

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

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

Payal Doshi

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

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

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CREATIVE NONFICTION

Experimentation with Hybrid Memoir

Marianne Manzler

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

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

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Writing Your Debut: The Powerful Beginning

Samina Ali

	Time	
June 7, 2025	Sat, 06/07/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/07/2025 - 4:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Adult

Whether you're working on a memoir or novel, the opening of your book is the most expensive real estate. Agents and editors are looking for key craft decisions— and, within seconds, they can spot whether you've incorporated those craft elements. Have you successfully built the world, introduced the...

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

Mitchell LeGrand

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

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

Marianne Manzler Michelle Zamanian

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

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

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Write About Yourself: Identity and Creative Nonfiction (for ages 15 to 18)

Amelia Colwell

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July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025	Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 12:00pm	Creative Nonfiction Youth

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In this class, we'll write as a tool...

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FICTION

Fiction Basics: Emotional Range

Brian Malloy

	Time	
April 19, 2025	Sat, 04/19/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/19/2025 - 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...

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2025 Year-Long Fiction Writing Project with Junauda Petrus—June Online Cohort

Junauda Petrus

	Time	
June 7, 2025- April 9, 2026	Sat, 06/07/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 04/09/2026 - 9:00pm	Fiction Adult

Your novel is a journey of self discovery, creative research, story channeling and communing with the souls of the realm you are bringing into tangible, literary existence. It is written while living and being present to your life and the ways that the novel is singing through your existence...

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4-Week: Necrofemme—Queering Horror for Queer and Trans Writers

Alice Paige

	Time	
June 11, 2025- July 2, 2025	Wed, 06/11/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/02/2025 - 8:00pm	Fiction Adult

Necrofemme: Queering Horror will explore how to restructure horror storytelling from the perspective of the other. Specifically, we will examine queer narratives in horror and discuss craft techniques in these narratives. We will spend time with fiction, poetry, and essays as we work to build a...

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Imagination to Page (for ages 12 to 14)

Kelsey Daly John Schaidler

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SESSION 1:

SPARK NEW IDEAS FOR FICTION WRITING

(for ages 12 to 14, with Kelsey Daly)

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

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Writing About Our Animals (for ages 15 to 18)

Anna Molenaar

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Over the course of this class, we will explore pet memoirs and poetry about pets. We'll focus on how craft choices deepen themes, tones, and meanings. We will discuss historical accounts of...

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

Robert Voedisch

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6-Week: Finessing Historical Fiction

Rachel Werner

	Time	
June 18, 2025- July 23, 2025	Wed, 06/18/2025 - 12:00pm - Wed, 07/23/2025 - 2:00pm	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 research with confidence.

Whether you're writing for traditional publishing, the educational market, or literary magazines...

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Fantasy World Immersion for Ages 15 to 18

Aurora Whittet Best

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

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

Kelsey Daly Kat Shepherd

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SESSION 1:

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT:

DESIGN A FANTASY OR SCI-FI PROTAGONIST, VILLAIN, AND SIDEKICK

(for ages 12 to 14, with Kelsey Daly)

Come create your very own fantasy character...

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

Debra Blake

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

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

Kat Shepherd Amy Sailer

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SESSION 1:

WRITING PICK-A-PATH STORIES

(for ages 12 to 14, with Kat Shepherd)

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

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

Holly Day Alice Paige

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SESSION 1:

THE SCIENCE OF MAGIC

(for ages 12 to 14, with Holly Day)

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

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Storytelling (for ages 6 to 8)

Taiwana Shambley Holly Day

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SESSION 1:

WORDS CAN CREATE MAGIC

(with Taiwana Shambley)

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

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

Little Writers, Big Worlds (for ages 6 to 8)

Jack Harris Blythe Baird

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July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025	Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm	Fiction Youth

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SESSION 1:

MYTHICAL CREATURES

(for Ages 6 to 8, with Jack Harris)

If you like to write stories about magical, mythical beings, this session is for you! We'll invent our own creature tales and...

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Jumpstart Your Writing (for ages 12 to 14)

Rachel Guvenc Alice Paige

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SESSION 1:

EXPRESS YOURSELF! WORD!

(for ages 12 to 14, with Rachel Guvenc)

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

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Revolution, Revelation, and Joy: A Class for Queer and Trans Writers

W.L. Bolm

Time
August 2, 2025 | Sat, 08/02/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/02/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult

This class explores creative non-fiction written by trans writers and containing themes that are underrepresented in traditional publishing and often written in unconventional forms. Students will discuss how to bring aspects of radical joy and vulnerability to their own writing.

The Loft's Queer...

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

Troy Wilderson

Time
August 5, 2025- August 8, 2025 | Tue, 08/05/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/08/2025 - 12:00pm | 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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Creating Magical Worlds for Ages 15 to 18

Craig Noles

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

Aspiring writers, grab your...

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Elements of Fiction (for ages 15 to 18)

Alysandra Dutton

Time
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You've got your story or novel idea. What's next?

You need to create detailed, interesting characters, and a plot that keeps the action moving!

Learn the ins and outs of writing fiction by...

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Nature Writing (for ages 15 to 18)

James Ellis

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

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

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

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Let's Write a Ghost Story (for ages 15 to 18)

Holly Day

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

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MULTIGENRE

Memory and Fragmentation: A Revision Workshop

Piper Lane

	Time	
April 12, 2025- April 19, 2025	Sat, 04/12/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/19/2025 - 4:00pm	Multigenre Adult

Often understanding character hinges on the past, but we write towards a present and future. Perhaps this interplay is about desire, but what if a narrative requires reckoning? What if memories come gushing back, interrupting the present?

In this course, we will examine creative, nuanced ways to...

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

Emily Trenholm

Time
April 26, 2025 | Sat, 04/26/2025 - 9:30am - Sat, 04/26/2025 - 12:30pm | Multigenre | Adult

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

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

David Mura

Time
May 17, 2025 | Sat, 05/17/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 05/17/2025 - 2:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

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

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The Writer's Playground (for ages 9 to 11)

Holly Day Dralandra Larkins

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

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

It all starts in a notebook, right? We will dive into a river of words, imagery, metaphors, and creativity. This series...

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From Memoir to Myth (for ages 12 to 14)

Amy Sailer Amelia Colwell

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

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

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

Create Your Own Universe (for ages 9 to 11)

Ellen Fee Kat Shepherd

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SESSION 1:

WELCOME TO MY WORLD

(for ages 9 to 11, with Ellen Fee)

What other worlds might exist in our universe? We will create a brand-new, imaginative planet and build all the details through...

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

Crafting Intimate Narratives: A Workshop for Queer & Trans Writers

Jesaka Long

	Time	
June 17, 2025- July 15, 2025	Tue, 06/17/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 07/15/2025 - 8:00pm	Multigenre Adult

Desire—including the pursuit of tangible material items, love, and longing--drives any story worth telling. This includes writing sex, which can be notoriously intimidating. Factor in the rise of regulations against trans/queer bodies and the frequent erasure of LGBTQIA2S+ people in the media and...

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Fiction Toolkit: Postcolonial Fantasy and Horror Writing

Anaïs Duplan

	Time	
June 19, 2025- July 3, 2025	Thu, 06/19/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 07/03/2025 - 3:00pm	Multigenre Adult

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

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Creating Fantastical Worlds (for ages 9 to 11)

Ellen Fee Will Hart

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SESSION 1:

POEMS FOR PEACE

(for ages 9 to 11, with Ellen Fee)

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

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

4-Week Workshop: Speculative Memoir and Autofiction

Anaïs Duplan

	Time	
July 10, 2025- August 7, 2025	Thu, 07/10/2025 - 1:00pm - Thu, 08/07/2025 - 3:00pm	Multigenre Adult

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

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Writing Immersion (for ages 12 to 14)

Holly Day Rachel Guvenc

	Time	
July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025	Tue, 07/15/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm	Multigenre Youth

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SESSION 1:
FINDING THE POET WITHIN
(for ages 12 to 14, with Holly Day)

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

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

Beyond Text: Visual Experiments in Writing (for ages 15 to 18)

Court Ludwick

	Time	
July 15, 2025- July 18, 2025	Tue, 07/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/18/2025 - 4:00pm	Multigenre Youth

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As writers, we rely on imagery all the time: in metaphor, in description, in our characters, in the worlds we create on the page.

But how might we use image beyond text? What happens to our...

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2025 Loft Youth Writing Intensive: Ages 10 to 13

Michael Gorrie Dralandra Larkins Kelsey Daly Robert Voedisch

	Time	
July 22, 2025- July 25, 2025	Tue, 07/22/2025 - 9:30am - Fri, 07/25/2025 - 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...

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

2025 Loft Youth Writing Intensive: Ages 14 To 18

Holly Day Shannon Gibney Dralandra Larkins Michael Gorrie

	Time	
July 29, 2025- August 1, 2025	Tue, 07/29/2025 - 9:30am - Fri, 08/01/2025 - 3:30pm	Multigenre Youth

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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/2025-loft-youth-writing-intensive-ages-14-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/2025-loft-youth-writing-intensive-ages-14-18)

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

Kelsey Daly Amy Sailer

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

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SESSION 1:
CREATE YOUR OWN FANTASY OR SCI-FI WORLD USING CRAFTS
(for ages 12 to 14, with Kelsey Daly)

Build a unique and spectacular fantasy world from the ground up!

During our first 3...

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Write Your World (for ages 12 to 14)

Holly Day Court Ludwick

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

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SESSION 1:
FINDING THE POET WITHIN
(for ages 12 to 14, with Holly Day)

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

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

Story Explorers for Ages 9 to 11

Holly Day Kat Shepherd

	Time	
August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025	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)

Writing a Better World for Ages 12 to 14

Amy Sailer Court Ludwick

	Time	
August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025	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: Alternate Histories for Ages 12 to 14 with Amy Sailer

In this workshop, the students will collaborate on a group novella that takes place in an alternate history. We will discuss examples of...

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

PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

(June) Screenwriting for Teens (for ages 15 to 18)

Michael Gorrie

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

Welcome to the Loft's Summer Youth program at Open Book! Join us for 4 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 — how...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/june-screenwriting-teens-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/june-screenwriting-teens-ages-15-18)

Get Into Character: Acting 101 (for ages 15 to 18)

John Schaidler

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

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

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/get-character-acting-101-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/get-character-acting-101-ages-15-18)

Page and the Stage (for ages 12 to 14)

Rachel Guvenc John Schaidler

	Time	
August 12, 2025- August 15, 2025	Tue, 08/12/2025 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/15/2025 - 4:00pm	Play- and Screenwriting Youth

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SESSION 1:

EXPRESS YOURSELF! WORD!

(for ages 12 to 14, with Rachel Guvenc)

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

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(August) Screenwriting for Teens (for ages 15 to 18)

Michael Gorrie

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

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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 — how...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/august-screenwriting-teens-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/august-screenwriting-teens-ages-15-18)

POETRY

2025 Year-Long Poetry Apprenticeship with Hieu Minh Nguyen—June Online Cohort **Hieu Minh Nguyen**

	Time	
June 10, 2025- April 7, 2026	Tue, 06/10/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/07/2026 - 9:00pm	Poetry Adult

A poetry collection is a curated itinerary, a map through obsessions—our only compass, a constellation of questions. A poetry collection is not just a stack of your best poems. Not just a table of contents piled high with everything you've ever written. Not just a body of work, but a body. A living...

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

□ □ □ **Sun Yung Shin**

	Time	
June 14, 2025	Sat, 06/14/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/14/2025 - 2:00pm	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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Poetic Forms Toolkit: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

Michael Kleber-Diggs

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

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

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Magical Worlds of Wonder (for ages 9 to 11)

Marie Olofsdotter Ellen Fee

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

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SESSION 1:

FAIRY TALES, MAGIC, AND BOOKMAKING: WRITE YOUR OWN STORY
(for ages 9 to 11, with Marie Olofsdotter)

Explore the timeless territory of magic as you write your own myth-inspired fairy...

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

Finding the Poet Within (for ages 15 to 18)

Holly Day

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

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

In this Poet Within class, we'll explore the many techniques poets use to express themselves. We'll discuss the ways they express their ideas through language and structure.

In this class...

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