

BASICS

First Steps into Writing in 6 Weeks

Patricia Hoolihan

September 30, 2025- November 4, 2025 | Time
Tue, 09/30/2025 - 10:00am - Tue, 11/04/2025 - 12:00pm | Basics | Adult

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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Young Writers: Lunchtime Care for All Ages, 10/16

October 16, 2025 | Time
Thu, 10/16/2025 - 12:00pm - Thu, 10/16/2025 - 1:00pm | Basics | Youth

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, or...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/young-writers-lunchtime-care-all-ages-1016\]](https://loft.org/classes/young-writers-lunchtime-care-all-ages-1016)

Young Writers: Lunchtime Care for All Ages, 10/17

October 17, 2025 | Time
Fri, 10/17/2025 - 12:00pm - Fri, 10/17/2025 - 1:00pm | Basics | Youth

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, or...

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Young Writers: Lunchtime Care for All Ages, 10/18

October 18, 2025 | Time
Sat, 10/18/2025 - 12:00pm - Sat, 10/18/2025 - 1:00pm | Basics | Youth

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CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Research and Writing: Children's Nonfiction for Education

Lisa M. Bolt Simons

December 13, 2025 | Time
Sat, 12/13/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/13/2025 - 4:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

If you've tried to get your creative work published and haven't been able to, yet, come to this class to discover another writing option. Schools need more nonfiction, which means educational publishers are looking for skilled writers to research, write, and work with an editor(s). Emphasis on...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/research-and-writing-childrens-nonfiction-education-4\]](https://loft.org/classes/research-and-writing-childrens-nonfiction-education-4)

CREATIVE NONFICTION

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

Mitchell LeGrand

	Time		
August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025	Tue, 08/12/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 12:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Youth

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

We all have stories we want to share with others! In this class, we'll explore the personal narrative, and how to tell our own stories in a compelling way. This will prepare you for upcoming...

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Fall Creative Nonfiction Sampler with Victoria Blanco

Victoria Blanco

	Time		
September 2, 2025	Tue, 09/02/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 09/02/2025 - 5:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fall-creative-nonfiction-sampler-victoria-blanco\]](https://loft.org/classes/fall-creative-nonfiction-sampler-victoria-blanco)

Fall Creative Nonfiction Sampler with Lizzie Lawson

Lizzie Lawson

	Time		
September 4, 2025	Thu, 09/04/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 09/04/2025 - 5:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

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

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fall-creative-nonfiction-sampler-lizzie-lawson-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/fall-creative-nonfiction-sampler-lizzie-lawson-01)

Writing Oral Histories

Victoria Blanco

	Time		
September 16, 2025- November 4, 2025	Tue, 09/16/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 11/04/2025 - 6:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

This eight-week creative nonfiction workshop explores the intersection of climate change and racial justice through the lens of oral histories. Participants will engage with their own communities to document stories of resilience in the face of environmental crisis and political violence. Using oral...

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

8-Week: Legacy Writing—Capturing Moments for Future Generations

Brenda Hudson

	Time		
September 17, 2025- November 5, 2025	Wed, 09/17/2025 - 12:00pm - Wed, 11/05/2025 - 2:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

Create a written legacy of your life! Have you always wanted to document your life stories for future generations, but have never gotten around to it, or known where to begin? Perhaps you have started, but are stuck or overwhelmed. Maybe you want to pen your stories just for yourself, without any...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-legacy-writing-capturing-moments-future-generations\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-legacy-writing-capturing-moments-future-generations)

10-Week Memoir: The Power of Your Personal Story

Jessie Sholl

	Time	
September 17, 2025- November 19, 2025	Wed, 09/17/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 11/19/2025 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult

Memoirs are more popular than ever, and the genre continues to expand. In addition to the traditional memoir — an illuminating personal story that centers on one aspect of your life —there are now hybrid memoirs, which blend factual information and reportage with lived experience, collections of...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/10-week-memoir-power-your-personal-story\]](https://loft.org/classes/10-week-memoir-power-your-personal-story)

4-Week: Experimenting with Essay Structure

Lizzie Lawson

	Time		
September 17, 2025- October 8, 2025	Wed, 09/17/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 10/08/2025 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

How do you decide what structure is right for the story you want to tell? In this class, we will break away from traditional narrative structure to focus on experimental structures like lyric essays, braided essays, hermit crab essays, and more. With the help of published examples by writers like...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-experimenting-essay-structure\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-experimenting-essay-structure)

4-Week: How To Use Unreliable Memory to Build Trust With The Reader

Billy Lezra

	Time		
September 18, 2025- October 16, 2025	Thu, 09/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 10/16/2025 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

The instrument of memory underpins the memoirist's work: the contract between reader and nonfiction writer presumes that the writer will disclose the "correct" version of events. But what happens when the way we remember an event is different from the way others remember it? Or when we remember one...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-how-use-unreliable-memory-build-trust-reader\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-how-use-unreliable-memory-build-trust-reader)

Cooking with Words

Mary Ringstad

	Time		
September 20, 2025	Sat, 09/20/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 09/20/2025 - 1:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/cooking-words-2\]](https://loft.org/classes/cooking-words-2)

Resisting the Border: A Creative Nonfiction Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Victoria Blanco

	Time		
October 8, 2025- October 15, 2025	Wed, 10/08/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 10/15/2025 - 8:00pm	Creative Nonfiction	Adult

We tend to think of "the border" as a line drawn in the sand, a physical marker that parcels land and people into political territories. The concept of "the border" is taught to children from an early age, and we accept it as a reality of our lives. But what if the border didn't exist? What if...

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Inspiration & More From Best-Selling Memoirs: Solito & I Am, I Am, I Am

Kate St. Vincent Vogl

October 9, 2025- December 4, 2025 | Time
Thu, 10/09/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 12/04/2025 - 3:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Explore the craft of memoir writing by studying techniques from Javier Zamora's Solito and Maggie O'Farrell's I Am, I Am, I Am. Learn how to effectively tell your life's story, address common memoir challenges, and utilize journal entries. Develop compelling narratives, dialogue, and character...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/inspiration-more-best-selling-memoirs-solito-i-am-i-am-i-am\]](https://loft.org/classes/inspiration-more-best-selling-memoirs-solito-i-am-i-am-i-am)

Write Your Life: An Essential Guide to Writing Memoir

Kate St. Vincent Vogl

October 11, 2025 | Time
Sat, 10/11/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/11/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/write-your-life-essential-guide-writing-memoir-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/write-your-life-essential-guide-writing-memoir-01)

Creative Incubator: The College Application Personal Statement Essay For Ages 15 to 18

Katie Miller

October 16, 2025- October 18, 2025 | Time
Thu, 10/16/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/18/2025 - 12:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

When it comes to college application essays, the most polished ideas aren't always the most successful. You've probably heard enough advice to fill a book on what you should and should not write about when it comes to your personal statement. But often, your unformed, unexpected ideas can make for...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/creative-incubator-college-application-personal-statement-essay-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/creative-incubator-college-application-personal-statement-essay-ages-15-18)

Flash Nonfiction Generator

Lizzie Lawson

October 25, 2025 | Time
Sat, 10/25/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/25/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/flash-nonfiction-generator-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/flash-nonfiction-generator-01)

4-Week: Writing Book Reviews

Savannah Brooks

November 6, 2025- December 4, 2025 | Time
Thu, 11/06/2025 - 12:00pm - Thu, 12/04/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

There are two primary forms of book review, and over four weeks, we'll study and practice writing both! Short-term book reviews focus on distilling down the reading, making it bite-sized; long-form book reviews focus on expanding the reading out into other topics: current events, another book...

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

Loft After School Online: Cracking the College Essay

Savannah Brooks

November 6, 2025- December 4, 2025 | Time
Thu, 11/06/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 12/04/2025 - 6:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

In this class, we'll not only take on the dreaded college entrance essay, we'll also find ways to actually enjoy it. It can be easy to lean into accomplishments as subject matter, but there are so many different topics to write about and so many ways to write them! Over four weeks, we'll generate a...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-online-cracking-college-essay\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-online-cracking-college-essay)

4-Week: Discovering Your Memoir's Lead Character

John Moe

November 6, 2025- December 4, 2025 | Time
Thu, 11/06/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/04/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

To write a book about someone, it's best to know as much about that person as you can, right? To understand not just what they've done but why they did it. Therefore, if you're setting out to write a memoir, you should get a grip on what makes you - the author, the lead character - tick.

We'll...

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Writing for Social Justice for Ages 12 to 14

Marianne Manzler

February 14, 2026 | Time
Sat, 02/14/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

In this workshop, we'll use our words as tools for change. We'll examine the ways writers and writing can impact communities, and the role that writers and literature play in effecting social change and justice. By the end of the session, we'll have several new pieces of writing that reflect the...

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

CREATIVE PROCESS

Fall Fiction Sampler Class with Rachel Werner

Rachel Werner

September 2, 2025 | Time
Tue, 09/02/2025 - 1:00pm - Tue, 09/02/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing, or you'd just like the opportunity to try a class for a brief time, meet other writers, and find a writing community while finding your own voice, this Sampler Class is the place for you! If you like this class, please consider taking...

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Fall Sampler Class: Mapping Your Creativity with Rachel Werner

Rachel Werner

September 4, 2025 | Time
Thu, 09/04/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 09/04/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

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Fall Creative Process Sampler with Brenda Hudson

Brenda Hudson

	Time	
September 10, 2025	Wed, 09/10/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 09/10/2025 - 2:00pm	Creative Process Adult

Want to try your hand at a class on creative process? Learn more about sustainable writing practices? 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...

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Present Moment Writing

Roxanne Sadovsky

	Time	
September 27, 2025	Sat, 09/27/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 09/27/2025 - 3:00pm	Creative Process Adult

Do you want to live more in the present moment, but find yourself too distracted or too busy to get down to traditional forms of meditation? Hoping to connect more viscerally and emotionally to your writing process? Your life? Whether you're looking to cultivate a deeper, more harmonious and...

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

Checking In: A Writing Support Group for Therapists, Caregivers, and Healers

Roxanne Sadovsky

	Time	
October 1, 2025- November 19, 2025	Wed, 10/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 11/19/2025 - 3:00pm	Creative Process Adult

You ask thoughtful questions. You listen deeply. You research and reflect. You empathize, encourage, and root for their well-being. But when was the last time you checked in with yourself? How are you doing? Have you become negligent in caring for the one relationship foundational to all others...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/checking-writing-support-group-therapists-caregivers-and-healers\]](https://loft.org/classes/checking-writing-support-group-therapists-caregivers-and-healers)

Incorporating Environmental Science into Your Writing in 4 Weeks

Cassie Premo Steele

	Time	
October 7, 2025- October 28, 2025	Tue, 10/07/2025 - 1:00pm - Tue, 10/28/2025 - 3:00pm	Creative Process Adult

Incorporating Environmental Science into Your Writing class will cover the creative process of generating an idea for an environmental creative writing project, moving into the research necessary for such a project, and incorporating the science into the work in ways that are accessible and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/incorporating-environmental-science-your-writing-4-weeks\]](https://loft.org/classes/incorporating-environmental-science-your-writing-4-weeks)

Get into Character: Acting 101 for Writers Ages 12 to 14

John Schaidler

	Time	
October 18, 2025	Sat, 10/18/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/18/2025 - 12:00pm	Creative Process Youth

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 authentic heroes from "the inside out." Step into your protagonist's shoes; walk away with a proven...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/get-character-acting-101-writers-ages-12-14\]](https://loft.org/classes/get-character-acting-101-writers-ages-12-14)

4-Week: Night Owls Writing Group

JR Dawson

	Time	
October 30, 2025- November 20, 2025	Thu, 10/30/2025 - 10:00pm - Thu, 11/20/2025 - 12:00am	Creative Process Adult

Looking for a group of people who write at weird hours like you? This is a generative group that meets at 10 pm! (or 5 am, or both) made for Night Owls (Early Birds/Both). Come meet community, create new work, and discover how YOU best write. Each session begins with a check in, with a focus on...

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DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Fall Digital Storytelling Sampler with John Moe

John Moe

	Time	
September 20, 2025	Sat, 09/20/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 09/20/2025 - 11:00am	Digital Storytelling Adult

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

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or...

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How to Write Your Podcast

John Moe

	Time	
October 4, 2025	Sat, 10/04/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/04/2025 - 1:00pm	Digital Storytelling Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/how-write-your-podcast-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/how-write-your-podcast-01)

Podcasting for Writers

Deborah Copperud

	Time	
December 6, 2025	Sat, 12/06/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 12/06/2025 - 5:00pm	Digital Storytelling Adult

Do you dream about launching your own podcast or building your platform through podcasts? In this single session workshop, you'll learn how to engage with the literary community through podcasting. Find out more about DIY podcasting: what it takes to start a podcast and how to land guest appearances...

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

FICTION

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

Robert Voedisch

	Time	
August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025	Tue, 08/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm	Fiction Youth

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

[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)

Fall Fiction Sampler with Jeneé Skinner

Jeneé Skinner

	Time	
September 3, 2025	Wed, 09/03/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 09/03/2025 - 2:00pm	Fiction Adult

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

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing—or you'd...

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Fall Fiction Sampler with Allison Wyss

Allison Wyss

	Time	
September 4, 2025	Thu, 09/04/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 09/04/2025 - 7:00pm	Fiction Adult

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

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Fall Fiction Sampler with Jackie Cangro

Jackie Cangro

	Time	
September 10, 2025	Wed, 09/10/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 09/10/2025 - 7:00pm	Fiction Adult

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

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[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fall-fiction-sampler-jackie-cangro1\]](https://loft.org/classes/fall-fiction-sampler-jackie-cangro1)

Fall Fiction Sampler with Eliot West

Eliot West

	Time	
September 11, 2025	Thu, 09/11/2025 - 7:00pm - Thu, 09/11/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult

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

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8-Week: Novel Writing

Jeneé Skinner

	Time	
September 15, 2025- November 3, 2025	Mon, 09/15/2025 - 6:00pm - Mon, 11/03/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-novel-writing-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-novel-writing-01)

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

Josh Cook

	Time	
September 16, 2025- November 4, 2025	Tue, 09/16/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 11/04/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult

This 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 at mystery...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-heat-escalation-danger-delusion-re-thinking-short-story-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-heat-escalation-danger-delusion-re-thinking-short-story-11)

6-Week Workshop: Finessing Historical Fiction

Rachel Werner

	Time	
September 16, 2025- October 21, 2025	Tue, 09/16/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 10/21/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult

Research may be the backbone of nonfiction, but it also adds depth, detail and accuracy to fiction. Author Rachel Werner will share the tools and strategies writers need to dig into research with confidence. Whether you're writing for to traditionally publish; the educational market; or lit...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-workshop-finessing-historical-fiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-workshop-finessing-historical-fiction)

6-Week: Braided Narratives: Weaving Multiple Threads in a Single Story

Sruthi Narayanan

	Time	
September 16, 2025- October 21, 2025	Tue, 09/16/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 10/21/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult

This class will invite students to explore braided structures in fiction: stories that move between past and present, pieces with multiple POVs and perspectives, and narratives that balance plot arc and character arc. How can we pull apart the "threads" of a narrative in order to better understand...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-braided-narratives-weaving-multiple-threads-single-story\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-braided-narratives-weaving-multiple-threads-single-story)

8-Week: Plan and Start Your Romance Novel

Eliot West

	Time	
September 16, 2025- November 4, 2025	Tue, 09/16/2025 - 7:00pm - Tue, 11/04/2025 - 9:00pm	Fiction Adult

Do you want to write a romance novel? This practical, friendly, information-rich class will give you a boost! We'll cover the building blocks of the genre: romantic leads, point of view, romance barriers and resolution, structure, and much more. After these eight weeks, you'll have the planning...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-plan-and-start-your-romance-novel\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-plan-and-start-your-romance-novel)

Fall Fiction Sampler with John DeDakis

John DeDakis

	Time	
September 17, 2025	Wed, 09/17/2025 - 5:00pm - Wed, 09/17/2025 - 6:00pm	Fiction Adult

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

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing—or you...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fall-fiction-sampler-john-dedakis\]](https://loft.org/classes/fall-fiction-sampler-john-dedakis)

8-Week: Put Some Rev in Your Short Story Revision

Troy Wilderson

	Time	
September 17, 2025- November 5, 2025	Wed, 09/17/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 11/05/2025 - 9:00pm	Fiction Adult

Need a kick in the pants to get that short story revised? Students with a draft of a work of short fiction (no matter how rough) who want to polish it to a place where it is "submission ready" for literary magazines and journals but need focused guidance on what to revise—and how—will find the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-put-some-rev-your-short-story-revision\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-put-some-rev-your-short-story-revision)

Genre-Queer: Narrative Structures for the Other in 6 Weeks

Milo Todd

	Time	
September 17, 2025- October 22, 2025	Wed, 09/17/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 10/22/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult

Throughout our history of marginalization and oppression, queer voices have created our own ways of speaking and expressing ourselves. But with us so Othered in queer tongues, how do we tell our stories to the mainstream authentically? In this queer-focused course, we'll look at several literary...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/genre-queer-narrative-structures-other-6-weeks\]](https://loft.org/classes/genre-queer-narrative-structures-other-6-weeks)

Writing Fiction in 4 Weeks: Dialogue, Gesture, and Staging

Allison Wyss

	Time	
September 18, 2025- October 9, 2025	Thu, 09/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 10/09/2025 - 9:00pm	Fiction Adult

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-fiction-4-weeks-dialogue-gesture-and-staging\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-fiction-4-weeks-dialogue-gesture-and-staging)

Imagining a Better World Through Speculative Fiction (September)

Cristeta Boarini

	Time	
September 20, 2025	Sat, 09/20/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 09/20/2025 - 1:00pm	Fiction Adult

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...

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

Fiction Basics: Five Parts of Story

Brian Malloy

September 20, 2025 | Time
Sat, 09/20/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 09/20/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-five-parts-story-1\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-five-parts-story-1)

Short Fiction 8-Week Intensive

Aurelia Wills

September 24, 2025- November 12, 2025 | Time
Wed, 09/24/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 11/12/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Every good story has its own particular power. In this workshop, your peers and I will help you identify and build on your story's energy and strengths.

The first two weeks, we'll study short stories and figure out how they work, do generative writing exercises, discuss craft, and build a common...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/short-fiction-8-week-intensive\]](https://loft.org/classes/short-fiction-8-week-intensive)

From Novice to Novelist in 6 Weeks

John DeDakis

September 24, 2025- October 29, 2025 | Time
Wed, 09/24/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 10/29/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

This class is designed to deconstruct and demystify the novel-writing process for struggling and/or aspiring writers. We'll discuss how to tap into your subconscious and life experiences to transform them into a book-length project, populated with engaging characters, a twisty-turny plot, snappy...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/novice-novelist-6-weeks-0\]](https://loft.org/classes/novice-novelist-6-weeks-0)

8-Week: Developing Characterization through Setting and Voice in the Short Story

Heather Frese

September 25, 2025- November 13, 2025 | Time
Thu, 09/25/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 11/13/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Character is unquestionably the driving force of a short story. Who your character is—their personality, desires, and the internal and external obstacles standing in their way—all provide the basis for a short story's narrative arc and emotional resonance. But character doesn't develop in a vacuum...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-developing-characterization-through-setting-and-voice-short-story\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-developing-characterization-through-setting-and-voice-short-story)

Fiction Basics: Characters & Characterization

Brian Malloy

September 27, 2025 | Time
Sat, 09/27/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 09/27/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-characters-characterization-3\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-characters-characterization-3)

6-Week: Structuring a Short Story

Savannah Brooks

October 1, 2025- November 12, 2025 | Time
Wed, 10/01/2025 - 12:00pm - Wed, 11/12/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Over six weeks, students will focus on the structure, plotting, character and setting development, and syntax of short-form fiction. Using assigned readings as mentor texts, each student will write a short story over the course of a month, considering the craft from various angles, and then spend...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-structuring-short-story\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-structuring-short-story)

The Beginner's Guide to Starting Your Novel in Six Weeks

Tamara Hogan

October 1, 2025- November 5, 2025 | Time
Wed, 10/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 11/05/2025 - 3:30pm | Fiction | Adult

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/beginners-guide-starting-your-novel-six-weeks-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/beginners-guide-starting-your-novel-six-weeks-01)

Loft After School Online: Introduction to Creative Writing for Teens

Savannah Brooks

October 1, 2025- November 19, 2025 | Time
Wed, 10/01/2025 - 4:00pm - Wed, 11/19/2025 - 6:00pm | Fiction | Youth

In this eight-week course, we'll break down four main areas of creative writing: articles, fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. We'll dedicate two classes to each one, spending the first class studying, reading, and discussing, and spending the second class generating, writing, and getting feedback. By...

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

Inspired by Images: Writing with Visual Art

Kimberly Lee

October 4, 2025 | Time
Sat, 10/04/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/04/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Adult

"Step into a scene and let it drip through your fingertips." — MJ Bush

Ekphrastic writing has been described as "taking the visual and transforming it to the verbal." This form of writing, used for centuries, encourages writers to use visual art as a muse for putting words to paper. Participants...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/inspired-images-writing-visual-art\]](https://loft.org/classes/inspired-images-writing-visual-art)

Jumpstart Your YA Novel

Jackie Cangro

October 4, 2025 | Time
Sat, 10/04/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/04/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/jumpstart-your-ya-novel-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/jumpstart-your-ya-novel-01)

Fiction Basics: Point of View

Brian Malloy

October 4, 2025 | Time
Sat, 10/04/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/04/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-point-view-31\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-point-view-31)

Real Talk: Writing Intergenerational Dialogue in 4 Weeks

Lyndsey Ellis

October 7, 2025- October 28, 2025 | Time
Tue, 10/07/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 10/28/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Every generation has its own slang, phrases, attitudes and belief systems that stem from values specific to our age groups. Exploring these intergenerational differences helps us better understand ourselves and each other as our life experiences intersect. This course sheds light on how we, as...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/real-talk-writing-intergenerational-dialogue-4-weeks1\]](https://loft.org/classes/real-talk-writing-intergenerational-dialogue-4-weeks1)

Loft After School Online: Writing Hauntings & Horrors

Jesaka Long

October 8, 2025- October 29, 2025 | Time
Wed, 10/08/2025 - 4:00pm - Wed, 10/29/2025 - 5:30pm | Fiction | Youth

In this class, we'll use what haunts and horrifies us as the raw material to build our own ghosts, monsters, and unspeakable creatures on the page. We'll explore the differences between horror subgenres; how people around the globe develop and pass down their cultures' specific scary stories; and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-online-writing-hauntings-horrors1\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-online-writing-hauntings-horrors1)

Writing Absence: Making the Vanished Visible

Jennifer Eli Bowen

October 9, 2025 | Time
Thu, 10/09/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 10/09/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Do you write about characters who aren't around--an absent mother, a child unborn? Or maybe you write about what could've been—a kiss, a death, a relationship, a dream deferred? Absence and her cousin, longing, are omnipresent in our daily lives though they can be challenging to write about. How do...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-absence-making-vanished-visible1\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-absence-making-vanished-visible1)

Loft After School Online: Write Because You Love It for Ages 15-18

Tina Tocco

October 9, 2025- October 30, 2025 | Time
Thu, 10/09/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 10/30/2025 - 5:30pm | Fiction | Youth

Do you love writing? Would you like to generate new work this fall, or maybe keep up with those projects you had so much time for over the summer? Are you looking for a community of other word-loving teens like yourself?

In this four-week workshop, you'll use prompts—objects, words, starter...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-online-write-because-you-love-it-ages-15-18-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-online-write-because-you-love-it-ages-15-18-01)

Fiction Basics: Setting

Brian Malloy

Time
October 11, 2025 | Sat, 10/11/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/11/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-setting-4\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-setting-4)

Loft After School Online: Writing the Perfect Haunted House Story for Ages 12-14 (Online)

Laura Walker

Time
October 11, 2025- November 1, 2025 | Sat, 10/11/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/01/2025 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Youth

It takes a lot of architectural know-how to build a house that people can actually live in--construction, plumbing, electricity, all sorts of expertise. In a similar way, it takes particular literary skill to build a haunted house where ghosts dwell and readers can lose themselves through creaky...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-online-writing-perfect-haunted-house-story-ages-12-14-online\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-online-writing-perfect-haunted-house-story-ages-12-14-online)

Fall Camp: Character Design for Ages 9 to 11

Kelsey Daly

Time
October 16, 2025- October 18, 2025 | Thu, 10/16/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fall-camp-character-design-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/fall-camp-character-design-ages-9-11)

The Magic of a Fairy Tale: Write Your Own Story for Ages 9 to 11

Marie Olofsdotter

Time
October 18, 2025 | Sat, 10/18/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/18/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

Students will record the hair-raising adventures of a main character, who sets out on a journey to save a troubled world, and along the way, encounters menacing villains and mystical beings. This class is perfect for anyone who loves to write and loves magic. Students discover the adventures as they...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/magic-fairy-tale-write-your-own-story-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/magic-fairy-tale-write-your-own-story-ages-9-11)

Creating Magical Worlds for Ages 15 to 18

Craig Noles

Time
October 18, 2025 | Sat, 10/18/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/18/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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! This class will explore what magic is, the things you have to think through and explore when you create a fictional world, and how...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/creating-magical-worlds-ages-15-18-1\]](https://loft.org/classes/creating-magical-worlds-ages-15-18-1)

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

Jackie Cangro

Time
October 18, 2025 | Sat, 10/18/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/18/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Understanding your characters' past can help you develop their motivations and understand what they do next. In this class, we'll review craft techniques for developing effective backstory, use your characters' past to provide context to their present, and effectively weave backstory into the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/art-backstory-fiction-create-dynamic-characters-through-their-past-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/art-backstory-fiction-create-dynamic-characters-through-their-past-01)

Fiction Basics: Scene, Summary, and Narrative Time

Brian Malloy

Time
October 18, 2025 | Sat, 10/18/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-scene-summary-and-narrative-time-41\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-scene-summary-and-narrative-time-41)

Help! I Don't Know What to Write! for Ages 9 to 11

Holly Day

Time
October 18, 2025 | Sat, 10/18/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/help-i-dont-know-what-write-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/help-i-dont-know-what-write-ages-9-11)

Fall Flash Fiction Sampler with Alex Juffer

Alex Juffer

Time
October 23, 2025 | Thu, 10/23/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 10/23/2025 - 7:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fall-flash-fiction-sampler-alex-juffer\]](https://loft.org/classes/fall-flash-fiction-sampler-alex-juffer)

Goblins, Ghosts & Ghouls: A Spooky Story Workshop for Ages 9 to 11

Kat Shepherd

Time
October 25, 2025 | Sat, 10/25/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/25/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

What makes a spooky story give us those spine-tingling thrills and chills? In this workshop we'll use games and activities to explore the building blocks of horror: atmospheric settings, compelling monsters and villains, high stakes, and flawed protagonists that drive the story forward. Writers will...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/goblins-ghosts-ghouls-spooky-story-workshop-ages-9-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/goblins-ghosts-ghouls-spooky-story-workshop-ages-9-11)

Queering the Narrative In Prose

Cassandra Snow

Time
October 25, 2025 | Sat, 10/25/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/25/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Adult

This class covers how to focus on personal, connective writing rooted in communal experiences and shared identity. Class materials will cover character and world-building as our "in" to creating plots and structures our readers will love. This includes focusing on how identities & lived experiences...

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

Pick-a-Path Story Workshop for Ages 9 to 11

Kat Shepherd

Time
October 25, 2025 | Sat, 10/25/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/25/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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 workshop offers the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/pick-path-story-workshop-ages-9-11-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/pick-path-story-workshop-ages-9-11-01)

Fiction Basics: Creative Language

Brian Malloy

Time
October 25, 2025 | Sat, 10/25/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/25/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-creative-language-31\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-creative-language-31)

The Craft of Flash Fiction

Kathleen Danielson

Time
November 1, 2025 | Sat, 11/01/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 11/01/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Flash fiction is an incredibly versatile form. For beginners, it is a medium to learn the ins and outs of narrative structure and storytelling on the small scale of a 300–1,000-word story. For intermediate students, it challenges the habits writers fall into as they find their voice and style on the...

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

Fiction Basics: Revision

Brian Malloy

Time
November 1, 2025 | Sat, 11/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/01/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-revision-31\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-revision-31)

6-Week: What You Don't Know—Mystery in Fiction

Allison Wyss

	Time	
November 5, 2025- December 17, 2025	Wed, 11/05/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/17/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-what-you-dont-know-mystery-fiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-what-you-dont-know-mystery-fiction)

4-Week: Advanced Fiction Workshop

Alex Juffer

	Time	
November 6, 2025- December 4, 2025	Thu, 11/06/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/04/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult

The traditional short story is dead, flash fiction has usurped it, and we only have time to read stories that can be finished waiting in the drive-through line at Taco Bell. However, don't confuse brevity for a lack of depth. Flash fiction is rapidly becoming the modern mode of storytelling.

This...

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

Elevate Your Supporting Characters

Jackie Cangro

	Time	
November 8, 2025	Sat, 11/08/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/08/2025 - 1:00pm	Fiction Adult

Supporting characters are often relegated to the background, populating the story solely to shore up the main character. But your supporting characters have their own lives to live. They can be vibrant and interesting, compelling and surprising. They can have their own character arc. Complex...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/elevate-your-supporting-characters\]](https://loft.org/classes/elevate-your-supporting-characters)

Fiction Basics: Emotional Range

Brian Malloy

	Time	
November 8, 2025	Sat, 11/08/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/08/2025 - 4:00pm	Fiction Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-emotional-range-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-emotional-range-01)

Short Fiction

Jeneé Skinner

	Time	
November 10, 2025- December 8, 2025	Mon, 11/10/2025 - 6:00pm - Mon, 12/08/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/short-fiction\]](https://loft.org/classes/short-fiction)

Superbad! The Good Stuff for Your Bad Guy

Tamara Hogan

November 15, 2025 | Time
Sat, 11/15/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Is your villain "superbad?" Through character study, in-class discussion, and guided practice, we'll explore how to build exquisitely creepy, psychologically complex, three-dimensional villains our readers will love to hate, and whose rich, well-motivated agendas kick our stories into overdrive...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/superbad-good-stuff-your-bad-guy-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/superbad-good-stuff-your-bad-guy-01)

Your First Five Pages

Jackie Cangro

November 15, 2025 | Time
Sat, 11/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/15/2025 - 5:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Your first five pages are the ones that will hook readers to keep turning the pages. Learn how to craft a compelling opening that sets the stage for an unforgettable journey. In this class, you'll discover the art of captivating storytelling right from the very first line. We'll review the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/your-first-five-pages\]](https://loft.org/classes/your-first-five-pages)

Creating Magical Worlds for Ages 15 to 18

Craig Noles

February 14, 2026 | Time
Sat, 02/14/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/14/2026 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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! This class will explore what magic is, the things you have to think through and explore when you create a fictional world, and how...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/creating-magical-worlds-ages-15-18-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/creating-magical-worlds-ages-15-18-01)

Pick-a-Path Story Workshop for Ages 9 to 11

Kat Shepherd

February 14, 2026 | Time
Sat, 02/14/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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 workshop offers the...

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

Writing Short Stories for Ages 12 to 14

Kat Shepherd

March 21, 2026 | Time
Sat, 03/21/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/21/2026 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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! This class will explore what magic is, the things you have to think through and explore when you create a fictional world, and how...

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

FOR READERS

Craft and Curiosity

Jesaka Long

November 4, 2025- December 2, 2025 | Time
Tue, 11/04/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 12/02/2025 - 6:00pm | For Readers | Adult

One of the best ways to improve our writing is through closing reading other works to determine what effect the author's craft choices have on the story. We'll figure out how can we learn from the author's most effective techniques and use them in our own writing. In this Craft & Curiosity class, we...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/craft-and-curiosity\]](https://loft.org/classes/craft-and-curiosity)

MULTIGENRE

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

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)

8-Week: The Mother Writer

Kaia Preus

September 17, 2025- November 5, 2025 | Time
Wed, 09/17/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 11/05/2025 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-mother-writer\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-mother-writer)

4-Week: The Art and Craft of Writing Disability

Jaye Viner

September 18, 2025- October 23, 2025 | Time
Thu, 09/18/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 10/23/2025 - 6:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Much has been said about the representation of marginalized people in the stories we tell. Disability comes with particular challenges because of the contested space it occupies. Who is disabled? Who decides? What is good representation for a character with disabilities?

This mixed-genre prose...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-art-and-craft-writing-disability\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-art-and-craft-writing-disability)

2025 Teen Writing Project (September Start–Minneapolis)

Robert Voedisch

September 18, 2025- December 11, 2025 | Time
Thu, 09/18/2025 - 4:30pm - Thu, 12/11/2025 - 6:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

This semester-long class is for students who are serious about writing and are ready to take their fiction to the next level. Most of our time in class will be spent discussing your work, helping you make your fiction the best it can be.

The teaching artist will point out areas in your manuscript...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/2025-teen-writing-project-september-start-minneapolis\]](https://loft.org/classes/2025-teen-writing-project-september-start-minneapolis)

4-Week: Play, Process, and Practice

Jesaka Long

September 23, 2025- October 14, 2025 | Time
Tue, 09/23/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 10/14/2025 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Writing is considered a solitary act, yet many writers say it's community that gets them through. In this class, we'll share our struggles with feeling stuck, facing the blank page, finding the idea well dry, fending off perfectionism, and tuning out an inner editor. As a group, we'll approach these...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-play-process-and-practice\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-play-process-and-practice)

A Communal Day of Care: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Rachel Werner

September 27, 2025 | Time
Sat, 09/27/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 09/27/2025 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Finding time to intentionally to replenish our "writerly wells" can be challenging given the numerous demands on our time personally and professionally. Join us for a day rooted in care — and community — that's meant to move our creative processes along from stuck to idea to outline (or drafts) more...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/communal-day-care-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/communal-day-care-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-01)

Go Rococo: Bring the Benefits of Maximalism to Your Work

Kathryn Ganfield

September 27, 2025 | Time
Sat, 09/27/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 09/27/2025 - 5:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/go-rococo-bring-benefits-maximalism-your-work-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/go-rococo-bring-benefits-maximalism-your-work-01)

Loft After School Online: Genre Games–Sci-fi Sonnets, Fantasy Flash Fiction, and Horror Haikus

Madelyn Dietz

October 2, 2025- October 23, 2025 | Time
Thu, 10/02/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 10/23/2025 - 5:30pm | Multigenre | Youth

Do you have a yearning to write but aren't sure where to start or how to proceed? Are you filled with so many story ideas that you have trouble capturing them all? Do you want to expand your shorter stories into longer, more elaborate one? This class is perfect for the imaginative student who wants...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-online-genre-games-sci-fi-sonnets-fantasy-flash-fiction-and-horror-haikus\]](https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-online-genre-games-sci-fi-sonnets-fantasy-flash-fiction-and-horror-haikus)

10 Plot Forms to Enrich Your Narratives in 6 Weeks

Loren Niemi

October 7, 2025- November 11, 2025 | Time
Tue, 10/07/2025 - 1:00pm - Tue, 11/11/2025 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

How do you move beyond the standard narrative habit? This class can change how you shape oral or written stories. It examines ten elegant plot forms, including digressive, mirrored, list, parallel and meta-narrated formulas providing examples of their use, formulas for structuring and considerations...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/10-plot-forms-enrich-your-narratives-6-weeks\]](https://loft.org/classes/10-plot-forms-enrich-your-narratives-6-weeks)

Zones of Care: New Nature Writing in 4 Weeks

Emily Trenholm

October 7, 2025- October 28, 2025 | Time
Tue, 10/07/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 10/28/2025 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

How do we relate to the natural world in the age of the anthropocene? This class invites writers to explore new ways of writing the natural world. By focusing our attention on the more-than-human world, we remind ourselves of the interconnectedness of all living things. We'll contemplate fungi...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/zones-care-new-nature-writing-4-weeks\]](https://loft.org/classes/zones-care-new-nature-writing-4-weeks)

Descriptive Language

Aurelia Wills

November 1, 2025 | Time
Sat, 11/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/01/2025 - 5:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/descriptive-language-4\]](https://loft.org/classes/descriptive-language-4)

The Next Level: Keys to Strengthening Your Narrative in 6 Weeks

Kate St. Vincent Vogl

November 4, 2025- December 9, 2025 | Time
Tue, 11/04/2025 - 12:00pm - Tue, 12/09/2025 - 2:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Need to jumpstart your writing? Know your fiction or memoir is missing something but can't figure out what that is? This class provides tools to lift your writing to the next level. We'll explore ways to add depth and intensity to narrative by breaking down the techniques that more fully develop...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/next-level-keys-strengthening-your-narrative-6-weeks\]](https://loft.org/classes/next-level-keys-strengthening-your-narrative-6-weeks)

4-Week: So What? Your Story and Historical Context

Patti Kameya

November 5, 2025- December 3, 2025 | Time
Wed, 11/05/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/03/2025 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

You know the "what" of your story. How do you answer the "so what" question? Discover how your story becomes richer and reaches a larger audience when placed within a broader historical frame, or historical context. By sharing your stories, you will become more aware of your global historical...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/4-week-so-what-your-story-and-historical-context\]](https://loft.org/classes/4-week-so-what-your-story-and-historical-context)

Mini But Mighty: Writing Micro

Kathryn Ganfield

December 6, 2025 | Time
Sat, 12/06/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/06/2025 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

How much punch can you pack into a ≤ 250-word piece? You'll see in this short workshop on the short-short genre. Micro prose is among the flashiest of forms; you'll find it's both fulfilling and fun to write. Publishers might cap it at 500, 250 or 100 words (sometimes *exactly* 100). Others want it...

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

Scene Writing For Ages 12 to 14

Kat Shepherd

February 14, 2026 | Time
Sat, 02/14/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/14/2026 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

A perfect choice for aspiring writer/actors, this collaborative workshop uses a combination of improv games and screenwriting techniques to create dynamic scenes for both scripts and novels. Participants will explore scene-based storytelling and learn how to rely solely on action and dialogue to...

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

PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

Fall Screenwriting Sampler with Bo Kaprall

Bo Kaprall

September 4, 2025 | Time
Thu, 09/04/2025 - 10:00am - Thu, 09/04/2025 - 11:00am | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fall-screenwriting-sampler-bo-kaprall\]](https://loft.org/classes/fall-screenwriting-sampler-bo-kaprall)

8-Week: Screenwriting Workshop

Lillie Gardner

September 17, 2025- November 5, 2025 | Time
Wed, 09/17/2025 - 10:00am - Wed, 11/05/2025 - 12:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

Do you have a screenplay-in-progress? It's workshop time! In this class, we'll learn techniques to improve our storytelling and screenwriting craft by learning from produced screenplays and workshopping each other's pages. All formats are welcome: features, pilots, animation, web series, shorts—you...

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

8-Week: Creating & Writing Your First TV Pilot (Comedy, Drama, Reality)

Bo Kaprall

September 18, 2025- November 6, 2025 | Time
Thu, 09/18/2025 - 10:00am - Thu, 11/06/2025 - 12:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-creating-writing-your-first-tv-pilot-comedy-drama-reality-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-creating-writing-your-first-tv-pilot-comedy-drama-reality-01)

6-Week: Write Your Screenplay or TV Pilot in 6 Weeks

Michael Gorrie

	Time	
September 18, 2025- October 23, 2025	Thu, 09/18/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 10/23/2025 - 8:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting
Adult		

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-write-your-screenplay-or-tv-pilot-6-weeks\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-write-your-screenplay-or-tv-pilot-6-weeks)

8-Week: Elements of Playwriting

Eva Adderley

	Time		
October 7, 2025- December 2, 2025	Tue, 10/07/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 12/02/2025 - 8:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting	Adult

In "Elements of Playwriting" students will learn the fundamental skills of playwriting. They will explore strategies for writing natural- sounding dialog, developing unique and compelling characters, and creating work that is as engaging on stage as it is on paper. Students will learn about common...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/8-week-elements-playwriting\]](https://loft.org/classes/8-week-elements-playwriting)

Screenwriting for Teens

Michael Gorrie

	Time	
October 16, 2025- October 18, 2025	Thu, 10/16/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/18/2025 - 12:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting
Youth		

Welcome to the Loft's Young Writers fall program at Open Book! Join us for 3 days of writing and creativity!

Are you a teenager who wants to write your own movie, but you don't know how? This is the class for you!

Aimed at beginners, this class starts off with the fundamentals of screenwriting —...

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

Let's Talk: Writing Dynamic Dialogue

Lillie Gardner

	Time		
December 6, 2025	Sat, 12/06/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/06/2025 - 1:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting	Adult

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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/lets-talk-writing-dynamic-dialogue\]](https://loft.org/classes/lets-talk-writing-dynamic-dialogue)

Let's Write a Play! for Ages 6-8

Marianne Manzler

Time
March 14, 2026 | Sat, 03/14/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Youth

Join us for an afternoon of theater fun! We'll write our own plays, then create original scenery and costumes. At the end of class, we'll perform our plays in front of a small, invited audience.

Email edu@loft.org at least two to three weeks in advance if you have any accessibility requests for...

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

POETRY

Poetry Forms: Writing Sestinas

Melanie Figg

Time
August 16, 2025 | Sat, 08/16/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/16/2025 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Take a crack at a sestina or learn how to write a better one. This poetic form can build your literary muscles with repetition, diction, description, and more. Sestinas often fail because writers don't pair the form with the right-sized story/idea, so we'll brainstorm ideas, go over the "rules" and...

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

Fall Poetry Sampler with Halee Kirkwood

Halee Kirkwood

Time
September 3, 2025 | Wed, 09/03/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 09/03/2025 - 7:00pm | Poetry | Adult

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

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing—or you'd...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fall-poetry-sampler-halee-kirkwood\]](https://loft.org/classes/fall-poetry-sampler-halee-kirkwood)

Fall Poetry Sampler with Amy Sailer

Amy Sailer

Time
September 4, 2025 | Thu, 09/04/2025 - 7:00pm - Thu, 09/04/2025 - 8:00pm | Poetry | Adult

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

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing—or you'd...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fall-poetry-sampler-amy-sailer\]](https://loft.org/classes/fall-poetry-sampler-amy-sailer)

Poetic Plates—The Art of Letting Go: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Dralandra Larkins

Time
September 13, 2025 | Sat, 09/13/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 09/13/2025 - 2:00pm | Poetry | Adult

In this workshop, participants will release themselves from their past and embrace vulnerability through a meditative writing exercise using oracle cards. We will transfer our words from the page onto a plate. Participants will be given plates as a canvas to explore their artistic side and create an...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/poetic-plates-art-letting-go-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers\]](https://loft.org/classes/poetic-plates-art-letting-go-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers)

About Looking: Poetry and the Visual Arts

S. Yarberry

	Time	
September 17, 2025- November 5, 2025	Wed, 09/17/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 11/05/2025 - 8:00pm	Poetry Adult

The relationship between writing and the visual arts has long been a present tension in the history of literature. In this class, we will be reading as well as looking at poetry as well as paintings, drawings, film, and music under the concept of ekphrasis. Ekphrasis, historically, is simply a piece...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/about-looking-poetry-and-visual-arts\]](https://loft.org/classes/about-looking-poetry-and-visual-arts)

Ghazals!

Melanie Figg

	Time	
September 20, 2025	Sat, 09/20/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 09/20/2025 - 12:00pm	Poetry Adult

Feeling heartsick? There's a poetic form for that. The ghazal (pronounced "ghuzzle" or "kuh-zahl") is an ancient form, originating in 6th century Arabic verse. Traditionally invoking melancholy, love, longing, and metaphysical questions, ghazals are often sung by Iranian, Afghan, Pakistani, and...

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

Catch the Beat: Reading and Writing in Meter

Elijah Mendoza

	Time	
September 20, 2025	Sat, 09/20/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 09/20/2025 - 1:00pm	Poetry Adult

Music and poetry are some of the oldest human art forms, even predating written language. This relationship still exists, and our class will focus on rhythm. Meter is an expression of music in poetry that tracks the rhythm of lines and stanzas. We will review and practice the rules to best read (and...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/catch-beat-reading-and-writing-meter-0\]](https://loft.org/classes/catch-beat-reading-and-writing-meter-0)

Villanelles!

Melanie Figg

	Time	
September 27, 2025	Sat, 09/27/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 09/27/2025 - 12:00pm	Poetry Adult

Whether you've never written a villanelle, or want to improve your skills to write better ones, join us for a fun morning of reading and writing. With formal constraints, poets not only build stronger technical skills, they also discover new approaches that can help their writing in free verse. We...

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

Poetry Comics

Suzanne Wise

	Time	
September 27, 2025	Sat, 09/27/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 09/27/2025 - 4:00pm	Poetry Adult

Discover the dynamic possibilities of poetry comics, a hybrid form that combines poetic language and visual images. In this generative class, we'll look at diverse examples of the poetry comic form and make quick experiments to share with the class. We'll look at works that combine poetry with...

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

Subjects and Speakers: Attending to Poetry's Perspectives

Edward Sambrano III

	Time	
October 4, 2025	Sat, 10/04/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/04/2025 - 1:00pm	Poetry Adult

Poetry abounds in voices--fractured voices, voices challenging received knowledge, voices that might speak if only they could. In this course, participants will focus on how poets make use of the poetic speaker—the perspective in which a poem is written—to speak through a persona. What a poet...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/subjects-and-speakers-attending-poetrys-perspectives-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/subjects-and-speakers-attending-poetrys-perspectives-01)

Fall Poetry Sampler with Holly Day

Holly Day

	Time	
October 4, 2025	Sat, 10/04/2025 - 12:00pm - Sat, 10/04/2025 - 1:00pm	Poetry Adult

Want to try your hand at writing Poetry? Perhaps you'd like to take a Poetry class, but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking an online writing class 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 \[https://loft.org/classes/fall-poetry-sampler-holly-day\]](https://loft.org/classes/fall-poetry-sampler-holly-day)

Finding the Poet Within

Holly Day

	Time	
October 8, 2025- November 12, 2025	Wed, 10/08/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 11/12/2025 - 8:00pm	Poetry Adult

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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/finding-poet-within-41\]](https://loft.org/classes/finding-poet-within-41)

Fall Poetry Sampler with Felicity Sheehy

Felicity Sheehy

	Time	
October 25, 2025	Sat, 10/25/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/25/2025 - 11:00am	Poetry Adult

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

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Introduction to Poetry

Chelsea DesAutels

	Time	
October 28, 2025- December 9, 2025	Tue, 10/28/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 12/09/2025 - 8:00pm	Poetry Adult

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 as...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/introduction-poetry-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/introduction-poetry-11)

6-Week: Poetry of Place

Halee Kirkwood

	Time	
October 29, 2025- December 10, 2025	Wed, 10/29/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/10/2025 - 8:00pm	Poetry Adult

Every poem is written somewhere. But how do we invite place to fully enter our writing? In this course, we'll invite place to be an active collaborator in our creative process. Through writing exercises, readings, and class discussions, we'll try out new craft techniques, building stronger sensory...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/6-week-poetry-place-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/6-week-poetry-place-01)

Writing About Loss

Felicity Sheehy

	Time	
November 8, 2025	Sat, 11/08/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 11/08/2025 - 1:00pm	Poetry Adult

This is a class about elegies. It is intended for poets who write about loss, and who would like to workshop recent work in a supportive environment.

As poet Faiz Ahmad Faiz writes, "the true subject of poetry is the loss of the beloved." This class will consider the different poems that emerge...

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

PUBLISHING AND CAREER

You Finished Your Book—Now What?

Savannah Brooks

	Time	
August 16, 2025	Sat, 08/16/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/16/2025 - 4:00pm	Publishing and Career Adult

The publishing process can be confusing and intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. Each published writer goes through the same process; somewhere along the way, they just asked for help. That's what this class aims to do: help you take the next step with your manuscript with confidence.

The day...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/you-finished-your-book-now-what-11\]](https://loft.org/classes/you-finished-your-book-now-what-11)

Land a Byline with a Book Review

Deborah Copperud

	Time	
October 4, 2025	Sat, 10/04/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/04/2025 - 4:00pm	Publishing and Career Adult

Turn your reading hobby into a byline and break into literary magazines with book reviews! This single session workshop will show you how to:

- Read fiction, nonfiction, or poetry like a critic
- Request Advanced Reading Copies (ARCs) of forthcoming books.
- What elements to include in a book review...

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So You Want to Get Published for Ages 15 to 18

Kathleen Danielson

Time
October 16, 2025 | Thu, 10/16/2025 - 12:00pm - Thu, 10/16/2025 - 4:00pm | Publishing and Career | Youth

What do Christopher Paolini, S.E. Hinton, Mary Shelley, and Helen Oyeyemi have in common? They all had a published story under their belt before they turned 20. If you've ever dreamed of seeing your book on the shelves of your favorite bookstore or your name in the byline of a literary magazine...

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

Holly Day

Time
November 1, 2025 | Sat, 11/01/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/01/2025 - 12:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

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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Tell Your Story & Sell Your Books!

Sheletta Brundidge

Time
November 1, 2025 | Sat, 11/01/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/01/2025 - 12:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

You've worked for years and finally published this great book, now how do you sell it? Best selling children's book author and media personality Sheletta Brundidge teaches you how to use social media to tell your story and sell your book. How does your novel become so nifty that Cathy Wurzer invites...

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Submitting and Publishing Your Writing to Literary Magazines

Adrianna Jereb

Time
November 15, 2025 | Sat, 11/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Ready to share your writing with the world? In this class you'll learn how to find homes for your stories, essays, and poems. We'll discuss the process from start to finish: finding literary magazines that are a good fit, formatting author bios and cover letters, staying organized and keeping track...

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How to Earn a Living as a Writer

Rachel Werner

Time
February 7, 2026 | Sat, 02/07/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/07/2026 - 5:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Are you serious about earning more money as a writer, but unsure of what your next steps should be? Learn how to broaden areas of expertise, expand your range of offered services, and use a single story for multiple outlets as a freelance writer.

This is a class for novice freelancers and more...

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Kathleen Danielson

	Time	
March 21, 2026	Sat, 03/21/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/21/2026 - 12:00pm	Publishing and Career Youth

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