

BASICS

Scrivener 101

Nicole Kronzer

March 20, 2021 | 9 a.m.- Noon | Basics | Adult

Price Regular \$52.50 | Member \$47.25

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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/scrivener-101-3\]](https://loft.org/classes/scrivener-101-3)

Scrivener 102

Nicole Kronzer

April 17, 2021 | 9 a.m.- Noon | Basics | Adult

Price Regular \$52.50 | Member \$47.25

Are you familiar with the basics of Scrivener and ready to dive deeper? We will take a look at features such as Collections, deeper uses of the Inspector, Project Searches, and Quick References. This class is aimed at Mac users as Scrivener was designed for Macs. PC users are welcome, but please...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/scrivener-102-1\]](https://loft.org/classes/scrivener-102-1)

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Research and Revision in YA Novels: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Shannon Gibney

March 3, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

Price Regular \$15.00 | Member \$13.50 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

Research and revision are two aspects of writing YA novels that are not often discussed, but very necessary to producing a solid draft. How does one go about conducting the research necessary to bring your characters and the issues they face to life on the page? How do you ensure you get the most...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/research-and-revision-ya-novels-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers\]](https://loft.org/classes/research-and-revision-ya-novels-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers)

Writing Crossover YA: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Shannon Gibney

March 13, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

Price Regular \$15.00 | Member \$13.50 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

What is "crossover YA," and how do you write it well? We will examine this question in this class, and even attempt to answer it. Bring your own work-in-progress to class, as well as your questions, and a willingness to try new writing exercises.

This class is part of a series of classes that...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-crossover-ya-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-crossover-ya-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers)

Further Adventures in Children's Writing

Lisa Bullard

March 16, 2021- April 20, 2021 | 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

This class is for students who have a significant start at writing a book for children or young adults. It's open to writers focusing on a variety of projects with a kidlit audience: picture books, chapter books, middle grade or YA novels, or nonfiction titles. Students should be enthusiastic about...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/further-adventures-childrens-writing\]](https://loft.org/classes/further-adventures-childrens-writing)

Sparking and Shaping Picture Book Stories

Megan Maynor

March 18, 2021- April 22, 2021 | Noon- 2 p.m. | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

First, we'll look for sparks.

In this class, we will study the fundamentals of picture books (what are the key elements? who is the audience? how are these books read? how are they produced?) to both understand the genre and generate story ideas. Then, we'll shape that story. Having generated...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/sparking-and-shaping-picture-book-stories\]](https://loft.org/classes/sparking-and-shaping-picture-book-stories)

Idea Lab: Finding Inspiration for Your Children's Book Writing

Cristina Oxta

April 10, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

Price Regular \$35.00 | Member \$31.50

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

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

Rethinking the Superhero

Alex Juffer

June 21, 2021- June 25, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Youth

Price Regular \$175.00 | Member \$157.50

Everyone should be able to see themselves in a hero, super or otherwise. In this class we will break down the tropes of superhero narratives, the elements of crafting a superhero, and what sort of genre they would best operate in. With plenty of writing exercises and group work, we will develop a...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/rethinking-superhero-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/rethinking-superhero-01)

Reading and Writing Fanfiction with Carry On

Jack Harris

July 21, 2021- August 13, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Youth

Price Regular \$280.00 | Member \$252.00

What happens when the hero falls in love with his arch-nemesis instead of fighting him? Students will flex their reading and writing muscles to answer similar questions by investigating how Rainbow Rowell's fanfiction-inspired novel Carry On offers a new and diverse take on old stories.

Aspiring...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/reading-and-writing-fanfiction-carry\]](https://loft.org/classes/reading-and-writing-fanfiction-carry)

Get Real: Writing Realistic Fiction

Lisa M. Bolt Simons

July 22, 2021- August 12, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

Numbered agents with legacies, students with magical powers, a talking lion. Yes, all good stories. But they're not real; these stories can't really happen. In this class we'll dig into authors like Melanie Heuiser Hill, Jason Reynolds, Jerry Spinelli, Lisa Yee, Kate DiCamillo, and more in order to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/get-real-writing-realistic-fiction-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/get-real-writing-realistic-fiction-01)

CREATIVE NONFICTION

Personal Essays: The Art and Craft of Narrative Nonfiction

Jessie Sholl

March 6, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price Regular \$70.00 | Member \$63.00

In this single-session class, we'll explore the personal essay in many of its forms—including mini-memoirs, humorous observations, and perspective-changing travel experiences. Through short examples, discussions, and in-class exercises we'll examine and experiment with aspects of narrative craft...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/personal-essays-art-and-craft-narrative-nonfiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/personal-essays-art-and-craft-narrative-nonfiction)

Showing, Telling, and Holding Back in the Personal Essay

Jennifer Delisle

March 10, 2021- April 7, 2021 | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price Regular \$156.00 | Member \$140.40

In this class, we will pull apart the adage "show, don't tell," working through the artistic, personal, and political dimensions of this recurrent advice for the personal essay. Using short examples read in class, we will discuss building a structure that creates intrigue, handling exposition...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/showing-telling-and-holding-back-personal-essay-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/showing-telling-and-holding-back-personal-essay-01)

Personal Narrative Storytelling

Diane Kastiel

March 13, 2021- March 27, 2021 | 9 a.m.- Noon | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price Regular \$105.00 | Member \$94.50

Personal narrative storytelling is having a heyday, with shows like The Moth inviting people of diverse backgrounds and voices to share stories from their lives and spawning a whole new genre. Personal narrative storytelling engenders not only self-expression but inclusion, understanding, compassion...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/personal-narrative-storytelling\]](https://loft.org/classes/personal-narrative-storytelling)

Elements of Creative Nonfiction and Memoir

Kathryn Savage

March 16, 2021- April 20, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

In this class—a follow up to Introduction to Creative Nonfiction—we'll write a range of creative nonfiction and memoir. We'll read works by Roxane Gay, Eduardo Galeano, Leslie Jamison, Victoria Blanco and others that explore the human condition in myriad ways. Through in-class discussions, weekly...

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

Memoir Writing: Inspirations and More from Bestsellers

Kate St. Vincent Vogl

March 18, 2021- April 22, 2021 | Noon- 2 p.m. | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

What craft lessons can be found in bestselling memoirs? Learn how to best tell your life's story as we explore techniques used in All You Can Ever Know (Nicole Chung) and Men We Reaped (Jesmyn Ward).

Discover real-life solutions to problems memoirists face by evaluating where these memoirs excel...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/memoir-writing-inspirations-and-more-bestsellers\]](https://loft.org/classes/memoir-writing-inspirations-and-more-bestsellers)

So You've Got Experience You Want to Write About?

Tasslyn Magnusson

April 5, 2021- April 26, 2021 | 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

Every time you try to write, do your memories come flooding out? Are your characters all you? Do you want to write about your personal experiences? Whatever your genre, if you want to write from your experiences, this class is for you. Our goal will be to talk about practical challenges you face...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/so-youve-got-experience-you-want-write-about-0\]](https://loft.org/classes/so-youve-got-experience-you-want-write-about-0)

Moments into Memoir

Maria Burns Ortiz

April 7, 2021- April 28, 2021 | 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

The most effective memoirs create a comprehensive and cohesive story told through the moments that moved us. Figure out what those moments are, and the memoir starts to take form. This class will tackle these first key steps in crafting a memoir and help writers interested in memoir writing to...

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

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

Tony Jones

April 10, 2021 | 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price Regular \$70.00 | Member \$63.00

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

In this class, we will explore memoir, but we'll...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/beyond-memoir-writing-personal-creative-nonfiction-and-getting-it-published-0\]](https://loft.org/classes/beyond-memoir-writing-personal-creative-nonfiction-and-getting-it-published-0)

Writing a Great ACT Essay

Rhea Davison

June 21, 2021- June 25, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

Price Regular \$175.00 | Member \$157.50

Are you planning to take the ACT essay? Do you want help scoring higher? Then, this class was created for you. We'll take an in-depth look at the ACT essay, starting with breaking down what the prompt is asking you to do and what test scorers will be looking for. Next, we'll examine each of the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-great-act-essay-3\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-great-act-essay-3)

DIY Literature: Zines, Artists' Books, and Comics

Taylor Zhang

July 20, 2021- August 10, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

This class will introduce students to DIY (do-it-yourself) literature and give you the chance to make your own. We'll look at books, pamphlets, comics, and zines that are self-made and self-published, often with limited resources and support. We'll discuss how DIY literature allows artists and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/diy-literature-zines-artists-books-and-comics\]](https://loft.org/classes/diy-literature-zines-artists-books-and-comics)

Writing About Nature in the Time of Climate Emergency

Halee Kirkwood

July 22, 2021- August 12, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

In this course, we'll address the urgent issue of climate change through creative non-fiction, writing flash essays throughout the week. By keeping a nature journal, we'll record our responses to environmental change, disaster, and activism, along with observations about the beauty and wonder of our...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-about-nature-time-climate-emergency\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-about-nature-time-climate-emergency)

CREATIVE PROCESS

Journaling for Self-Care: Writing Through Challenging Times (March)

Brenda Hudson

March 3, 2021- March 24, 2021 | Noon- 2 p.m. | Creative Process | Adult

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

Learn to write courageously! Journaling is an excellent way to capture your experiences and work through thoughts and feelings in challenging times. Use structure and creativity to journal in a way that prevents overwhelm and promotes understanding, acceptance, and growth. In this class, you will be...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/journaling-self-care-writing-through-challenging-times-march\]](https://loft.org/classes/journaling-self-care-writing-through-challenging-times-march)

Tarot Tells the Story

Phoebe Tsang

March 20, 2021 | 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. | Creative Process | Adult

Price Regular \$70.00 | Member \$63.00

This class is for adventurous writers looking for a writing tool that can enhance your creativity, overcome writer's block, generate stories, and further your writing goals. Writers of narrative fiction or nonfiction, poetry, plays, and screenplays will all benefit from the content of this class...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/tarot-tells-story-1\]](https://loft.org/classes/tarot-tells-story-1)

Loft After School: The Writer's Journal

Jessica Mattson

April 6, 2021- April 27, 2021 | 4 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. | Creative Process | Youth

Price Regular \$105.00 | Member \$94.50

Before the novel, the poem, or the story, there's the idea. One of the writer's most useful tools is their writing journal: a place where we gather our thoughts, ideas, and all the bits and pieces that we need to create our stories. In this class for all experience levels we will explore all sorts...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-writers-journal\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-writers-journal)

Journaling for Self-Care: Writing Through Challenging Times (April)

Brenda Hudson

April 7, 2021- April 28, 2021 | Noon- 2 p.m. | Creative Process | Adult

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00 | Pay What You Can \$0.00

Learn to write courageously! Journaling is an excellent way to capture your experiences and work through thoughts and feelings in challenging times. Use structure and creativity to journal in a way that prevents overwhelm and promotes understanding, acceptance, and growth. In this class, you will be...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/journaling-self-care-writing-through-challenging-times-april\]](https://loft.org/classes/journaling-self-care-writing-through-challenging-times-april)

Generative Writing Exercises to Get Your Words Flowing

Ruby Brunton

April 17, 2021 | 9 a.m.- Noon | Creative Process | Adult

Price Regular \$52.50 | Member \$47.25

Your writing is an opportunity to explore your inner life by putting pen to paper, yet getting started is often the hardest part. Through a diverse range of in-class readings and writing prompts and exercises, participants will develop new ways of generating creative work, particularly focused on...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/generative-writing-exercises-get-your-words-flowing-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/generative-writing-exercises-get-your-words-flowing-01)

Use Your Imagination (June Section)

Nancy Carlson

June 21, 2021- June 25, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Creative Process | Youth

Price Regular \$175.00 | Member \$157.50

In this class for younger students our goal is to make a simple picture book.

We will be doing simple drawing exercises, read the story of the day, create characters, work on sequencing, plot and thinking about a problem for our characters. We do not worry about spelling and we take a time to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/use-your-imagination-june-section\]](https://loft.org/classes/use-your-imagination-june-section)

Writing It Out: From Getting Started to Getting Published

Katie Ward

June 21, 2021- June 25, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Creative Process | Youth

Price Regular \$175.00 | Member \$157.50

How does your favorite author do it--write with unique style, know what to cut and what to keep, and publish their writing? In this class we will learn the techniques of success in the writing world, from beating writer's block to editing your writing to submitting for publication.

Through a...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-it-out-getting-started-getting-published-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-it-out-getting-started-getting-published-01)

Writing for Social Change

Krystal Jagoo

June 23, 2021- August 11, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Creative Process | Youth

Price Regular \$280.00 | Member \$252.00

What does writing for social change look like, and how can young writers use art as a vehicle for resistance and activism? Writing For Social Change will explore this question through the practice of letter writing. Each class session will begin with a review of work from Black, Indigenous, and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-social-change\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-social-change)

The Art of Noticing

Elaine Levia

June 25, 2021- August 13, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Creative Process | Youth

Price Regular \$280.00 | Member \$252.00

The Art of Noticing is a course designed to help cultivate a creative writing practice based in mindfulness techniques. Poetry is a way of expressing what you notice about the world in a succinct and artful way.

Mindfulness is noticing with a purpose. The link between poetry and mindfulness is...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/art-noticing\]](https://loft.org/classes/art-noticing)

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

Mitchell LeGrand

July 7, 2021- July 28, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Creative Process | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

We all have stories that we want to share with others! In this class, we will be exploring the personal narrative, how to tell our own stories in a compelling way. These lessons will prepare you for upcoming college applications and scholarship essays, as well as generally enhance your storytelling...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-my-story-personal-essay-scholarship-and-college-applications\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-my-story-personal-essay-scholarship-and-college-applications)

Building a Novel: From Paragraphs to Pages

Debra Blake

July 19, 2021- July 23, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Creative Process | Youth

Price Regular \$175.00 | Member \$157.50

Writing a novel can seem daunting, but "Building a Novel" breaks it down into manageable steps. From the opening class, you will be writing your novel, first by generating a plot summary and then a story arc with tension and conflict. Next, you'll imagine complex characters with flaws and virtues...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/building-novel-paragraphs-pages-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/building-novel-paragraphs-pages-01)

Use Your Imagination (July Section)

Nancy Carlson

July 26, 2021- July 30, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Creative Process | Youth

Price Regular \$175.00 | Member \$157.50

In this class for younger students our goal is to make a simple picture book.

We will be doing simple drawing exercises, read the story of the day, create characters, work on sequencing, plot and thinking about a problem for our characters. We do not worry about spelling and we take a time to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/use-your-imagination-july-section\]](https://loft.org/classes/use-your-imagination-july-section)

DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Writing for the Web

Jessie Sholl

March 20, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. | Digital Storytelling | Adult

Price Regular \$70.00 | Member \$63.00

When you go to a company or organization website, you aren't seeking the same things you might from a great book, but that doesn't mean there isn't an art to writing for the web. Website writing needs to be organized and presented for the medium it serves. The scanning eye and clicking finger...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-web\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-web)

FICTION

Saving Face: The Old-Fashioned Art of Physical Description and How to Make it New

Allison Wyss

February 27, 2021 | 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$70.00 | Member \$63.00

It can feel old-fashioned or even trite to make much use of physical description. Yet contemporary writers can use it to great effect, enhancing characterization, increasing subtext, and creating a sense of physicality that powerfully compels the narrative. Beyond that, readers like to picture...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/saving-face-old-fashioned-art-physical-description-and-how-make-it-new\]](https://loft.org/classes/saving-face-old-fashioned-art-physical-description-and-how-make-it-new)

Loft After School: Introduction to Fantasy Writing

Aurora Whittet

March 3, 2021- March 24, 2021 | 4 p.m.- 5 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$70.00 | Member \$63.00

Ever wondered what it takes to create the page-turning heroes and heroines of your favorite young adult novel? Take the first step from being the reader to becoming a writer and embark on the journey. In this class, you'll explore the details to create a compelling character; the ability to smell...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-introduction-fantasy-writing\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-introduction-fantasy-writing)

Writing the Historical Novel

Jennifer Brown

March 10, 2021- April 21, 2021 | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$234.00 | Member \$210.60

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

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

Aspects of Craft: Short Fiction

Robert Voedisch

March 15, 2021- April 19, 2021 | 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

In this class, we will demystify the often-mysterious process of writing good short stories. We will break down stories into their individual elements—character, plot, point-of-view, setting—and examine how each piece works to create a rich, complete story.

Through readings, writing exercises...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/aspects-craft-short-fiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/aspects-craft-short-fiction)

The Beginner's Guide to Starting Your Novel

Tamara Hogan

March 15, 2021- April 19, 2021 | 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/beginners-guide-starting-your-novel-1\]](https://loft.org/classes/beginners-guide-starting-your-novel-1)

Writing Horror

Rachel Moulton

March 17, 2021- April 21, 2021 | 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

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 workshoping a more...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-horror\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-horror)

Fairy Tales and the Art of Subversion

Allison Wyss

March 18, 2021- April 22, 2021 | 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fairy-tales-and-art-subversion-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/fairy-tales-and-art-subversion-01)

Self-Editing for Writers

Steve Woodward

March 19, 2021- April 23, 2021 | Noon- 2 p.m. | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

If you've finished the first draft of a manuscript and are wondering what to do next, this class is for you. Self-Editing for Writers is designed by a professional editor to help writers understand what goes into editing a manuscript. This hands-on class aims to demystify the publication process by...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/self-editing-writers\]](https://loft.org/classes/self-editing-writers)

Writing Kids in a Grown-Up World

Evan Roxanna Ramzipoor

March 27, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$52.50 | Member \$47.25

Some of our most memorable and sophisticated fiction is populated by child protagonists. Children often see and hear everything we miss, which makes them uniquely difficult (and interesting) characters. In this class, we'll learn how to write complex kids and young adults for an adult market...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-kids-grown-world-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-kids-grown-world-01)

Write a Story: From a Blank Page to the Last Page

Holly Day

April 2, 2021- April 23, 2021 | Noon- 2 p.m. | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

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 dozens of ways writers get their creative engines revved up and moving, from exercises in basic character formation and development to creating vivid scenes and scenarios for...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/write-story-blank-page-last-page-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/write-story-blank-page-last-page-01)

Strong Starts

Nicole Kronzer

April 6, 2021- April 27, 2021 | 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

There are almost limitless choices for readers. So how do we capture the attention of a reader—especially high-stakes readers like agents and editors? The answer is to write a strong start. This class will examine strong starts on the sentence, paragraph, and chapter-level of mentor texts by authors...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/strong-starts\]](https://loft.org/classes/strong-starts)

Writing Difference: Strategies for Developing Fictional Characters Across Diverse Backgrounds

Angela Ajayi

April 10, 2021 | 9 a.m.- Noon | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$52.50 | Member \$47.25

We live in an increasingly diverse world where representation and inclusion matter. How we write our characters into our fictional worlds matters too. In this class, through the constructive lens of craft, we will explore ways of writing about those who are different from us. Using generative...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-difference-strategies-developing-fictional-characters-across-diverse-backgrounds-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-difference-strategies-developing-fictional-characters-across-diverse-backgrounds-11)

Exploring the Verse Novel

Tasslyn Magnusson

April 24, 2021 | 9 a.m.- Noon | Fiction | Adult

Price Regular \$52.50 | Member \$47.25

From Laurie Halse Anderson's SHOUT to Kwame Alexander's THE CROSSOVER, verse novels (novels-in-verse) seem to be popping up everywhere, particularly in children's literature. And every writer seems to have one started in a desk drawer. But what are these things—beyond a long poem that tells a story...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/exploring-verse-novel-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/exploring-verse-novel-01)

Telling Story (Ages 9-11)

Ty Chapman

June 21, 2021- July 12, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

Join us this summer for "Telling Story." This four week writing class will focus on how to create great narratives by exploring different aspects of story and storytelling. We'll focus on character development, and how to think up compelling characters. We'll also look at story arcs—students will...

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

The Art of Autobiography

Mariah Rigg

June 21, 2021- August 16, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$280.00 | Member \$252.00

Too often, young authors erase themselves from the narratives they write in an attempt to fit their writing into what they think a story should be. In this class we will explore writing from life, how to center our personal experiences in our writing, and what it means to blur the distinctions...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/art-autobiography\]](https://loft.org/classes/art-autobiography)

Writing Our Stories: Characters, Plans, and Plots

Chris Negrón

June 22, 2021- July 13, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Midnight | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

How do you create fictional worlds and stories? Do you fill out notebooks with plans and plot points, or do you write by the seat of your pants? Depending on how you write, you might think too much planning stifles creativity, or maybe you think you can't write—not even a messy first draft—without...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-our-stories-characters-plans-and-plots\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-our-stories-characters-plans-and-plots)

Reading and Writing with You Should See Me in A Crown

Margaret Yapp

June 22, 2021- July 15, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

Have you ever read something great and thought to yourself: "I want to write like that?" In this hybrid book-club meets workshop group, we will read and discuss the novel *You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson as a class, complete writing exercises based on the reading, and workshop our...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/reading-and-writing-you-should-see-me-crown\]](https://loft.org/classes/reading-and-writing-you-should-see-me-crown)

Haunted Words: Reading and Writing Ghost Stories

Adrianna Jereb

June 23, 2021- July 16, 2021 | 10 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

Do you believe in ghosts? Let's dig into that question together as we read ghost stories and practice writing our own. In this class, we'll read and discuss stories and novel excerpts from writers like Nina LaCour, Aiden Thomas, Gabriel García Márquez, and more while we learn about the craft of...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/haunted-words-reading-and-writing-ghost-stories\]](https://loft.org/classes/haunted-words-reading-and-writing-ghost-stories)

Poetry Club

Carolyn Williams-Noren

June 23, 2021- July 16, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$280.00 | Member \$252.00

Are you poem-curious? Do you already write poems? Want to write poems but are never sure where to start? This is the place for you! We'll get inspired by lots of different poems, write our own, and give each other useful, encouraging feedback. We'll read poems from a wide variety of writers, and we...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/poetry-club\]](https://loft.org/classes/poetry-club)

Write Like an Animal: A Loft/MCBA Combo Class

Carolyn Williams-Noren

June 24, 2021- July 22, 2021 | 9 a.m.- Noon | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$277.50 | Member \$249.75

In this class, write like an animal! Develop and inhabit an animal character (real and researched, wild and imagined, or something in between). How does your body feel, how do you move, and how does your mind work? What do you see, hear, smell, taste, and feel? What happens to you? Write your story...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/write-animal-loftmcba-combo-class-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/write-animal-loftmcba-combo-class-01)

Upside Down: Writing the Familiar Into Strange

Roohi Choudhry

June 24, 2021- July 15, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

Could words be the escape you're craving from the humdrum world? We're accustomed to searching for ideas and excitement outside. But in this class, we use words to turn inward.

This generative writing class will help you unearth strange stories inside familiar rooms. Using the everyday, often...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/upside-down-writing-familiar-strange-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/upside-down-writing-familiar-strange-01)

From Spark to Story: Writing Fiction from Life

Olivia Fantini

July 2, 2021- July 23, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

In this class we will use personal experiences, as well as current and historical events, as jumping off points for our own fiction. Students will be encouraged to pull from personal history, current events, and historical moments to fashion their own fiction. We'll explore the boundaries of fiction...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/spark-story-writing-fiction-life\]](https://loft.org/classes/spark-story-writing-fiction-life)

Fiction Writing Crash Course

Kaia Preus

July 19, 2021- July 23, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$175.00 | Member \$157.50

Do you have an idea for a short story or a novel but you don't know where to begin? This class is perfect for the beginning to intermediate fiction writer who wants to practice their skills and share their work in a fun and supportive environment.

Over the course of the week, we will learn about...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-writing-crash-course\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-writing-crash-course)

Fairy Tales, Myth, Magic, and Bookmaking: A Loft/MCBA Combo Class

Marie Olofsdotter

July 19, 2021- July 23, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$277.50 | Member \$249.75

Explore the timeless territory of magic as you write your own myth-inspired fairy tale! Students will record the hair-raising adventures of a main character, who sets out on a magical journey to save a troubled world, and along the way, encounters menacing villains and mystical beings. Students...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fairy-tales-myth-magic-and-bookmaking-loftmcba-combo-class\]](https://loft.org/classes/fairy-tales-myth-magic-and-bookmaking-loftmcba-combo-class)

Telling Story (Ages 12-14)

Ty Chapman

July 19, 2021- August 9, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

Join us this summer for "Telling Story." This four week writing class will focus on how to create great narratives by exploring different aspects of story and storytelling. We'll focus on character development, and how to think up compelling characters. We'll also look at story arcs—students will...

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

Writing Scary Stories

Kristi Romo

July 20, 2021- August 10, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

In this class, we will learn on how to write scary short stories. We will review the key elements of stories—character, plot, point-of-view, setting—and incorporate them in our own stories. We will also examine creepy and unsettling short stories to see what techniques writers use to make them so...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-scary-stories\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-scary-stories)

Exploring the Fairy Tale

Liz von Klemperer

July 20, 2021- August 10, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

Once upon a time, witches, princesses, and evil stepmothers populated our consciousness, from Disney movies to bedtime stories. Plot twist: the land of fairy tales is not so far, far away! Contemporary writers are reimagining the form to create fresh, haunting, and captivating narratives. In this...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/exploring-fairy-tale\]](https://loft.org/classes/exploring-fairy-tale)

Writing the Fantasy World

Holly Day

July 20, 2021- August 10, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

In this class, we'll learn how important geography is to our stories by building workable fantasy worlds for our characters to live in. We'll start with drawing out maps of the place we'd like our characters to inhabit, with special attention given to geographical features such as waterways...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-fantasy-world-21\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-fantasy-world-21)

Write What You Love

Chris Negrón

July 21, 2021- August 11, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

Do you have something you really love? Is it a sport, comic books, movies, video games? What about something that's really important to you? Like climate change, or elections, or the debate between whether chocolate is better than vanilla? Most young writers have heard the phrase "write what you..."

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/write-what-you-love\]](https://loft.org/classes/write-what-you-love)

Monsters and Magic in Fairytales

Elizabeth Bluth

July 21, 2021- August 13, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$280.00 | Member \$252.00

This class will introduce students to the origins of fairy and folk tale writing, themes, and motifs and explore modern adaptations such as those by Disney or Studio Ghibli, with particular attention to how and why these magical and monstrous stories continue to be relevant today. Throughout the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/monsters-and-magic-fairytales\]](https://loft.org/classes/monsters-and-magic-fairytales)

Introduction to Flash Fiction

Ariel Goldenthal

July 22, 2021- August 12, 2021 | 10 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$105.00 | Member \$94.50

Flash fiction, which is defined as any story that is fewer than 1,000 words (about 4 pages), has been around for decades, but not many people know about it. If you have tons of story ideas and not a lot of time, want to be able to write a complete story in 30 minutes, or just enjoy writing short and...

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

Exploring Storytelling Through Reading and Writing

Starrla Cray

July 22, 2021- August 12, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

Have you ever read a really good book and wondered, "How did the author do that?" In this class, we'll explore the basic elements of fiction and do some writing on our own. Young writers of any skill level will build confidence in their abilities. We'll also do some reading, using excerpts from Joy...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/exploring-storytelling-through-reading-and-writing\]](https://loft.org/classes/exploring-storytelling-through-reading-and-writing)

Get Out of Here!: Writing "Out-of-This-World" Fiction

Lisa M. Bolt Simons

July 23, 2021- August 13, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

A sport on broomsticks, thoughts on skin like tattoos, a world that opens up with a punch of a tree. All good stories that are not real, that can't really happen. In this class we'll dig into authors like J.K. Rowling, Abby Cooper, Kwame Mbalia, Jacqueline West, Brian Farrey-Latz, and more in order...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/get-out-here-writing-out-world-fiction-0\]](https://loft.org/classes/get-out-here-writing-out-world-fiction-0)

Fiction of the Strange

Rachel Moulton

July 26, 2021- July 30, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Fiction | Youth

Price Regular \$175.00 | Member \$157.50

You have to salvage what you can, even if you're the one who buried it in the first place. - Kelly Link

We will spend the week developing and refining a short story that manipulates the reader's understanding of reality, as well as their assumptions about how a story is told. Through brief...

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

FOR READERS

Fate or Free Will: Reading and Writing with The Other Wes Moore

Jasmine Harris

June 23, 2021- July 14, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | For Readers | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

In this month-long bookclub/writing workshop, we'll read the nonfiction book *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*; we'll cover discussion topics such as history, fate, and resilience and write our own work based on these themes. Using our discussions of the book as a jumping off point, each...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fate-or-free-will-reading-and-writing-other-wes-moore\]](https://loft.org/classes/fate-or-free-will-reading-and-writing-other-wes-moore)

MULTIGENRE

Mastering Metaphor

Jennifer Burd

February 24, 2021- April 7, 2021 | Multigenre | Adult

Price Regular \$234.00 | Member \$210.60

Metaphor is the heart of creative writing. It allows us to perceive objects, relationships, and ideas freshly; feel transported through time; and see through the eyes of someone of another generation, gender, culture, or even species! It has the power to transform our vision whenever we read and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/mastering-metaphor-0\]](https://loft.org/classes/mastering-metaphor-0)

Loft After School: Telling Your Story

Rachel Moulton

March 2, 2021- April 20, 2021 | 4 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

"Tell me what it is you plan to do with your one wild and precious life." - Mary Oliver

This class will examine how American stories are told and who tells them. We will focus on developing our own literary voice and identifying the unique voice of the poets, essayists, graphic novelists, and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-telling-your-story\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-telling-your-story)

Loft Writer's Hour: Morning with Nicole Kronzer

Nicole Kronzer

March 9, 2021 | 8 a.m.- 9 a.m. | Multigenre | Adult

Price Regular \$5.00 | Member \$5.00

Create your own Writer's Date!

Break out your favorite writing tools and pull up a chair to write, chat, and meet a Loft teaching artist outside the context of taking a class. You and your fellow writers will be given writing prompts, discussion topics, and book recommendations; you'll have time...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-writers-hour-morning-nicole-kronzer\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-writers-hour-morning-nicole-kronzer)

Sense of Adventure: Gallery View—Experiments in Narrative Ekphrasis

Anne Elliott

March 10, 2021- April 21, 2021 | Multigenre | Adult

Price Regular \$234.00 | Member \$210.60

This class is offered as part of the Loft's Sense of Adventure theme.

Ekphrasis—the literary response to visual art—often takes the form of poetry, but this class will be geared toward generating narrative prose and/or hybrid texts. Participants will receive prompts in the form of specific...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/sense-adventure-gallery-view-experiments-narrative-ekphrasis\]](https://loft.org/classes/sense-adventure-gallery-view-experiments-narrative-ekphrasis)

Loft Writer's Hour: Afternoon with Nicole Kronzer

Nicole Kronzer

March 12, 2021 | 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. | Multigenre | Adult

Price Regular \$5.00 | Member \$5.00

Create your own Writer's Date!

Break out your favorite writing tools and pull up a chair to write, chat, and meet a Loft teaching artist outside the context of taking a class. You and your fellow writers will be given writing prompts, discussion topics, and book recommendations; you'll have time...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-writers-hour-afternoon-nicole-kronzer\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-writers-hour-afternoon-nicole-kronzer)

Truth or Fiction?

Carolyn Holbrook

March 16, 2021- April 20, 2021 | 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Multigenre | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

The year 2020 was a year of enormous angst: COVID-19, the murder of George Floyd, a high stakes presidential election and more. There's no doubt that your life has been full of interesting, fun, or painful events that you have wanted to write about. Some may be around the events of 2020, and some...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/truth-or-fiction-1\]](https://loft.org/classes/truth-or-fiction-1)

Your Book Starts Here: Learn to Storyboard Your Book!

Mary Carroll Moore

March 20, 2021 | 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. | Multigenre | Adult

Price Regular \$105.00 | Member \$94.50

Learn a simple template that many professional writers use to build a strong structure of a novel, memoir, or nonfiction book—via storyboard brainstorming. Via the storyboard, you'll immediately find which holes need filling, organize your research, and strengthen weak plots and character arcs. You...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/your-book-starts-here-learn-storyboard-your-book-4\]](https://loft.org/classes/your-book-starts-here-learn-storyboard-your-book-4)

Bring Your Characters to Life on the Page

Mary Carroll Moore

April 24, 2021 | Noon- 5 p.m. | Multigenre | Adult

Price Regular \$87.50 | Member \$78.75

Characters are the heartbeat of story—whether imagined or real, they must come alive on the page. Author Marilynne Robinson says that great characters create an almost "emotional entanglement" with a reader. But how do you, as a writer, work with characters? What if they are too mysterious or bore...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/bring-your-characters-life-page\]](https://loft.org/classes/bring-your-characters-life-page)

Children's Books, Comics, and Cartoons: An Introduction to Illustration and Visual Storytelling

Aurora Whittet

June 21, 2021- June 25, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$175.00 | Member \$157.50

Jump into the joyful experience of illustrating children's picture books and graphic novels with national award-winning designer and illustrator Aurora Whittet Best as she demonstrates her approach to visual storytelling through stylistic inspiration, character development, and storyboarding...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/childrens-books-comics-and-cartoons-introduction-illustration-and-visual-storytelling\]](https://loft.org/classes/childrens-books-comics-and-cartoons-introduction-illustration-and-visual-storytelling)

It's All About Me!

Brenda Hudson

June 22, 2021- July 13, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

Who says being selfish is a bad thing? If you want to get to know yourself better, then hurry and sign up for this class. We'll use fun writing exercises to help you tell your own story of who you are and what you think, feel, and dream. You are the main character!

This class provides quirky...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/its-all-about-me-0\]](https://loft.org/classes/its-all-about-me-0)

Writing Funny Stories

Kristi Romo

June 22, 2021- July 13, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Midnight | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

In this class, we will learn on how to write funny short stories. We will review the key elements of stories—character, plot, point-of-view, setting—and incorporate them in our own stories. We will also examine hilarious short stories to see what techniques writers use to make them so funny.

We...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-funny-stories\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-funny-stories)

Let's Write! Summer Writing Group for Ages 9-11

Starrla Cray

June 23, 2021- August 11, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$280.00 | Member \$252.00

Are you looking for a fun, low-pressure way to connect with other young writers this summer? Join us while we explore fiction, poetry, and creative non-fiction through reading, discussion, group writing activities and individual writing prompts. This is a great opportunity for writers of any skill...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/lets-write-summer-writing-group-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/lets-write-summer-writing-group-ages-9-11)

Building Adventures and Playable Worlds

Jack Harris Anthony Procopio Ross

June 24, 2021- August 12, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$280.00 | Member \$252.00

Younglings who cherish wizards, goblins, quests for magic rings, and more—look no further! We invite you to join us online this summer as we create our own worlds and learn the ins and outs of storytelling in the context of role-playing games.

In this class we will take new adventurers to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/building-adventures-and-playable-worlds-0\]](https://loft.org/classes/building-adventures-and-playable-worlds-0)

100 Ways to Keep Writing

Carolyn Williams-Noren

June 25, 2021- July 16, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

People are always telling young writers, "Keep writing." It's good advice, whether you're trying to improve a skill you love using, striving to be a published author someday, or scrambling to finish a required essay for school. Keep writing, yes! But how? Find out about games, questions, tips...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/100-ways-keep-writing-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/100-ways-keep-writing-01)

Writing For School: Creating Strong Arguments

Elizabeth Chen

June 25, 2021- August 13, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$280.00 | Member \$252.00

In this class we will focus on the core components of writing strong academic essays. We'll cover topics like brainstorming exciting and interesting topics, how to write introductions and conclusions, and more. We'll talk about how to make 4-5 paragraph papers not so boring, and how acknowledging...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-school-creating-strong-arguments1\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-school-creating-strong-arguments1)

Spy Stories

Connie Kingrey Anderson

July 12, 2021- July 16, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$175.00 | Member \$157.50

Are you captivated by spy missions, double agents, disguises and secret codes? Then join us for this week-long adventure as we read spy stories and write our own.

Using a graphic novel format, we'll see how an exciting thriller unfolds. "City Spies" and "Spies in Disguise" will be launching pads...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/spy-stories-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/spy-stories-01)

Get Psyched About Writing!

Sara Altman

July 20, 2021- August 10, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

This class will introduce students to the wonderful world of writing by introducing broad genres (nonfiction, fiction, poetry). Each week we will address a different element of writing and we'll cover topics such as journaling, short story structure, character, setting, and more. Classes will...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/get-psyched-about-writing1\]](https://loft.org/classes/get-psyched-about-writing1)

Summer Writing Group for Teens

Kaia Preus

July 20, 2021- August 10, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

This writing lab is perfect for any writer who wants to practice their skills, share their work and get feedback, and engage in a supportive and fun learning environment. The teaching artist will provide prompts and mini-lessons and will provide as much structure and support as each student needs to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/summer-writing-group-teens1\]](https://loft.org/classes/summer-writing-group-teens1)

Writing Lab for Ages 12-14

Emily Weitzman

July 21, 2021- August 13, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$280.00 | Member \$252.00

In this process-driven and generative writing class, we will write together, create our own stories and poems with the help of writing exercises, develop our voices on the page, share our work, and connect with other young writers. This class will focus on idea generation, prompts to ignite in-class...

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

Finding Fantasy In the Everyday

Kelsey Daly

August 2, 2021- August 6, 2021 | 10 a.m.- Noon | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$175.00 | Member \$157.50

We all face moments of defeat: the test you forgot about, the big game you missed, a fight with a best friend. Sometimes when life hands us challenges, it can be rejuvenating to slip inside a good fantasy or sci fi novel to learn from our favorite characters. But what if we became the heroes of...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/finding-fantasy-everyday\]](https://loft.org/classes/finding-fantasy-everyday)

Wilderness Writing Crash Course

Kelsey Daly

August 2, 2021- August 6, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Multigenre | Youth

Price Regular \$175.00 | Member \$157.50

Whether hiking in the woods, speed skating across the pond, or admiring mushrooms and mosses, spending time outdoors can be peaceful, exhilarating, enlightening, challenging. After you've summited a peak, seen something beautiful and remote, or fallen in love with an endangered space or creature...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/wilderness-writing-crash-course\]](https://loft.org/classes/wilderness-writing-crash-course)

PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

Screenwriting for Teens

Michael Gorrie

July 19, 2021- July 23, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Play- and Screenwriting | Youth

Price Regular \$175.00 | Member \$157.50

Want to write a 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 screenplays are written, their formatting and what they look like. From there students will share what ideas they have and begin writing their...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/screenwriting-teens-1\]](https://loft.org/classes/screenwriting-teens-1)

POETRY

Write a List, Write a Poem

Ceridwen Hall

February 27, 2021 | 9 a.m.- Noon | Poetry | Adult

Price Regular \$52.50 | Member \$47.25

We see lists everywhere—suggesting six recipes to try or four reasons to start meditating. And we write them: grocery lists, to-do lists, wish lists, bucket lists. We use lists to organize our weeks, to marshal evidence, to take stock of our lives. We can use lists to document our grievances or to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/write-list-write-poem\]](https://loft.org/classes/write-list-write-poem)

Sense of Adventure: The Sky Rains Diamonds—Crafting Poetry from Nature and Space Documentaries

Aegor Ray

March 13, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. | Poetry | Adult

Price Regular \$70.00 | Member \$63.00

This class is offered as part of the Loft's Sense of Adventure theme.

From the whale fall at the deep sea's abyssal zones to the outer reaches of Neptune, where the sky rains diamonds—our known universe is made up of intricate lifeforms, complex ecosystems, celestial bodies, and vast expanses of...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/sense-adventure-sky-rains-diamonds-crafting-poetry-nature-and-space-documentaries\]](https://loft.org/classes/sense-adventure-sky-rains-diamonds-crafting-poetry-nature-and-space-documentaries)

Making & Breaking the Line, A Free Verse Feedback Class with Maggie Smith

Maggie Smith

March 14, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. | Poetry | Adult

Price Regular \$250.00 | Member \$225.00

Join poet Maggie Smith, author of *Keep Moving: Notes on Loss Creativity and Change* for this chance to share and discuss your poems. Students will give and receive feedback on 2-4 poems. They will leave the class with suggestions for revision; notes on improving their craft, with special attention...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/making-breaking-line-free-verse-feedback-class-maggie-smith\]](https://loft.org/classes/making-breaking-line-free-verse-feedback-class-maggie-smith)

Poetry: Imagination, Story, Music, Form

Gretchen Marquette

March 15, 2021- April 19, 2021 | 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Poetry | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

This class is an introduction to the four “temperaments” in poetry—imagination, form, story, and music. This class is for beginning poets who are interested in identifying their own strengths and weaknesses and are interested in discussing the published work of poets they admire. A prompt will be...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/poetry-imagination-story-music-form\]](https://loft.org/classes/poetry-imagination-story-music-form)

Weaving the Web: Writing Narrative Poetry

Jude Nutter

March 16, 2021- April 20, 2021 | 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Poetry | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

The narrative poem has a long and complex history, but the function of narrative in a poem is more than pure “story”—the story itself is a way to present larger ideas or emotional truths; in some ways, the story itself is beside the point, because the story is the vehicle for something else, and...

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Sense of Adventure: Surprise! How Taking Chances Can Invigorate Your Poems

Emily Wolahan

March 19, 2021- April 23, 2021 | 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. | Poetry | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

This class is offered as part of the Loft's Sense of Adventure theme.

Taking chances, common in experimental writing and art, has a lot to offer writers—even non-experimental ones.

Be prepared to try out some innovative ways of composing, such as collage, erasure, duplexes, golden shovels...

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The Poet's Notebook

Susan Niz

April 1, 2021- April 22, 2021 | 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Poetry | Adult

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

Nurture your poetry practice through attention. After all, attention is the most basic form of love. The poet's notebook is not a journal nor is it a place for finished poems. It is, instead, your first audience.

Learn how receptive and welcoming your notebook is to your passing thoughts as well...

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Reading and Writing Poetry with the Poet X

Elizabeth Chen

June 24, 2021- August 12, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Poetry | Youth

Price Regular \$280.00 | Member \$252.00

In this class we will explore narrative poetry and verse novels to look at the ways in which poetry can be a powerful vehicle for telling our own stories. We will discuss specific craft elements such as rhythm, word choice, line breaks, descriptive language and characterization. Together, we'll read...

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Fields of Gold: Writing Nature Poetry

Kareem Tayyar

June 25, 2021- July 16, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Poetry | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

This class will provide students with the necessary skills to craft poems that celebrate the limitless beauty of the natural world, with a particular focus on emphasizing nature's fragility and sanctity. During this twice-weekly, month-long class, students will read and discuss poems by a diverse...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fields-gold-writing-nature-poetry\]](https://loft.org/classes/fields-gold-writing-nature-poetry)

Poetry, Pop Culture, and Social Justice

Saba Keramati

July 19, 2021- August 9, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Poetry | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

"We speak, we write, we do language. That is how civilizations heal." -Toni Morrison

As the topic of representation (racial, queer/trans, and other identities) in media and culture grows, poetry remains an excellent way to interrogate society's representations. Whether through celebration or...

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What Can Poetry Do? Exploring New Poetic Possibilities

Jake Kirby

July 21, 2021- August 11, 2021 | 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. | Poetry | Youth

Price Regular \$140.00 | Member \$126.00

In this class we will explore the question, what can poetry do and what can poetry be? As young writers learning about poetry in school it's easy to assume that no one writes poetry anymore. In this class we'll push back against that assumption as we read and write poetry of our own. We will call on...

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PUBLISHING AND CAREER

The Art of Grant Writing

Bruce Berglund

February 27, 2021 | 9 a.m.- Noon | Publishing and Career | Adult

Price Regular \$52.50 | Member \$47.25

Grant writing is a valuable addition to the writer's toolbox. Not only is the writer able to submit proposals to support their own projects, but they also gain a marketable skill. There are a lot of places out there looking for grant writers. But being a good writer does not always translate to...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/art-grant-writing-1\]](https://loft.org/classes/art-grant-writing-1)

Deep Dive into Publishing: Unveiling the Secrets

Chris Fischbach

March 16, 2021- April 20, 2021 | 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Publishing and Career | Adult

Price Regular \$210.00 | Member \$189.00

Learn everything you always wanted to know about traditional publishing and how to get published in this six-week class from industry veteran Chris Fischbach, former editor and publisher at Coffee House Press. In this class, he'll open up the publishing process, giving you valuable insight into how...

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

Holly Day

March 27, 2021 | 9 a.m.- Noon | Publishing and Career | Adult

Price Regular \$52.50 | Member \$47.25

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

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Away from the Desk: Opportunities for Writers

Robin Rozanski

April 17, 2021 | 9 a.m.- Noon | Publishing and Career | Adult

Price Regular \$52.50 | Member \$47.25

If you're wondering if residencies and conferences are for you, now is the time to find out! A great part of being a writer is engaging in the writing community and exploring new locations. Opportunities could be around the corner or around the world, for a weekend or a year.

This class sorts...

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