

## 2026 Teen Writing Project (Fall Edition–Minneapolis)

**Robert Voedisch**

September 17, 2026- December 9, 2026 | Time  
Thu, 09/17/2026 - 4:30pm - Wed, 12/09/2026 - 6:00pm | Youth

This semester-long advanced 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...

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## CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

### Research and Writing: Children's Nonfiction for Education

**Lisa M. Bolt Simons**

May 23, 2026 | Time  
Sat, 05/23/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 05/23/2026 - 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...

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## CREATIVE NONFICTION

### Craft Seminar—Against Arrival: Extending the Archive in Narrative Nonfiction

**Chaun Webster**

June 13, 2026 | Time  
Sat, 06/13/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/13/2026 - 12:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

This generative craft workshop will utilize the methods that were instrumental in the composition of *Without Terminus: untraining an archive*, a book that traces the absences surrounding Webster's maternal grandfather, his work as a Pullman porter, and the denial of his pension.

We will consider...

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### Writing the Illness Memoir: A Diversifying Writers Class

**Marianne Manzler**

June 15, 2026- August 3, 2026 | Time  
Mon, 06/15/2026 - 7:00pm - Mon, 08/03/2026 - 9:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

In this 8-session class, we will explore different methods of writing about our experiences with illness.

From science writing to historical fiction and diaries to essays, there are a multitude of approaches to writing about illness. Weekly readings will provide examples of these approaches...

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## Healing Through Writing

Shama Shams

Time  
June 16, 2026- July 7, 2026 | Tue, 06/16/2026 - 4:00pm - Tue, 07/07/2026 - 6:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

This class is designed for writers, survivors, and truth-seekers who are ready to explore the stories that shaped them—especially the unspoken, hidden, or silenced parts of their family history. Through guided exercises, discussion, reflection, and trauma-informed writing practices, participants...

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

Victoria Blanco

Time  
July 22, 2026- July 29, 2026 | Wed, 07/22/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/29/2026 - 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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## Writing “My Story:” The Personal Essay for Scholarship and College Applications (for Ages 15 to 18)

Mitchell LeGrand

Time  
August 4, 2026- August 7, 2026 | Tue, 08/04/2026 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/07/2026 - 4:00pm | 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 that we want to share with others!

In this class, we will be exploring the personal narrative, and how to tell our own stories in a compelling way. These lessons will prepare...

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## CREATIVE PROCESS

### Finding Your Writing Process

Michael Robinson

Time  
April 18, 2026 | Sat, 04/18/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 04/18/2026 - 1:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

A successful writer needs a process to stay productive and focused on their writing project. A writer has an almost endless range of choices about how to begin, sustain, review, revise, and finish their writing. This class assumes there's no such thing as a one-size-fits-all approach. Each writer...

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### Unlocking Creative Flow

Anna Farro Henderson

Time  
April 18, 2026 | Sat, 04/18/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/18/2026 - 1:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

The creative process is a physical act of the body as well as an act of the mind. Using meditation and writing exercises, students will come away with new approaches to writing craft. Meditation helps ground us in our bodies so we are able to focus on the ideas we have or find the ideas we are...

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## Writing Through Trauma for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Carolyn Holbrook

Time  
April 18, 2026 | Sat, 04/18/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/18/2026 - 12:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

When we experience trauma, we feel alone and unprotected. Whether the trauma is physical or psychological, we often feel shame, believing that what happened is our fault.

This class will help us learn tools and techniques for using the journal to tap into our innate abilities to help ourselves...

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## Craft Seminar: Get Unstuck

Ramona Ausubel

Time  
April 28, 2026 | Tue, 04/28/2026 - 10:00am - Tue, 04/28/2026 - 12:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

Being a writer means coming up against self-doubt. But what if it doesn't have to be so scary? What if the blank page felt more like an invitation than a cliff?

Does it sometimes seem like your novel is trying to kill you? Have you considered divorcing a story? Me too.

In this 2-hour class, we'll...

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## Echoes of Service: A Class for Veteran Servicemember Writers

LeJuane Bowens

Time  
November 11, 2026 | Wed, 11/11/2026 - 1:00pm - Wed, 11/11/2026 - 4:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

Echoes of Service is a community-based creative writing workshop that brings veterans and non-veterans together to share, reflect, and connect through storytelling. Centered on themes of military life, identity, culture, and the lasting impact of service, this workshop invites participants to...

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## DIGITAL STORYTELLING

### Podcasting for Writers

Deborah Copperud

Time  
April 18, 2026 | Sat, 04/18/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/18/2026 - 2:00pm | 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 what it takes to start your own DIY podcast. You'll also learn how to promote your work and...

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

## FICTION

## Fiction Basics: Creative Language

**Brian Malloy**

April 11, 2026 | Time  
Sat, 04/11/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/11/2026 - 1:00pm | 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...

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## Crafting Powerful Scenes—The Building Blocks of Story

**Nigar Alam**

April 11, 2026 | Time  
Sat, 04/11/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/11/2026 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Scenes are the building blocks of any story. In this 3-hour class, we'll focus on crafting scenes. We'll discuss the essential components of a scene and how to make it powerful and memorable.

During class, students will get a chance to write their own scene in response to a prompt of their choice...

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## Crafting and Working on Your Short Story (for Ages 9 to 11)

**Jenny Simmonds**

April 11, 2026 | Time  
Sat, 04/11/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/11/2026 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

Do you love the process of starting a short story but struggle to keep at it? If so, you are not alone and this is the perfect class for you! This class is not defined by what you love to read or write about, but about your passion for your own story you've started. Not only will we spend time...

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## Building a Novel (for Ages 15 to 18)

**Debra Blake**

July 7, 2026- July 10, 2026 | Time  
Tue, 07/07/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/10/2026 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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

Writing a novel can seem daunting, but "Building a Novel" breaks it down into manageable steps!

You writing your novel throughout class, first by generating a plot summary and then a story arc...

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## Craft Seminar: Structure, Narrative, and the Novel

**Katherine Packert Burke**

July 11, 2026 | Time  
Sat, 07/11/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/11/2026 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Adult

The structure of a narrative is almost invisible but impacts every choice you make as a writer and the experience of every reader. Does the story begin after a murder has taken place, or a hundred years before? Does it bounce between the brains of a dozen characters or is it trapped in the...

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## Heroes, Villains, and Worlds: Fantasy Writing (for ages 12 to 14)

Elise Toedt Matthew Taber-Hanson

July 14, 2026- July 17, 2026 | Time  
Tue, 07/14/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/17/2026 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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

SESSION 1:

Heroes in the Making: Building My Hero and Their World (for Ages 12 to 14) with Elise Toedt

In this class, we will create compelling heroes whose journey brings up topics of...

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## The Magic of Outlines (for Ages 15 to 18)

Aurora Whittet Best

July 14, 2026- July 17, 2026 | Time  
Tue, 07/14/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/17/2026 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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

Learn the power of outlining and create a roadmap into your world!

Have you ever wondered how the central idea, the heart of the story or theme, profoundly changes story beats? Structure doesn't...

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## Fiction for BIPOC Writers: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Taiwana Shambley

August 1, 2026- August 8, 2026 | Time  
Sat, 08/01/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/08/2026 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Adult

The goal of this class is to create space for Black, Indigenous, and POC writers to analyze and practice applying BIPOC cultural interpretations of fiction craft elements.

While it is true that more contemporary writers are featuring racially diverse characters in their stories, it's still the...

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## Fiction by Fury: Building Stories through Moments of Conflict (for Ages 15 to 18)

Alice Paige

August 4, 2026- August 7, 2026 | Time  
Tue, 08/04/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/07/2026 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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

Fiction unfolds moment by moment through emotional and physical conflict. The secret told, the duel lost, the prophecy foretold. Those moments define our stories and can make or break our...

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## Nature Writing (for Ages 15 to 18)

James Ellis

August 4, 2026- August 7, 2026 | Time  
Tue, 08/04/2026 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/07/2026 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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

Explore the centuries-long connection between the human and the natural world in "Nature Writing."

For ages, nature has been an access point for the writer. Never has there been a more...

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

Troy Wilderson

August 11, 2026- August 14, 2026 | Time  
Tue, 08/11/2026 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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

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

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## MULTIGENRE

### Mini But Mighty: Writing Micro

Kathryn Ganfield

April 11, 2026 | Time  
Sat, 04/11/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/11/2026 - 2:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

How much punch can you pack into a ≤ 250-word piece? In this short workshop about the short-short genre, you'll see.

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...

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## Stand by Your Plan: Practices for Sticking with Manuscripts

Kelly Foster Lundquist

April 11, 2026 | Time  
Sat, 04/11/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/11/2026 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

One of the easiest things to do as a writer is to convince yourself you should give up on a long project that seems to be going nowhere—no new ideas, no new insights into why the middle is so dull or the dialogue falls flat or the arrangement of the pieces feels disjointed. It's easy to believe that..

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## The Writing Process, Identity & Technique: How to Unlock Your Creative Potential (A Diversifying Writers Class)

David Mura

Time  
May 16, 2026 | Sat, 05/16/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 05/16/2026 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

"Why can't I finish this book? How can I maximize my own creativity? How do I sustain my writing over the long haul?" There is one answer to these questions: we are not taught the principles and practices of creativity in school or even in writing classes.

Using these principles and practices, this...

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## From Memoir to Myth (for Ages 12 to 14)

Kelsey Daly Amy Sailer

Time  
July 7, 2026- July 10, 2026 | Tue, 07/07/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/10/2026 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

This full-day summer writing experience invites young writers to spend four creative days building skills, confidence, and imagination at the Loft. Mornings focus on practical writing tools students can use in school, afternoons open up space for creativity and collaboration, and a midday lunch...

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## Jumpstart Your Writing (for Ages 12 to 14)

Kelsey Daly Kat Shepherd

Time  
July 7, 2026- July 10, 2026 | Tue, 07/07/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/10/2026 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

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## Imagination to Page (for Ages 9 to 11)

Marie Olofsdotter Holly Day

Time  
July 14, 2026- July 17, 2026 | Tue, 07/14/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/17/2026 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

This full-day summer writing experience invites young storytellers to spend four imaginative days creating magical worlds, memorable characters, and stories all their own. Mornings focus on fairy tales and bookmaking, guiding students through classic story structures while they write and build a...

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## 2026 Loft Youth Writing Intensive: Ages 10 to 13

Kelsey Daly Dralandra Larkins Michael Gorrie Holly Day

Time  
July 21, 2026- July 24, 2026 | Tue, 07/21/2026 - 9:30am - Fri, 07/24/2026 - 3:30pm | Multigenre | Youth

The Loft's Summer Youth Writing Intensive for Ages 10-13 is led by acclaimed and published writers. These teaching artists are experts in their field! Over the course of four days, students will gain new insights into the craft of writing. (Application link is below.)

This class consists of...

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## 2026 Loft Youth Writing Intensive: Ages 14 To 18

**Robert Voedisch Michael Gorrie Dralandra Larkins Shannon Gibney**

July 28, 2026- July 31, 2026 | Time | Tue, 07/28/2026 - 9:30am - Fri, 07/31/2026 - 3:30pm | Multigenre | Youth

The Loft's Summer Youth Writing Intensive for Ages 14-18 is led by acclaimed and published writers. These teaching artists are experts in their field! Over the course of four days, students will gain new insights into the craft of writing. (Application link is below.)

This class consists of...

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## Writing What is Possible: Writing For a Better World (for Ages 15-18)

**Mitchell LeGrand**

August 4, 2026- August 7, 2026 | Time | Tue, 08/04/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/07/2026 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

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

Young people are ready and eager to start changing the world, especially right now in the United States. Issues around climate, criminal injustice, global conflicts, etc. are all at the forefront...

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## Writing Immersion (for Ages 12 to 14)

**Rachel Guvenc Craig Noles**

August 4, 2026- August 7, 2026 | Time | Tue, 08/04/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/07/2026 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

This full-day summer writing experience is designed especially for young writers to explore storytelling through animals, imagination, and play. In the morning, students will read and write stories about beloved pets—both real and imaginary—building confidence with basic story structure and sharing...

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## Creating Fantastical Worlds (for Ages 9 to 11)

**Ellen Fee Holly Day**

August 11, 2026- August 14, 2026 | Time | Tue, 08/11/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

This full-day summer writing experience invites young writers to explore language, imagination, and storytelling from around the world. Mornings focus on poetry as a creative passport—introducing students to poetic forms from different cultures through writing, art, and play—while afternoons expand...

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

**Holly Day Blythe Baird**

August 11, 2026- August 14, 2026 | Time | Tue, 08/11/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

This full-day summer writing experience is designed especially for young writers to explore storytelling through animals, imagination, and play. In the morning, students will read and write stories about beloved pets—both real and imaginary—building confidence with basic story structure and sharing...

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## Dark Hauntings: Bending Boundaries in Writing (for ages 12 to 14)

Kat Shepherd

August 11, 2026- August 14, 2026 | Time  
Tue, 08/11/2026 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

This full-day summer writing experience invites young writers to spend four days reading, writing, and sharpening their storytelling skills in a supportive community. Mornings focus on the craft of short fiction, with time to read great stories, experiment with structure, and draft and revise...

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## POETRY

### Stop Making Sense

Kathryn Kysar

April 11, 2026 | Time  
Sat, 04/11/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/11/2026 - 3:00pm | Poetry | Adult

This workshop for poets of all levels will renew, refresh, energize, and invigorate your poetry by discovering meanings through chance. We will read a few master poems, then generate new work through cut up, substitution, forms such as the burning haibun, and other activities that set aside...

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### Craft Seminar: A Poem's Heat Map

Maria Giesbrecht

May 13, 2026 | Time  
Wed, 05/13/2026 - 10:00am - Wed, 05/13/2026 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Join Maria Giesbrecht in a generative writing workshop that explores how poems generate heat, emotional intensity, urgency, and momentum, through craft. Borrowing framework from weather maps, we will consider where energy concentrates within a poem, how pressure systems form through image and sound...

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### Poetry, Yoga, and Projective Verse: Breath as Line for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Soham Patel

May 23, 2026 | Time  
Sat, 05/23/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 05/23/2026 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult

The class explores poetry as an embodied, performative practice that's attentive to voicing, listening, rupture, and the pressures history and sound place on the body. Working to establish a shared rhythmic field, we will engage poems by William Alexander, Douglas Kearney, Evie Shockley, Janice Lee...

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# Divinatory Poetics: Using Tarot and Images to Generate Poems Intuitively–A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

☐ ☐ ☐ Sun Yung Shin

Time

June 13, 2026 | Sat, 06/13/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/13/2026 - 11:30am | Poetry | Adult

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

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