CHILDREN’S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Children's Writing for Beginners
Lisa Bullard

January 24, 2024- February 28, 2024  
Wed, 01/24/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 02/28/2024 - 8:00pm

Children's and Young Adult Literature  
Adult

Price  
Regular $222.00  
Member $199.80

Do you dream of writing a children's book? This class will explore the exciting world of writing for children and young adults through a mix of writing activities and discussion. The class is suited for both beginners and more established writers who are new to writing for a younger audience...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/childrens-writing-beginners-1]

CREATIVE NONFICTION

Winter Sampler: Memoir Writing
Lynette Reini-Grandell

January 18, 2024  
Thu, 01/18/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 01/18/2024 - 7:00pm

Creative Nonfiction  
Adult

Price  
Regular $8.00  
Member $7.20

Want to try your hand at writing memoir? 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/winter-sampler-memoir-writing]

Writing Flash Nonfiction
Anna Molenaar

January 24, 2024- March 13, 2024  
Wed, 01/24/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/13/2024 - 8:00pm

Creative Nonfiction  
Adult

Price  
Regular $296.00  
Member $266.40

In this class, students will examine the genre of flash creative nonfiction. Each class period will be centered around a craft element that serves flash nonfiction, with examples by prominent writers in the genre explored and analyzed for how effective short-form writing is produced. Then, students...

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

Personal Essays: The Art and Craft of Narrative Nonfiction
Jessie Sholl

January 24, 2024- April 10, 2024  
Wed, 01/24/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 04/10/2024 - 8:00pm

Creative Nonfiction  
Adult

Price  
Regular $444.00  
Member $399.60

In this class, we explore the personal essay in all its forms—including mini-memoirs, perspective-changing travel experiences, profiles, and experimental ways of telling our stories. Through readings, discussions, and in-class exercises, we investigate the aspects of narrative craft—dialogue...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/personal-essays-art-and-craft-narrative-nonfiction-0]
2024 Year-Long Creative Nonfiction and Memoir Writing Project with Sun Yung Shin—
Winter Online Cohort

Sun Yung Shin

January 29, 2024 - December 9, 2024

Time: Mon, 01/29/2024 - 6:00pm - Mon, 12/09/2024 - 9:00pm
Price: Regular $7,500.00 | Member $7,440.00

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Your life is a treasure, both utterly unique, never to be repeated again, and also undeniably part of the larger collective. This collective includes contemporary humanity, all our ancestors, as well as all existence in the cosmos. It also includes the unknowable future. Your creative nonfiction or...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/2024-year-long-creative-nonfiction-and-memoir-writing-project-sun-yung-shin-winter-online]

The Obsessive Essayist

Andy Butter

February 1, 2024 - February 22, 2024

Time: Thu, 02/01/2024 - 4:00pm - Thu, 02/22/2024 - 6:00pm
Price: Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Often we essay writers are haunted by our obsessions, thinking compulsively about seemingly niche topics that interest us and no one else. We're in good company—there are many great examples of contemporary book-length projects where authors dive into the profound depths of their obsessions, and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/obsessive-essayist]

Exploring Creative Nonfiction Through Delight

Olivia Fantini

February 1, 2024 - February 22, 2024

Time: Thu, 02/01/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 02/22/2024 - 8:00pm
Price: Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Welcome to Exploring Creative Nonfiction Through Delight! On this cold, dark winter, come spend some time meditating on delight. In this class we will study several essayettes from Ross Gay's award winning essay collection "The Book of Delights" and use them as jumping off points for our own writing...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/exploring-creative-nonfiction-through-delight]

Flash Memoir: Life Stories in Under 500 Words

Brenda Hudson

February 3, 2024

Time: Sat, 02/03/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/03/2024 - 1:00pm
Price: Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

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 your stories, and begin writing. At the end of class, you'll have a beginning draft and the know-how to continue with your...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/flash-memoir-life-stories-under-500-words]
2024 Year-Long Creative Nonfiction and Memoir Writing Project with Carolyn Holbrook
—Winter Online Cohort
Carolyn Holbrook

February 7, 2024 - December 11, 2024

Time
Wed, 02/07/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/11/2024 - 9:00pm

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $7,500.00 | Member $7,440.00

Everyone leads a life that is important enough to write about. Some of you have known for a while that you want to write about your unique life or a specific time in your life, or perhaps a continuous theme in your life. Some of you simply have an idea that you want to write but may not be sure what...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/2024-year-long-creative-nonfiction-and-memoir-writing-project-carolyn-holbrook-winter]

Beyond the Memoir
Tony Jones

February 10, 2024

Time
Sat, 02/10/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/10/2024 - 4:00pm

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Write what you know, they say. But it turns out that's harder than it looks! Memoir writing is a unique way to embed your own story in what you write. In this class, we will explore memoir, but we'll also look at first-person narrative in journalism, essays, and even "auto-fiction" as methods to...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beyond-memoir]

Memoir Writing: Inspiration and More from Best Sellers
Kate St. Vincent Vogl

February 14, 2024 - April 3, 2024

Time
Wed, 02/14/2024 - 4:00pm - Wed, 04/03/2024 - 6:00pm

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

What craft lessons can be found in best-selling memoirs? Learn how to best tell your life's story as we explore techniques used in Solito (Javier Zamora) and The Man Who Could Move Clouds (Ingrid Rojas Contreras). Discover real-life solutions to problems memoirists face by evaluating where these...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/memoir-writing-inspiration-and-more-best-sellers]

Travel Writing: Capture a Journey
Lisa Meyers McClintick

February 20, 2024 - February 27, 2024

Time
Tue, 02/20/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/27/2024 - 8:00pm

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

Join award-winning travel writer Lisa Meyers McClintick for this three-hour celebration of wanderlust and curiosity. We'll look at what elements come together for the most memorable and entertaining travel features from some of the country's best professional travel writers. We'll cover how to keep...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/travel-writing-capture-journey]
Legacy Writing: Capturing Moments for Future Generations
Brenda Hudson
February 28, 2024 - April 17, 2024
Time
Wed, 02/28/2024 - 12:00pm - Wed, 04/17/2024 - 2:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

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/legacy-writing-capturing-moments-future-generations]

It's All Relative: Writing Our Relationships in Creative Nonfiction
Lizzie Lawson
February 29, 2024 - April 4, 2024
Time
Thu, 02/29/2024 - 4:00pm - Thu, 04/04/2024 - 6:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

Personal essays and memoir are famously about the writer, but because humans are social creatures, it's near impossible to write our own stories without also including other people. This class addresses the challenges and responsibilities involved in how we portray others on the page.

In this 6...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/its-all-relative-writing-our-relationships-creative-nonfiction-0]

A Memoir That Goes Beyond You
Rachel Signer
March 5, 2024 - March 26, 2024
Time
Tue, 03/05/2024 - 6:30pm - Tue, 03/26/2024 - 8:30pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.00

In memoir, an author tells their story, building characters and scenes through dialogue, description, voice, POV (point-of-view), and narrative arc. By successfully enabling these techniques, an author goes beyond their personal story, connecting with readers. This four-week class will involve deep...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/memoir-goes-beyond-you]

Resisting the Border: A Creative Nonfiction Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers (Summer 2024–Open Book)
Victoria Blanco
June 12, 2024 - June 19, 2024
Time
Wed, 06/12/2024 - 7:00pm - Wed, 06/19/2024 - 9:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $40.00 | Member $36.00 | Pay What You Can $0.00

“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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/resisting-border-creative-nonfiction-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-summer-2024]

CREATIVE PROCESS
Winter Sampler Class: Mapping Your Creativity
Rachel Werner
January 10, 2024
Time
Wed, 01/10/2024 - 1:00pm - Wed, 01/10/2024 - 2:00pm
Creative Process | Adult
Price
Regular $8.00 | Member $7.20

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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/winter-sampler-class-mapping-your-creativity]

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Winter Sampler Class: Creative Nonfiction
Brenda Hudson
January 10, 2024
Time
Wed, 01/10/2024 - 1:00pm - Wed, 01/10/2024 - 2:00pm
Creative Process | Adult
Price
Regular $8.00 | Member $7.20

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/winter-sampler-class-creative-nonfiction]

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Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers: The Mindful Writer (Winter 2024–Online)
Rachel Werner
January 20, 2024
Time
Sat, 01/20/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 01/20/2024 - 3:00pm
Creative Process | Adult
Price
Regular $40.00 | Member $36.00 | Pay What You Can $0.00

In a writing rut? This interactive workshop will be a positive boost over that creative hump by providing tangible tools to minimize distractions and tackle your writing goals for the new year through meditative journaling, goal mapping exercises, writing prompts and engaging discussions.

This...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-mindful-writer-winter-2024-online]

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Writing Through Challenging Times: Journaling for Self-Care
Brenda Hudson
January 24, 2024 - February 14, 2024
Time
Wed, 01/24/2024 - 1:00pm - Wed, 02/14/2024 - 3:00pm
Creative Process | Adult
Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

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

In this class, you...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-through-challenging-times-journaling-self-care-1]
Healing The Wounded Writer: Writer's Journal to Recover or Build Writing Practice
Morgan Grayce Willow

January 24, 2024 - March 13, 2024
Wed, 01/24/2024 - 1:00pm - Wed, 03/13/2024 - 3:00pm
Creative Process | Adult
Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

We have all been wounded by events of the past few years. The pandemic, social justice action, war, have affected us as persons. As writers, deep grief and anxiety have often challenged our ability to focus, our access to language, our sense of purpose. Many of us find that our writing practice, now...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/healing-wounded-writer-writers-journal-recover-or-build-writing-practice-0]

Nature Journaling: Words + Pictures
Lisa Meyers McClintick

January 27, 2024
Sat, 01/27/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 01/27/2024 - 2:00pm
Creative Process | Adult
Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

Nature journaling—observing the life all around us and chronicling it—can reignite your creativity, slow down a busy brain, and help you hone an evocative sense of place. By adding illustrations, you can expand your storytelling skills and look at objects from flowers to bugs to landscapes with a...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/nature-journaling-words-pictures]

Creative Maps for Creative Writing
Heidi Newbauer

February 10, 2024
Sat, 02/10/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/10/2024 - 1:00pm
Creative Process | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

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—and fun!—to our writing processes.

We will look at examples of writer’s maps from other...

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

A Writing Plan for Hard Times
W.L. Bolm

February 24, 2024
Sat, 02/24/2024 - 2:00pm - Sat, 02/24/2024 - 5:00pm
Creative Process | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Finding the time and energy to write can be a challenge even at the best of times, but what do you do when you’re navigating burnout? Or grief? Or mental or physical challenges? When times are tough, writing can be a practice that brings healing and catharsis, but prioritizing writing can seem like...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-plan-hard-times]
Writing from Memories and Experiences - now what?
Tasslyn Magnusson

March 7, 2024- March 28, 2024

Time
Thu, 03/07/2024 - 10:00am - Thu, 03/28/2024 - 12:00pm
Creative Process | Adult

Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

Every time you try to write, do your memories come flooding out? Are your characters all you? Do you want to write about your personal experiences? Whatever your genre, if you want to write from your experiences, this class is for you.

Our goal will be to talk about practical challenges you face...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/writing-memories-and-experiences-now-what)

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Using Creative Maps to Revise Work
Heidi Newbauer

March 20, 2024- April 10, 2024

Time
Wed, 03/20/2024 - 12:00pm - Wed, 04/10/2024 - 2:00pm
Creative Process | Adult

Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

Creative Maps can aid our creative process in multiple ways. From giving us visuals to aiding our images of movement and narration on the blank page, this class will give you the opportunity to create maps of both place and metaphor and create a new piece of work in your desired genre. Along with...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/using-creative-maps-revise-work)

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Writing Scales
Cynthia Veal Holm

April 27, 2024

Time
Sat, 04/27/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/27/2024 - 2:00pm
Creative Process | Adult

Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

Do you want to maximize the time you have to write or struggle with how long it takes to pick up from where you left off? Are you disappointed about finally getting going in your writing only to look up at the clock and see it is time to stop? If so you will benefit from creating and practicing a...

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

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DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Introduction to Digital Storytelling
Anne Aronson

January 30, 2024- March 19, 2024

Time
Tue, 01/30/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 03/19/2024 - 8:00pm
Digital Storytelling | Adult

Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

Digital stories build self-awareness, create community, and give voice to those who have not been heard. While there are many kinds of digital stories, this class focuses on how to create a short video that combines oral narration, visuals, and music to tell a compelling story.

The class will...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/introduction-digital-storytelling)

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FICTION
Winter Sampler Class: Fiction
Allison Wyss
January 9, 2024
Time
Tue, 01/09/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 01/09/2024 - 7:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $8.00 | Member $7.20

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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/winter-sampler-class-fiction]

Work in Progress
Aurelia Wills
January 23, 2024- April 9, 2024
Time
Tue, 01/23/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/09/2024 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $444.00 | Member $399.60

Writing is a wonderful vocation, but the effort can be lonely. Come break the isolation! This class is for fiction writers who are looking for artistic camaraderie and would like feedback on a project.

The first three weeks, we’ll focus on craft: characterization, story and plot, perspective...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/work-progress]

The Beginners Guide to Starting Your Novel in 6 Weeks
Tamara Hogan
January 23, 2024- February 27, 2024
Time
Tue, 01/23/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/27/2024 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

Do you have a 'novel' idea, but aren't quite sure what to do next? In this high-practicality, no-pressure class series, learn how to use essential 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-6-weeks]

Introduction to Fiction
Holly Day
January 24, 2024- February 28, 2024
Time
Wed, 01/24/2024 - 10:00am - Wed, 02/28/2024 - 12:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

Learn to write fiction in a non-intimidating environment with fellow beginners. We’ll cover important aspects of craft, including plot, structure, and characterization, while reading work that epitomizes well crafted story. Writers such as Octavia Butler, Min Jin Lee, Jamaica Kincaid, Orhan Pamuk...
The Power of Subversion: Tools and Strategies for Change
Allison Wyss
January 24, 2024 - February 28, 2024
Time
Wed, 01/24/2024 - 1:00pm - Wed, 02/28/2024 - 3:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

Subversion is a powerful way to question our world and make change. We can start with stories that seem safe and familiar, then twist them to create something new, something better, maybe something dangerous. We'll examine and try out some strategies for subversion including: surfacing the subtext...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/power-subversion-tools-and-strategies-change]

Memory in Fiction—The Power of Subjectivity
Sruthi Narayanan
January 24, 2024 - April 10, 2024
Time
Wed, 01/24/2024 - 4:00pm - Wed, 04/10/2024 - 6:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $444.00 | Member $399.60

This class will invite students to explore the topic of memory from the standpoint of both a reader and a writer. When is a memory in the past more powerful than a scene in the present? What opportunities do we have to not only acknowledge moments of imperfect recollection, but allow those moments...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/memory-fiction-power-subjectivity]

Connecting With Your Characters: The Art of Intimacy in Fiction
Allison Wyss
January 25, 2024 - March 14, 2024
Time
Thu, 01/25/2024 - 10:00am - Thu, 03/14/2024 - 12:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

Stacy D'Erasmo's The Art of Intimacy: The Space Between asks "What is the nature of intimacy? What happens in the space between us? And how do we, as writers, reflect it on the page?" She's not talking about sex (usually...) but about other forms of connection and the spaces that carry meaning—that...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/connecting-your-characters-art-intimacy-fiction]

Fiction Basics: Five Parts of Story
Brian Malloy
January 27, 2024
Time
Sat, 01/27/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/27/2024 - 4:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

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...
### 2024 Year-Long Novel Writing Project with Peter Geye—Winter Online Cohort

**Peter Geye**  
February 1, 2024 - December 12, 2024  
**Time**  
Thu, 02/01/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/12/2024 - 8:00pm  
**Fiction**  
**Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $7,500.00 | Member $7,440.00  

Your novel, from first word to last and on to market.

One year is plenty of time to write a novel. That's the first lesson of this year-long course. The hundred other lessons that follow will take into account everything from how to begin to how to end, and what to do with your novel once you've...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/2024-year-long-novel-writing-project-peter-geye-winter-online-cohort)

### Arrows in Flight: Short Story Structure & Strategy

**Mary Ringstad**  
February 3, 2024  
**Time**  
Sat, 02/03/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/03/2024 - 2:00pm  
**Fiction**  
**Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60  

Irish writer Mary Lavin excelled at the art and the arc of evocative short stories. She said a good one is like an arrow in flight—it's not about beginnings or endings, it's the middle that counts.

In this class, we will put that theory to the test. We'll start with review and discussion of...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/arrows-flight-short-story-structure-strategy)

### Fiction Basics: Characters & Characterization

**Brian Malloy**  
February 3, 2024  
**Time**  
Sat, 02/03/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/03/2024 - 4:00pm  
**Fiction**  
**Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95  

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)

### Fiction Basics: Point of View

**Brian Malloy**  
February 10, 2024  
**Time**  
Sat, 02/10/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/10/2024 - 4:00pm  
**Fiction**  
**Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95  

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)
Fiction Basics: Setting
Brian Malloy
February 17, 2024
Time: Sat, 02/17/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/17/2024 - 4:00pm
Price: Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

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]

Put Some Rev in Your Revision—Ready Your Short Stories For Publication
Troy Wilderson
February 20, 2024 - April 9, 2024
Time: Tue, 02/20/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/09/2024 - 9:00pm
Price: Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

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/put-some-rev-your-revision-ready-your-short-stories-publication]

Short Story Nitty Gritty
Troy Wilderson
February 21, 2024 - April 10, 2024
Time: Wed, 02/21/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 04/10/2024 - 9:00pm
Price: Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

Wondering about the basic elements needed in crafting a short story? Each week we'll dive into the essential aspects of the short story form such as character, plot, point of view, theme, and setting. Students will pre-read a short story by Viet Thanh Nguyen. A discussion about its core strengths...

View Online
[https://loft.org/classes/short-story-nitty-gritty-0]

Fiction Basics: Scene, Summary, and Narrative Time
Brian Malloy
February 24, 2024
Time: Sat, 02/24/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/24/2024 - 4:00pm
Price: Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

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-0]
Creative Language
Brian Malloy
March 2, 2024
Time
Sat, 03/02/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/02/2024 - 4:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price  Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

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/creative-language]

Fiction Basics: Revision
Brian Malloy
March 9, 2024
Time
Sat, 03/09/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/09/2024 - 4:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price  Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

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]

Stories that Haunt Us
Holly Day
March 20, 2024- April 10, 2024
Time
Wed, 03/20/2024 - 1:00pm - Wed, 04/10/2024 - 3:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price  Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

Do you like to tell scary stories? In this class, we'll discuss examples of ghost stories and talk about "real" haunted houses, then write our own stories based on our own haunted houses, landscapes, objects, and even time periods, featuring our own spooky characters. Think of this class as spending...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/stories-haunt-us]

Strange Fiction: Writing the Horrific and Harrowing
Rachel Moulton
April 3, 2024- May 8, 2024
Time
Wed, 04/03/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 05/08/2024 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price  Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

This class will experiment with the horror genre, asking students to write a short piece of fiction (story or chapter) that manipulates and elevates the everyday into the bizarre and heart pounding. Students will be asked to generate new work every class with the intent of also workshopping a more...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/strange-fiction-writing-horrific-and-harrowing]
Craft Intensive: Master Your Writing, Prep Your Novel for Publication
Steve Almond
April 13, 2024
Time
Sat, 04/13/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/13/2024 - 4:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $250.00 | Member $225.00

In this fast-paced, day-long intensive, we'll discuss the elements of craft that elevate a manuscript from the slush pile to a publishable book. Among the topics we'll cover are effective narration, world-building, layered characters, plot momentum, and the importance of a strong opening. We'll look...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/craft-intensive-master-your-writing-prep-your-novel-publication]

Beyond the Nitty Gritty: Short Story Deep Dive
Troy Wilderson
June 19, 2024- August 14, 2024
Time
Wed, 06/19/2024 - 7:00pm - Wed, 08/14/2024 - 10:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

Want to feel more confident in crafting a short story? Each week we'll dive into "craft" and some vital aspects of the short story form such as point of view, characterization, plot, stakes, and structure. Students will pre-read a short story by Viet Thanh Nguyen. A discussion about its strengths on...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beyond-nitty-gritty-short-story-deep-dive]

Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers: Fiction for BIPOC Writers (Summer 2024-Online)
Taiwana Shambley
July 10, 2024- July 17, 2024
Time
Wed, 07/10/2024 - 7:00pm - Wed, 07/17/2024 - 9:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $40.00 | Member $36.00 | Pay What You Can $0.00

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 case...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-fiction-bipoc-writers-summer-2024-online]

MULTIGENRE

Food Writing: Beyond the Plate
Justine Jones
January 24, 2024- March 13, 2024
Time
Wed, 01/24/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/13/2024 - 6:00pm
Multigenre | Adult
Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

Food Writing: Beyond the Plate will explore all the fun and pleasure that's to be had in food writing, while also examining its role as a vital commentary on culture, place, family, politics, and power. Each class will have one hour dedicated to lecture and class discussion, and the other to in...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/food-writing-beyond-plate]
Decolonizing Your Creative Voice
Anaïs Duplan

January 25, 2024 - February 15, 2024

Time
Thu, 01/25/2024 - 1:00pm - Thu, 02/15/2024 - 3:00pm

Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

Language carries violence, particularly in the ways we have been socialized to communicate and relate to one another, operating within a language that was used to colonize many of us out of our communal, holistic, and expansive ways of being. How do writers, coming from all professions, challenge...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/decolonizing-your-creative-voice]

Starting a Large Writing Project
Melanie Figg

Time
Sat, 01/27/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 01/27/2024 - 12:00pm

Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Ready to turn all those notes and fragments into something "real"? This class is for writers ready to explore, organize, and start to develop their fragments into a large writing project or book (novel, memoir, poem or essay collection, hybrid).

In this class, participants will begin to organize...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/starting-large-writing-project]

The Joys of Queering Narrative
Jesaka Long

Time
Tue, 01/30/2024 - 1:00pm - Tue, 03/19/2024 - 3:00pm

Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

"Author Andrea Lawlor (they/them) spoke in an interview about the importance of connecting with queer and trans writing, saying "by identifying some of the particular contributions of queer and trans writing, we can learn more about the conversations we want to join, lineages we might not know were..."

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/joys-queering-narrative]

More than Garfield: Adding Depth to How We Write About Our Animals
Anna Molenaar

Time
Thu, 02/01/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 02/08/2024 - 8:00pm

Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

In this class, students will explore pet memoirs and poetry with a focus on how craft choices deepen themes, tones, and meanings. From historical accounts of beloved pets like Virginia Woolf's Flush to modern day memoirs like Rodney Stott's Bird Brother that explore how animals can change our lives...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/more-garfield-adding-depth-how-we-write-about-our-animals]
Memory and Fragmentation: A Revision Workshop  
Piper Lane  
February 3, 2024- February 10, 2024  
Time  
Sat, 02/03/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/10/2024 - 4:00pm  
Multigenre  
Adult  
Price  
Regular $111.00  
Member $99.90  

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...  

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/memory-and-fragmentation-revision-workshop]

Writing as Healing  
Roxanne Sadovsky  
February 8, 2024- March 28, 2024  
Time  
Thu, 02/08/2024 - 10:00am - Thu, 03/28/2024 - 12:00pm  
Multigenre  
Adult  
Price  
Regular $296.00  
Member $266.40  

Come home to yourself, your writing practice, and your community of writers by sharing in this simple, rejuvenating writing centered retreat! We'll spend our morning together writing and sharing in rounds inspired by outrageous prompting from the gritty to the ecstatic, from the murky unknowns, to...  

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

Making It Real  
Kate St. Vincent Vogl  
February 13, 2024- March 19, 2024  
Time  
Tue, 02/13/2024 - 12:00pm - Tue, 03/19/2024 - 2:00pm  
Multigenre  
Adult  
Price  
Regular $222.00  
Member $199.80  

How do writers make stories feel so real? We'll look at the works of great writers like Zadie Smith, Mohsin Hamid, and Luis Arturo Ramos, among others, in order to put their award-winning (and best-selling) techniques to work in our prose writing—whether memoir or fiction, novel or short story....  

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/making-it-real-1]

Pollinating Paradise-Writing the Non-Human  
Ashia Ajani  
February 13, 2024- March 5, 2024  
Time  
Tue, 02/13/2024 - 2:00pm - Tue, 03/05/2024 - 5:00pm  
Multigenre  
Adult  
Price  
Regular $148.00  
Member $133.20  

Grounded in the multifaceted and diverse nature of the animal kingdom, this class will explore how humans have always turned to the animal kingdom to better understand ourselves and our place in the world. This class begs the question: how does traditional ecological knowledge, passed down through...  

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/pollinating-paradise-writing-non-human]
A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers: The ABCs of Narrative Construction
David Mura

Time
March 2, 2024 | Sat, 03/02/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/02/2024 - 2:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular $40.00 | Member $36.00 | Pay What You Can $0.00

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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-abcs-narrative-construction]

How to Create an Irresistible Narrator
Steve Almond

Time
March 16, 2024- March 23, 2024 | Sat, 03/16/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/23/2024 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular $111.00 | Member $99.90

Many a short story, essay, novel, and memoir have gone unpublished because the author fails to create a strong narrator, one who can act as a wise and entertaining guide to the reader. In this fast-paced-but-hopefully-coherent session, we'll examine the work of Melissa Chadburn, Jane Austen, Joan...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/how-create-irresistible-narrator]

Unlocking Hidden Narratives with Erasure and Blackout Poetry
Blythe Baird

Time
March 28, 2024- March 30, 2024 | Thu, 03/28/2024 - 12:00pm - Sat, 03/30/2024 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

Erasure/Blackout poetry is a form that relies on concealing sections of an existing text to unveil a new and unique story. In this unique class, we'll use these techniques to transform pre-existing texts into contrasting or subversive messages. You'll learn how to dig for hidden stories or emotions...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/unlocking-hidden-narratives-erasure-and-blackout-poetry]

Funny Is the New Deep: How to Harness Your Comic Impulse
Steve Almond

Time
March 30, 2024- April 6, 2024 | Sat, 03/30/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/06/2024 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult
Price Regular $111.00 | Member $99.90

Contrary to popular belief, writing funny doesn't mean sacrificing depth. On the contrary, for most literary writers, the comic impulse is inextricably linked to tragedy. It's not a conscious effort to entertain the reader so much as an unconscious effort to face some tragic moment or realization...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/funny-new-deep-how-harness-your-comic-impulse]
Writing Yourself Out of Your Rhythm Rut
Roxanne Sadovsky

Time
April 11, 2024 | Thu, 04/11/2024 - 10:00am - Thu, 04/11/2024 - 2:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

We often think of poetry when we talk about rhythmic writing, yet finding your unique internal tempo, cadence, pitch and pause is essential to finding flow, passion and full blossom as a writer of any genre. Often writers will equate writer’s block with not having anything important to say or being...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-yourself-out-your-rhythm-rut]

Beyond Google: Research Strategies for Historically Accurate Writing
Kristine Spanier

Time
April 27, 2024 | Sat, 04/27/2024 - 11:00am - Sat, 04/27/2024 - 3:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

What clothing should your characters wear? What should they eat? What do they care about? What do their homes look like? How do they get around? Every time period has a million little details to get right but most writers of historical fiction and nonfiction have one thing in common: They find...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beyond-google-research-strategies-historically-accurate-writing]

PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

Winter Sampler Class: Screenplay Writing
Michael Gorrie

Time
January 13, 2024 | Sat, 01/13/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/13/2024 - 2:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

Price
Regular $8.00 | Member $7.20

Want to try your hand at screenplay writing? Don't have a ton of time to commit to the class? Look no further! If you’re new to the Loft 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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/winter-sampler-class-screenplay-writing]

Introduction to Television Writing
Bo Kaprall

Time
January 23, 2024 - March 12, 2024 | Tue, 01/23/2024 - 10:00am - Tue, 03/12/2024 - 12:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

This class is designed for creative writers with no prior experience, as well as those with writing experience, wishing 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 (reality TV)...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/introduction-television-writing]
Write Your Screenplay or TV Pilot in 6 Weeks
Michael Gorrie

March 21, 2024 - April 25, 2024
Time
Thu, 03/21/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 04/25/2024 - 8:00pm

Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/write-your-screenplay-or-tv-pilot-6-weeks-0]

POETRY

Winter Sampler Class: Poetry
Chelsea DesAutels

January 16, 2024
Time
Tue, 01/16/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 01/16/2024 - 7:00pm

Poetry | Adult

Price
Regular $8.00 | Member $7.20

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/winter-sampler-class-poetry]

Decolonizing Poetry
Gauri Awasthi

January 24, 2024 - February 28, 2024
Time
Wed, 01/24/2024 - 4:00pm - Wed, 02/28/2024 - 6:00pm

Poetry | Adult

Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

Different cultures and communities have been colonized, subverted, and often removed from history to respond to the colonizer's culture in diverse ways. In this seminar, we examine poetry and poets who've spoken from marginalized groups and made themselves seen through their writing. We will focus...

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

Making the Space for Poetry in Our World
Deborah Keenan

January 25, 2024 - February 29, 2024
Time
Thu, 01/25/2024 - 10:00am - Thu, 02/29/2024 - 12:00pm

Poetry | Adult

Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

We'll read and discuss many poems written by diverse and extraordinary poets, both living and dead. Students will write and turn in as many poems as they wish; all work will be read and feedback provided by peers and teaching artist.

After the first session, in which many poems and writing...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/making-space-poetry-our-world]
2024 Year-Long Poetry Apprenticeship with Heid E. Erdrich—Winter Online Cohort
Heid E. Erdrich

Time
January 31, 2024- December 31, 2024  Wed, 01/31/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 12/31/2024 - 9:00pm  Poetry  Adult

Price  Regular $7,500.00  Member $7,440.00

The 2024 Poetry Apprenticeship Program is a mixture of one-on-one time with Heid Erdrich, and time spent with your full poetry cohort.

Your one-on-one sessions will be tailored specifically to you and your goals. The primary reading for these sessions will be your poetry. One-on-one time will...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/2024-year-long-poetry-apprenticeship-heid-e-erdrich-winter-online-cohort]

Risk, Reveal, Reinvent: A Poetry Revision Primer
Chelsea DesAutels

Time
February 3, 2024  Sat, 02/03/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/03/2024 - 1:00pm  Poetry  Adult

Price  Regular $55.50  Member $49.95

Marie Howe once described her revision process as an attempt to uncover the poem's "organic heart, its unsayable necessity." In this class, we will dispel with the notion that revision is simply an erasing of error; instead, we will treat revision as an exciting mode of discovery. Ultimately, you...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/risk-reveal-reinvent-poetry-revision-primer]

Finding the Poet Within
Holly Day

Time
February 7, 2024- February 28, 2024  Wed, 02/07/2024 - 1:00pm - Wed, 02/28/2024 - 3:00pm  Poetry  Adult

Price  Regular $148.00  Member $133.20

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-0]

Line Breaks – Tools of Musical Notation
Melanie Figg

Time
February 17, 2024  Sat, 02/17/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/17/2024 - 12:00pm  Poetry  Adult

Price  Regular $55.50  Member $49.95

Pretty sure your line breaks could be stronger and more intentional? Or just flat-out baffled by line breaks? If we approach the line as a tool of musical notation, our poems open up on the page in a beautiful way. In this hands-on class, you'll learn how line breaks create and affect the melody of...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/line-breaks-tools-musical-notation]
In the Moment: Writing Contemporary Haiku
Jennifer Burd
February 20, 2024 - March 12, 2024
Time
Tue, 02/20/2024 - 12:00pm - Tue, 03/12/2024 - 2:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

Haiku is much more than lines of 5-7-5! In this four-week class, we will talk about and practice other aspects of form that are key in contemporary haiku, including word choice, cut and juxtaposition, and fragment and phrase, while looking at and discussing what the “haiku moment” is all about, and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/moment-writing-contemporary-haiku]

Songs in the Dark: Writing Through Trauma
Joan Kwon Glass
February 24, 2024 - March 2, 2024
Time
Sat, 02/24/2024 - 12:00pm - Sat, 03/02/2024 - 2:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

In Motto, Bertolt Brecht writes: “In the dark times, will there also be singing? Yes there will be singing. / About the dark times.” In this double session, generative poetry workshop, we will read and write poems about living within and through “dark times” in one’s personal history and in the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/songs-dark-writing-through-trauma]

Aspects of Craft in Poetry: Negative Space
Tasslyn Magnusson
February 24, 2024
Time
Sat, 02/24/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/24/2024 - 4:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Negative (or blank or white) space is a poetic super-power. From end-stop to enjambment to letters staggered across a page or an offset line at the bottom of the page, poets sure understand how to work with the negative or blank space on the page. But do you want to know a secret? Prose writers have...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/aspects-craft-poetry-negative-space-0]

Poetry—Lost and Found
Tasslyn Magnusson
March 2, 2024
Time
Sat, 03/02/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/02/2024 - 12:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Writing Found Poetry – the art of collaging words – is an undertaking that is challenging and provocative. Whether you are curious about creating your own or want to understand poets that practice this form, this class is for you.

As poets, it is important to remember that creative constraints...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetry-lost-and-found-0]
**Advanced Poetry Workshop**  
Blythe Baird  
April 4, 2024 - May 9, 2024  
**Time** Thu, 04/04/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 05/09/2024 - 8:00pm  
**Price** Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

This six-week critique-based workshop is designed to turn your works-in-progress into polished pieces through the art of written and verbal feedback. Each participant will receive a combination of laser-focused teaching artist critique and insights from fellow talented writers. By focusing on both...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/advanced-poetry-workshop)

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**The Next Thing to Say**  
Rolly Kent  
April 6, 2024  
**Time** Sat, 04/06/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/06/2024 - 1:00pm  
**Price** Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Whether it’s a descriptive set-up or a bit of dialog—in poetry we’re always confronted with where the poem should go next.

In this poetry workshop, we will meet for a three-hour session devoted to generating new material from a variety of writing exercises. A good exercise can be looked at as an...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/next-thing-say)

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**Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers: Divinatory Poetics–Using Tarot Imagery to Generate Poems Intuitively (Winter 2024–Online)**  
Sun Yung Shin  
April 18, 2024 - April 25, 2024  
**Time** Thu, 04/18/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 04/25/2024 - 8:00pm  
**Price** Regular $40.00 | Member $36.00 | Pay What You Can $0.00

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...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-divinatory-poetics-using-tarot-imagery-generate-poems)

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**PUBLISHING AND CAREER**

**Winter Sampler Class: Freelance Writing**  
Lisa Meyers McClintick  
January 17, 2024  
**Time** Wed, 01/17/2024 - 1:00pm - Wed, 01/17/2024 - 2:00pm  
**Price** Regular $8.00 | Member $7.20

If you’ve wondered about freelancing full time or as a side gig, come to this sampler class and get a preview of this DIY career. The class will cover networking, how to find markets, where to get inspiration, how to pitch, how to track your work and finances, and develop expertise.

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/winter-sampler-class-freelance-writing)
Perfecting the Freelance Pitch
Lisa Meyers McClintick

January 23, 2024 - February 13, 2024  
Time: Tue, 01/23/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/13/2024 - 8:00pm  
Publishing and Career  
Adult

Price  
Regular: $148.00  
Member: $133.20

If you've wondered about the life of a freelance writer, this class will dive into the many paths you can follow, such as corporate writing, content marketing, magazines and newspapers, social media and blogging.

Almost any life experience can be an asset, and there will be time for each...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/perfecting-freelance-pitch]

Introduction to Self-Publishing
Jennifer DeVries

January 23, 2024 - February 27, 2024  
Time: Tue, 01/23/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/27/2024 - 8:00pm  
Publishing and Career  
Adult

Price  
Regular: $222.00  
Member: $199.80

You've put the finishing touches on your manuscript, and now you're ready to get it into the hands of readers. Congratulations! But before you start crafting your query letters, make sure you've considered all your options. Did you know that your odds of getting a literary agent to represent your...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/introduction-self-publishing]

Getting Your Word Out: Publishing, Submitting, and Marketing Your Writing
Holly Day

January 27, 2024  
Time: Sat, 01/27/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/27/2024 - 4:00pm  
Publishing and Career  
Adult

Price  
Regular: $55.50  
Member: $49.95

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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/getting-your-word-out-publishing-submitting-and-marketing-your-writing]

Navigating Publishing for the Neurodivergent Writer
W.L. Bolm

January 30, 2024 - February 20, 2024  
Time: Tue, 01/30/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/20/2024 - 8:00pm  
Publishing and Career  
Adult

Price  
Regular: $148.00  
Member: $133.20

Learn how to showcase your passion and unique vision while navigating barriers to publication. Class sessions will focus on working around common challenges, writing for different audiences, how to utilize the feedback process to learn common standards and conventions, and how to find the right...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/navigating-publishing-neurodivergent-writer]
The Rich Writer's Life
Rachel Werner
February 13, 2024- February 20, 2024
Time
Tue, 02/13/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/20/2024 - 8:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60
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...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/rich-writers-life]

Winter Sampler: Submitting Your Work
Courtney Harler
February 14, 2024- February 21, 2024
Time
Wed, 02/14/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 02/21/2024 - 7:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $16.00
Is your work ready for the world? Is the world ready for your work? In this double session sampler, come explore your options for submission (and potentially, publication!) with CRAFT Literary Magazine Editor in Chief, Courtney Harler. Courtney has worked in the literary industry as a writer...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/winter-sampler-submitting-your-work]

Best Practices in Applying for Writing Grants and Residencies
Sarah Cypher
February 17, 2024
Time
Sat, 02/17/2024 - 2:00pm - Sat, 02/17/2024 - 5:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95
No matter where you are in your writing practice, getting to the next stage of your journey often means assembling a professional, creative application for residencies, grants, MFA programs, and juried workshops. In this concise session, we will discuss the basic elements of good artist statements...
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What to Expect When You’re Debuting
Sarah Cypher
March 2, 2024
Time
Sat, 03/02/2024 - 2:00pm - Sat, 03/02/2024 - 5:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95
For any writer with a book coming out, the experience comes with many questions, decisions, and moments of imposter syndrome. It’s never too early to get familiar with the territory and identify your strengths, weaknesses, and needs so this milestone is every bit as joyful as it deserves to be. I...
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Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers: Finding Community in Literary Magazines (Winter 2024–Open Book)
Halee Kirkwood

March 5, 2024- March 12, 2024  Time  Tue, 03/05/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 03/12/2024 - 8:00pm  Publishing and Career  Adult

Price  Regular $40.00  Member $36.00  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/writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-finding-community-literary-magazines-winter-2024-open]

Cooking with Words
Mary Ringstad

March 9, 2024  Time  Sat, 03/09/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/09/2024 - 12:00pm  Publishing and Career  Adult

Price  Regular $55.50  Member $49.95

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 concepting, recipe formatting, editorial, tips, blurbs and sidebars. And we'll stir in writing food blogs...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/cooking-words]

Queries About Querying
Amy Bishop-Wycisk

March 14, 2024  Time  Thu, 03/14/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 03/14/2024 - 8:00pm  Publishing and Career  Adult

Price  Regular $37.00  Member $33.30

You want to break into traditional publishing, but to do that, you need an agent. And an agent is requiring a query letter (and potentially a synopsis and anywhere from 5-30 pages). The first in a series of classes, this class breaks down the process of writing a query letter, with time for a Q&A at...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/queries-about-querying]

The Scoop Behind the Slush Pile
Amy Bishop-Wycisk

March 21, 2024  Time  Thu, 03/21/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 03/21/2024 - 8:00pm  Publishing and Career  Adult

Price  Regular $37.00  Member $33.30

You've managed to distill your novel into a concise, compelling pitch, you've written a synopsis, researched agents, you've sent out your queries, and now...you're just waiting. And waiting. And waiting! What exactly is going on in an agent's brain as they read your query? What makes your query stand...

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After all your hard work—writing your novel or proposal, figuring out the wild world of querying, likely hearing a lot of no's—you've made it! An agent has read your material and loves it. They want to talk to you about offering representation! But now what? What should you expect from this call...

*View Online [https://loft.org/classes/popping-question-what-ask-agent-when-they-offer-representation]*