Research Tools for Authentic Historical Nonfiction and Fiction
Holly Day

August 20, 2022  |  Sat, 08/20/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/20/2022 - 4:00pm  |  Basics  |  Adult

Price  Regular $52.50  |  Member $47.25

Are you a writer of historical fiction or nonfiction and you don't know how or where to find information on the time period you're writing about? This class will show you where to find textbooks, old newspapers, photographs, voice recordings, illustrations, photos and descriptions of historical and...

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So... You Want to Write a Picture Book?
Shannon Anderson

July 16, 2022  |  Sat, 07/16/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/16/2022 - 1:00pm  |  Children's and Young Adult Literature  |  Adult

Price  Regular $70.00  |  Member $63.00

Have you always dreamed of writing a children's picture book but don't know where to start? Or maybe you have written some stories but don't know how to submit them to be published. In this class, you will learn the nuts and bolts of creating picture books for today's marketplace. We'll cover things...

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Love, Adventure, Change: Writing Young Adult Fiction
Natalie Martell

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

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Teen years are full of wild emotions, experiences, and transformations. In this class, we'll...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/love-adventure-change-writing-young-adult-fiction]

Research and Writing: Children's Nonfiction for Education
Lisa M. Bolt Simons

August 6, 2022- August 13, 2022  |  Sat, 08/06/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/13/2022 - 12:00pm  |  Children's and Young Adult Literature  |  Adult

Price  Regular $105.00  |  Member $94.50

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/research-and-writing-childrens-nonfiction-education-6]
# Idea Lab: Finding Inspiration for Your Children's Book Writing

**Cristina Oextra**  
August 13, 2022  
**Time**  Sat, 08/13/2022 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/13/2022 - 12:00pm  
**Price**  Regular $35.00  |  Member $31.50  

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

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/idea-lab-finding-inspiration-your-childrens-book-writing-2)

# Picture Books with Purpose

**Ty Chapman**  
August 13, 2022  
**Time**  Sat, 08/13/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/13/2022 - 4:00pm  
**Price**  Regular $52.50  |  Member $47.25  

While many adults associate picture books with lighthearted antics and titles strictly intended to entertain, there is a whole world of picture books that speak to deeper issues. Whether we want them to be or not, children are acutely aware of the world around them and its major events—particularly...

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

# CREATIVE NONFICTION

## Finding Your Story, Telling Your Truth

**Carolyn Holbrook**  
July 12, 2022 - August 16, 2022  
**Time**  Tue, 07/12/2022 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/16/2022 - 8:00pm  
**Price**  Regular $210.00  |  Member $189.00  

Everyone leads a life that is important enough to write about. Everyone is an authority on something, whether that something is personal or something of importance in the larger scheme of things. Toni Morrison said, “I write the books I've always wanted to read.” Pablo Neruda wrote an ode to his sox...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/finding-your-story-telling-your-truth-2)

## Blogging for Beginners

**Jinnene Foster**  
July 13, 2022 - August 23, 2022  
**Price**  Regular $210.00  |  Member $189.00  

Have you ever thought, “I’d love to start a blog, but how?” In this class, we learn to eliminate that “but.” Blogging offers myriad benefits, to both established and beginning writers alike. To blog can give us a sense of agency in our ability to be in control of our lives and to maintain something...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/blogging-beginners-3)
"Flash" Memoir: Life Stories in 500 Words or Less
Brenda Hudson

Time
July 16, 2022  Sat, 07/16/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/16/2022 - 12:00pm  Creative Nonfiction  Adult

Price  Regular $52.50  Member $47.25

Do you yearn to capture your life's stories but aren't ready to commit to a book-length memoir? Flash memoir to the rescue! In this class, you will practice writing a super-short-form memoir—your stories in under 500 words. You'll choose which of your life stories to examine, brainstorm ways to tell...

View Online

Memoir Intervention: Retrieving, Remembering, and Reviving your Forgotten Voice
Roxanne Sadovsky

Time
July 23, 2022  Sat, 07/23/2022 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/23/2022 - 3:00pm  Creative Nonfiction  Adult

Price  Regular $87.50  Member $78.75

Are you stuck or stalled on your memoir? Bored? Forgot the point? Lost your way? These days, most everyone is feeling overwhelmed and disjointed, which can take a huge toll on your writing practice and spirit, often resulting in a lost, deflated, and unreliable narrator (voice) on the page...

View Online

Elements of Creative Nonfiction and Memoir
Kathryn Savage

Time
August 3, 2022- August 24, 2022  Wed, 08/03/2022 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/24/2022 - 8:00pm  Creative Nonfiction  Adult

Price  Regular $140.00  Member $126.00

In this class we'll write a range of creative nonfiction and memoir. We'll read works by Joy Harjo, Teju Cole, Valeria Luiselli, Victoria Chang, Audre Lorde, Robin Wall Kimmerer, Carmen Maria Machado, and others that explore the human condition in myriad ways. Through in-class discussions, weekly...

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

Time
August 6, 2022  Sat, 08/06/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/06/2022 - 1:00pm  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 also...
Developing Personal Essays from Scratch
Rachel Kincaid

Time
August 13, 2022  |  Sat, 08/13/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/13/2022 - 1:00pm  |  Creative Nonfiction  |  Adult

Price  Regular $70.00  |  Member $63.00

Whether you're an emerging writer interested in writing about your personal experiences or a seasoned essay or memoir writer, the prospect of starting a new personal writing project is daunting. Relying on exploratory writing techniques to develop scenes, images, and ideas into a "zero draft" of a...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/developing-personal-essays-scratch]

Pitching Your Personal Essay for Digital Media Publication
Rachel Kincaid

Time
August 20, 2022  |  Sat, 08/20/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/20/2022 - 1:00pm  |  Creative Nonfiction  |  Adult

Price  Regular $70.00  |  Member $63.00

Personal essays are the load-bearing pillar of digital media; every year someone new declares the personal essay "over," and every year truly groundbreaking and compelling personal writing in the digital sphere shapes the discourse (and the careers of its authors). Whether you're looking to form an...

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CREATIVE NONFICTION, MULTIGENRE

Summer Youth Week Seven - Imagining a Better World & More!
Lilly Keefe-Powers Rachel Guvenc

Time
August 1, 2022- August 5, 2022  |  Mon, 08/01/2022 - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 4:00pm  |  Creative Nonfiction Multigenre  |  Youth

Price  Regular $590.00  |  Member $531.00

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Are you wondering how you can make a difference in the world before you're old enough to...

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

Time
August 8, 2022- August 12, 2022  |  Mon, 08/08/2022 - Fri, 08/12/2022 - 4:00pm  |  Creative Nonfiction Multigenre  |  Youth

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August 1, 2022 - August 5, 2022 | Mon, 08/01/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction Multigenre | Youth
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CREATIVE PROCESS

Creative Maps for Creative Writing
Heidi Newbauer

Time
July 16, 2022 | Sat, 07/16/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/16/2022 - 12:00pm | Creative Process | Adult
Price | Regular $52.50 | Member $47.25

The cartographer's map lures us into other worlds, but what about our own creative worlds and ideas? In this session, we’ll explore how creative maps can transform ideas into visual aids that give more ease to our writing processes. We will look at examples of writer's maps from other creative...

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

A Writing Practice for Caregivers
Kate Heartfield

Time
August 3, 2022 - August 30, 2022 | Wed, 08/03/2022 - 12:00am - Tue, 08/30/2022 - 11:59pm | Creative Process | Adult
Price | Regular $140.00 | Member $126.00

Elder care and other forms of caregiving for family members can be a privilege and a joy, but it can also be tiring and lonely work that can make it hard to sustain a writing practice. For many caregivers, though, writing can be a way to reconnect with the self, express fears and frustrations, and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-practice-caregivers]
Create Compelling Characters with Tarot
Susie Shubert

Time
August 11, 2022 | Thu, 08/11/2022 - 12:00pm - Thu, 08/11/2022 - 3:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

Price
Regular $52.50 | Member $47.25

Strong character development is key to writing an impactful story that your readers can't put down. With the Royal Character Design method, writers go from basic character development to creating living and breathing personalities with the practical magic of the tarot. In this class, you'll learn...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/create-compelling-characters-tarot]

Magic Writing Generator
Cara Olexa

Time
August 13, 2022 | Sat, 08/13/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/13/2022 - 1:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

This fun, relaxed writing class is perfect for people new to writing creatively, people returning to writing after time away, and long-time writers who want to spark new work. Writing becomes a communal activity we explore and enjoy together through short guided exercises in a live online class...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/magic-writing-generator-2]

FICTION

Your Fiction: Skip the Boring Parts
Matt Sharkey-Smith

Time
July 11, 2022- August 1, 2022 | Mon, 07/11/2022 - 6:00pm - Mon, 08/01/2022 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $140.00 | Member $126.00

Skip the boring parts!

These words were famously Elmore Leonard's advice to aspiring fiction writers—but the problem is determining what the boring parts are in one's writing. In this advanced, multi-week course, we will study and practice revision techniques from writers including George...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/your-fiction-skip-boring-parts]

Fairy Tales and the Art of Subversion
Allison Wyss

Time
July 13, 2022- August 23, 2022 | Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

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

**John DeDakis**

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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...  

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## Writing Fiction: Dialogue, Gesture, and Staging

**Allison Wyss**

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

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

## Swords and Mythic Promises: An Intro to Making Friends with Dragons

**Alice Paige**

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The sword waits in the stone. The ocean ripples with ancient prophecies. Let's get...  

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/swords-and-mythic-promises-intro-making-friends-dragons)

## Full Color Fiction: Representative Writing Techniques for Afrofuturism and Speculative Fiction

**T. Aaron Cisco**

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Perhaps you've got an idea for a story, but the background demographics of the character(s) differ than your own. Perhaps your characters share your identity attributes, but you're looking for engaging ways to incorporate your own experiences. Representing diversity in Afrofuturism and speculative...  

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/full-color-fiction-representative-writing-techniques-afrofuturism-and-speculative-fiction-0)
Developing Authentic Characters in your Fiction
Savannah Brooks
July 30, 2022
Time
Sat, 07/30/2022 - 10:00pm - Sat, 07/30/2022 - 4:00pm
Price
Regular $105.00 | Member $94.50
What do your characters do when you're not looking? How do they interact with each other off the page? What goes through their minds that they might not be saying? What are they obsessed with? All of these questions feed into the work of creating a truly memorable character. While plot, tension, and...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/developing-authentic-characters-your-fiction]

Using Color To Manifest Character in Your Fiction
Lyndsey Ellis
August 6, 2022
Time
Sat, 08/06/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/06/2022 - 1:00pm
Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00
Color matters. From the sassiest oranges and earthiest greens to the kindest pinks and the most mundane grays, hues across the spectrum affect mood, perception, and how we relate to the world around us. This class aims to help writers delve into the psychology behind color as it relates to the...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/using-color-manifest-character-your-fiction]

Building a Novel: From Paragraphs to Pages
Debra Blake
August 8, 2022 - August 12, 2022
Time
Mon, 08/08/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/12/2022 - 12:00pm
Price
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Writing a novel can seem daunting, but “Building a Novel” breaks it down into manageable...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/building-novel-paragraphs-pages-1]

Second Draft Boot Camp for Novelists
Jessie Hennen
August 13, 2022
Time
Sat, 08/13/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/13/2022 - 1:00pm
Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00
So you've finished the first draft of a novel. Fantastic! But now comes the next phase: editing, a maddening term that encompasses everything from rearranging commas to switching the narrative point of view.
Where to begin? This one-day class, open to anyone who has finished a novel-length work...
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### Summer Youth Week Six - Writing the Fantasy World & More!
**Holly Day Rachel Guvenc**

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

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

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Let's write a book... together!

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

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### Summer Youth Week Six - Wacky Words & More!
**Molly Biskupic Chizorom Richards-Okorie**

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### Summer Youth Week Seven - This Book is a Monster & More!
**Ellen Fee Chizorom Richards-Okorie**

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

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Do you have an idea for a short story or a novel but you don't know where to begin? This...

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Are you the kind of kid who fills notebooks with story after story? Maybe you have so many...

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Is there a story brewing in your head that you want to explore? Or maybe you want to create...

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

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

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

Price  Regular $590.00  |  Member $531.00

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Let's write a book... together!

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

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

Summer Youth Week Six - Wacky Words & More!
Molly Biskupic Chizorom Richards-Okorie

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

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

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

Summer Youth Week Seven - This Book is a Monster & More!
Ellen Fee Chizorom Richards-Okorie

Time
August 1, 2022- August 5, 2022  |  Mon, 08/01/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 4:00pm  |  Fiction Multigenre  |  Youth

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

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

Time
August 1, 2022- August 5, 2022  |  Mon, 08/01/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 4:00pm  |  Fiction Multigenre  |  Youth

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Do you have an idea for a short story or a novel but you don't know where to begin? This...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-seven-fiction-writing-crash-course-more]
Summer Youth Week Eight - Spark Stories & More!
Kaia Preus Kelsey Daly
August 8, 2022- August 12, 2022
Mon, 08/08/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/12/2022 - 4:00pm
Fiction Multigenre | Youth
Price
Regular $590.00 | Member $531.00
Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and having fun!
Is there a story brewing in your head that you want to explore? Or maybe you want to create...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-eight-spark-stories-more]

Summer Youth Week Eight - Write UP! Write Away! & More!
Kate St. Vincent Vogl Rachel Guvenc
August 8, 2022- August 12, 2022
Mon, 08/08/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/12/2022 - 4:00pm
Fiction Multigenre | Youth
Price
Regular $590.00 | Member $531.00
Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and having fun!
Are you the kind of kid who fills notebooks with story after story? Maybe you have so many...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/summer-youth-week-eight-write-write-away-more]

MULTIGENRE

Unleash Your Truth
Otis Roffman
July 14, 2022- August 4, 2022
Thu, 07/14/2022 - 12:00pm - Thu, 08/04/2022 - 2:00pm
Multigenre | Adult
Price
Regular $140.00 | Member $126.00
"Unleash Your Truth" is an intermediate class for writers who feel paralyzed by expectations of what writing 'should' be. Writing's only true rule is to be real, raw, honest. Rules should be broken. Artists should be bold. This class looks at radical manifestos on literature, and essays about...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/unleash-your-truth]

Loft Summer Writers' Group
July 14, 2022- August 18, 2022
Thu, 07/14/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/18/2022 - 8:00pm
Multigenre | Adult
Price
Regular $25.00 | Member $22.50
Welcome back to the writer's life at Open Book!
Are you yearning to write in community after a long, hard, nearly two years of isolation? Or perhaps you're interested in meeting other writers, talking shop about craft or the challenges of a solitary calling, or you want to pick a fellow writer's...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-writers-group]
## Writing the Dark

**Jeanne Bain**

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**Price**

- Regular $262.50
- Member $236.25

Welcome back to in-person writing with Summer Youth @ Mac! Join us for a week of writing and creativity with the Loft at Macalester College! We'll spend the week writing, reading, and building community.

As a reader, you are drawn to books with strong characters, disturbing situations and...

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

## Incorporating Multiple Languages into Your Work

**Maria Picone**

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**Price**

- Regular $70.00
- Member $63.00

Language is all around us, and yet, as writers, we tend to stick to English. In this workshop, we will read a sampling of writers and poets who engage with multilinguality in unique ways such as Craig Santos Perez, Jennifer Kwon Dobbs, and Theresa Hak Kyung Cha. As we practice embodying our own...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/incorporating-multiple-languages-your-work)

## Lean Writing

**Savannah Brooks**

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**Price**

- Regular $70.00
- Member $63.00

You've got the idea, the execution—it's just the writing itself that could use some love. The difference between a bulky, clunky sentence and a beautiful, fresh sentence is often just a matter of trimming. In this class, we'll focus on everything that clutters sentences up: repetition, redundancy...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/lean-writing-0)

## Creating Characters in Five Dimensions

**Jim Levi**

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**Price**

- Regular $52.50
- Member $47.25

"Begin with an individual and you find that you have created a type: begin with a type and you find that you have created nothing." F. Scott Fitzgerald's quote illuminates the importance of creating unique and compelling characters in your work. Well-developed characters are often described as being...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/creating-characters-five-dimensions-1)
Creative Writing for Healthcare Professionals
Jack El-Hai
July 30, 2022  Time  Sat, 07/30/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/30/2022 - 5:00pm  Multigenre  Adult
Price  Regular $70.00  Member $63.00

Healthcare professionals—physicians, nurses, therapists, midwives, and others—are often keenly interested in writing creatively, and they are frequently drawn to write about their patients and experiences. At the same time, however, they may feel that giving in to this urge to write is self...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/creative-writing-healthcare-professionals]

Comedy Writing
Holly Day
August 1, 2022- August 5, 2022  Time  Mon, 08/01/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 12:00pm  Multigenre  Youth
Price  Regular $262.50  Member $236.25

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Do you like to make people laugh? Have you ever wondered if you could use your sense of humor...

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

Writing with Consistency and Courage
Tamara Dean
August 6, 2022  Time  Sat, 08/06/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/06/2022 - 1:00pm  Multigenre  Adult
Price  Regular $70.00  Member $63.00

This class is for writers at any level who are looking to begin a new project, resume an old one, overcome obstacles in a work-in-progress, or surprise themselves with a forward leap. This workshop offers practical tools for building consistency and courage, two qualities essential to writing...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-consistency-and-courage]

PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

Write Your Screenplay in Six Weeks
Michael Gorrie
July 14, 2022- August 18, 2022  Time  Thu, 07/14/2022 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/18/2022 - 8:00pm  Play- and Screenwriting  Adult
Price  Regular $210.00  Member $189.00

Having trouble starting or following through with your screenplay? Need a structured environment to keep you writing? Then this class is for you. Designed as both a workshop and instruction on craft as a focus, students will have an opportunity to learn the art form of screenwriting, generate work...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/write-your-screenplay-six-weeks-0]
**Screenwriting for Teens**  
Michael Gorrie  
August 1, 2022 - August 5, 2022  
**Time**  
Mon, 08/01/2022 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/05/2022 - 4:00pm  
**Play- and Screenwriting | Youth**  
**Price**  
Regular $262.50 | Member $236.25

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Are you a teenager and want to write your own movie, but don't know how? Then this class is...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/screenwriting-teens-2)

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**POETRY**

**Love, Death, Friendship: The Poem of the Affections**  
Thomas R. Smith  
July 12, 2022 - August 16, 2022  
**Time**  
Tue, 07/12/2022 - 10:00am - Tue, 08/16/2022 - 12:00pm  
**Poetry | Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

Human beings have written poems about love, death, and friendship for as long as they've been writing poems. Also known as “the poem of the affections,” these poems satisfy a perennial hunger for connection, not least in times of bitter dividedness like those in which we now live. Across our many...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/love-death-friendship-poem-affections)

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**Don’t Yuck My Yum: A Generative Poetry Workshop**  
J. Bailey Hutchinson  
July 13, 2022 - August 3, 2022  
**Time**  
Wed, 07/13/2022 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/03/2022 - 8:00pm  
**Poetry | Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $140.00 | Member $126.00

How do we evaluate poetry that engages with niche source material? How do we write it? Over the duration of this course, we will read, write, and discuss poetry that engages with a wide variety of unexpected subjects and themes (from boybands to Batman to bedsores and beyond) in order to recalibrate...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/dont-yuck-my-yum-generative-poetry-workshop)

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**Boundless Poetry: Writing Our Own Rules**  
Emily Lee Luan  
July 14, 2022 - August 18, 2022  
**Time**  
Thu, 07/14/2022 - 12:00pm - Thu, 08/18/2022 - 2:00pm  
**Poetry | Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $210.00 | Member $189.00

What can be liberated in our poetry when we write within boundaries or “rules”? How can poetic constraint be built into our daily writing practice? In this generative writing class, we’ll examine the process of writing with formal rules as a means to moving past creative blocks and freeing up our...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/boundless-poetry-writing-our-own-rules-1)
The Poetry of Practice and Presence: Haiku and Haibun
Elizabeth Adilman

July 16, 2022

Time
Sat, 07/16/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/16/2022 - 12:00pm

Price
Regular $52.50 | Member $47.25

Do you struggle with distraction, staying fully present in your work, and when focusing on your writing? Being present is easy on a mountain retreat, but it's not that easy in the middle of our busy lives. This class will introduce you to the Haibun form of poetry. Through its hybrid form of...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetry-practice-and-presence-haiku-and-haibun]

Poetry: Writing Through Loss
Christopher Vaughan

July 30, 2022

Time
Sat, 07/30/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/30/2022 - 5:00pm

Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

Almost everyone's life is touched by loss. What's lost could be internal, external, or some combination of the two. Loss can be individual or collective, fleeting or permanent, isolated or recurring across generations. Loss might imply a wound or trauma, an absence, a breaker-of-bonds, yet in some...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetry-writing-through-loss]

Poetry Basics
Yasmine Ameli

August 6, 2022

Time
Sat, 08/06/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/06/2022 - 1:00pm

Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

This class will introduce you to the foundations of poetry writing, including the stanza and the line, enjambment, imagery, figurative language, and sound play. We will define each concept, read a poem that models the concept, and then try our own hand at it. Potential in-class readings include...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetry-basics-1]

The Poem as Intimate Space
Michael Torres

August 6, 2022

Time
Sat, 08/06/2022 - 1:30pm - Sat, 08/06/2022 - 5:30pm

Price
Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

What, exactly, does a poem ask of its reader—or of the poet theirself? More than needing to be vulnerable on the page, a poet must be open to the act of writing as a moment when an intimate space is created—between the poet, the reader, and what will be written. In this single-session class, we'll...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poem-intimate-space-0]
Beautiful Monsters: Writing Horror, Science Fiction and Fantasy Poetry

Holly Day

August 8, 2022 - August 12, 2022

Time: Mon, 08/08/2022 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/12/2022 - 4:00pm

Poetry | Youth

Price

Regular $262.50 | Member $236.25

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Are poems about love and nature just not your thing? Are you drawn more towards the writings...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beautiful-monsters-writing-horror-science-fiction-and-fantasy-poetry]

PUBLISHING AND CAREER

Write Your Artist Statement!

Lyzette Wanzer

July 16, 2022

Time: Sat, 07/16/2022 - 11:00am - Sat, 07/16/2022 - 5:00pm

Publishing and Career | Adult

Price

Regular $105.00 | Member $94.50

Artist statements are not just for visual artists and performers; in the 21st century, writers need them, too. You will use some incarnation of this statement on your own web page and media account, in personal and project statements for residency applications, and in letters of intent for grant and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/write-your-artist-statement]

The Business of Writing: Edit, Polish, Query, Submit

Kali White VanBaale

July 23, 2022

Time: Sat, 07/23/2022 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/23/2022 - 1:00pm

Publishing and Career | Adult

Price

Regular $70.00 | Member $63.00

The art of writing is one thing, but the business of writing is an entirely different beast. In this class, we'll first talk all things publishing: traditional and big publishers, agents, editors, small presses, hybrid publishing, and self-publishing for all genres—how they all work, and which...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/business-writing-edit-polish-query-submit-1]

So You Can Write—But Can You Edit?

Cole Williams

July 25, 2022 - July 29, 2022

Time: Mon, 07/25/2022 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/29/2022 - 12:00pm

Publishing and Career | Youth

Price

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Begin to edit your own poems! This class will uncover ten categories of edits to look for in...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/so-you-can-write-can-you-edit]
Writing the MFA Application
Yasmine Ameli
August 3, 2022- August 24, 2022
Time
Wed, 08/03/2022 - 12:00pm - Wed, 08/24/2022 - 2:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $140.00 | Member $126.00
This course introduces MFA applicants to the application process and its components, including the personal statement, creative writing sample, teaching statement, CV, and other supplemental essays. Over four weeks, we will discuss genre expectations for each component and complete several in-class...
[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/writing-mfa-application)

Finding Community in Literary Magazines: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers
Halee Kirkwood
August 3, 2022- August 24, 2022
Time
Wed, 08/03/2022 - 6:30pm - Wed, 08/24/2022 - 8:30pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $80.00 | Member $72.00 | Pay What You Can $0.00
Many writers get their start publishing in literary magazines, but with so many wonderful publications out in the world to read and submit to, it can feel overwhelming to begin the work of submitting. It can be easy to fall into the habit of submitting to any and every literary magazine you can find...
[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/finding-community-literary-magazines-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers)

You've Finished Your Book, Now What?
Savannah Brooks
August 6, 2022
Time
Sat, 08/06/2022 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/06/2022 - 4:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $105.00 | Member $94.50
The publishing process can be confusing and intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. Each published writer goes through the same process; somewhere along the way, they just asked for help. That's what this class aims to do: help you take the next step with your manuscript with confidence. The day...
[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/youve-finished-your-book-now-what-1)

To Market, To Market: How Professionals Look at Your Manuscript
Jennie Goloboy Catherine Lundoff
August 20, 2022
Time
Sat, 08/20/2022 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/20/2022 - 4:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $52.50 | Member $47.25
A small press publisher and a literary agent discuss how they evaluate manuscripts. What do publishing professionals mean by “marketability”? How can you improve your odds, in every stage of the process? What is and isn't necessary for a book to reach publication? How can you learn to evaluate your...
[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/market-market-how-professionals-look-your-manuscript)