

February 5, 2025- March 12, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 02/05/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/12/2025 - 8:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Price Regular \$222.00 | Friend \$199.80

Did you know that it's possible to sell a book on the strength of a book proposal alone—even if you haven't yet finished writing your book? A book proposal is an equation: a business case married with a marketing plan that you submit to publishers. In this workshop, students will learn the full...

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

**Halee Kirkwood**

Time  
March 22, 2025 | Sat, 03/22/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/22/2025 - 2:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

**Price** Regular \$40.00 | Friend \$36.00 | 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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## Scrivener 101

**Nicole Kronzer**

Time  
April 12, 2025 | Sat, 04/12/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 04/12/2025 - 12:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Have you downloaded Scrivener and are overwhelmed by all it can do? Never fear! We will go over the basics of using this robust novel-writing software including but not limited to split-screen writing, Revision Mode, organizing with notecards, and the uses of the Inspector.

This class is aimed at...

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## Be a Better Copywriter

**Mary Ringstad**

Time  
April 19, 2025 | Sat, 04/19/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/19/2025 - 4:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

**Price** Regular \$55.50 | Friend \$49.95

Do you want to communicate more effectively? Learn the tricks of the copywriting trade to energize your ads, emails, social media, blogs, reports, proposals, newsletters and more. Achieve better engagement, response rates, and results. You will unlock the secrets behind writing better copy. You will...

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