**Loft Sampler Class: Poetry**

**Chelsea DesAutels**

September 5, 2023

**Time**

Tue, 09/05/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 09/05/2023 - 7:00pm

**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/loft-sampler-class-poetry-5)

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**Loft Sampler Class: Fiction**

**Allison Wyss**

September 7, 2023

**Time**

Thu, 09/07/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 09/07/2023 - 7:00pm

**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/loft-sampler-class-fiction-6)

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**Scrivener 101**

**Nicole Kronzer**

September 20, 2023

**Time**

Wed, 09/20/2023 - 5:00pm - Wed, 09/20/2023 - 8:00pm

**Price**

Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Have you downloaded Scrivener and are overwhelmed by all it can do? Never fear! We will go over the basics of using this robust novel-writing software including but not limited to split-screen writing, Revision Mode, organizing with notecards, and the uses of the Inspector.

This class is aimed...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/scrivener-101-7)

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**First Steps into Writing**

**Patricia Hoolihan**

November 7, 2023 - December 19, 2023

**Time**

Tue, 11/07/2023 - 10:00am - Tue, 12/19/2023 - 12:00pm

**Price**

Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

This is a class for those who are ready for the adventure of claiming or reclaiming who you are as a writer. Find out what you have to say! Explore the world around you and within you in new ways through language. Writing exercises will encourage you to open doors and cross thresholds to find words...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/first-steps-writing-9)
Writing for Kids and Teens
Rachel Werner
October 25, 2023
Time
Wed, 10/25/2023 - 5:00pm - Wed, 10/25/2023 - 8:00pm

Children's and Young Adult Literature

Price
Regular $55.50  |  Member $49.95

How does one writer compelling narratives specifically for a younger audience? If you're struggling to craft relatable characters, plus identify solid mentor texts as a guide, this workshop is for you. Explore character, culture, diversity, compassion and empathy with other kidlit and YA authors...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-kids-and-teens]

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Children's Writing for Beginners
Lisa Bullard
November 1, 2023- December 13, 2023
Time
Wed, 11/01/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/13/2023 - 8:00pm

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-7]

Research and Writing: Children’s Nonfiction for Education
Lisa M. Bolt Simons
December 16, 2023
Time
Sat, 12/16/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/16/2023 - 4:00pm

Price
Regular $111.00  |  Member $99.90

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/research-and-writing-childrens-nonfiction-education-8]

CREATIVE NONFICTION

Get Paid to Eat: Food Writing
Rachel Werner
July 29, 2023
Time
Sat, 07/29/2023 - 9:30am - Sat, 07/29/2023 - 1:30pm

Price
Regular $74.00  |  Member $66.60

Are you an avid foodie who loves to write? Or are you looking to master senses-based, descriptive prose to better compliment your amazing food photography skills? This "101" class is for writers interested in becoming food critics and those already working in the niche market of "epicurean" content...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/get-paid-eat-food-writing]
My Story: Personal Narrative for College & Scholarship Essays
Mitchell LeGrand

Time
August 1, 2023 - August 4, 2023 | Tue, 08/01/2023 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/04/2023 - 12:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

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

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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/my-story-personal-narrative-college-scholarship-essays]

Voice and Structure in Creative Nonfiction
Roseanne Pereira

Time
August 2, 2023 - August 29, 2023 | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

Voice and structure are both critical to nonfiction writing. In this literature-based class, we'll read a range of different narrative voices and hone our sense of the relationship between form and content.

This class is a fit for anyone willing to look closely at creative nonfiction including...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/voice-and-structure-creative-nonfiction]

Power of the Pen: How to Convince People of Anything
Elizabeth Yost

Time
August 8, 2023 - August 11, 2023 | Tue, 08/08/2023 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/11/2023 - 12:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

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

Convince your friends to watch your favorite TV show, your English teacher that you deserve an A on that paper, and your guardians to let you go to that exciting event. In this class, you'll...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/power-pen-how-convince-people-anything]

Homesick: The Role of Place in Memoir
Kathryn Savage

Time
August 12, 2023 | Sat, 08/12/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/12/2023 - 1:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

In this craft-centered class, we will spend one day together intensively asking the question: how does place shape and inform our prose? We'll read, write, and discuss the craft of place in our nonfiction, through the lens of assigned course readings and generative writing prompts. We will read bell...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/homesick-role-place-memoir-0]
**Loft Sampler Class: Memoir**

*Lynette Reini-Grandell*

**September 6, 2023**

**Time**
Wed, 09/06/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 09/06/2023 - 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/loft-sampler-class-memoir)

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**"The Story You Are About to See Is True": Writing Crime**

*David Bushman*

**September 18, 2023 - October 23, 2023**

**Time**
Mon, 09/18/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 10/23/2023 - 9:00pm

**Creative Nonfiction** | **Adult**

**Price**
Regular $333.00 | Member $299.70

Mark Twain's Pudd'nhead Wilson said it back in 1897, and it's still true today: “Truth is stranger than fiction, but it is because Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; Truth isn’t.” This class is for anyone interested in writing true crime, a crime novel based on a real-life incident, or...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/story-you-are-about-see-true-writing-crime)

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**A Memoir That Goes Beyond You**

*Rachel Signer*

**September 18, 2023 - September 27, 2023**

**Time**
Mon, 09/18/2023 - 6:30pm - Wed, 09/27/2023 - 8:30pm

**Creative Nonfiction** | **Adult**

**Price**
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

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 session class will involve...

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

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**Like a Thread through the Labyrinth: Finding the Arc of Your Memoir**

*Lynette Reini-Grandell*

**September 19, 2023 - October 24, 2023**

**Time**
Tue, 09/19/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 10/24/2023 - 8:00pm

**Creative Nonfiction** | **Adult**

**Price**
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

Whether you want to write an essay or a book, memoir is a form that asks the writer to choose which memories to explore and which to skip over. But how do you decide? How do you determine what stories to tell? Another complication is that life is not easily divided into segments of beginning, middle...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/thread-through-labyrinth-finding-arc-your-memoir-1)

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**Writing Delight: Cultivating Delight in the Brief Essay**

*Beth Gilstrap*

**September 20, 2023 - November 15, 2023**

**Creative Nonfiction** | **Adult**

**Price**
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

In a time when we are living through active trauma and unrest, it's essential to find ways to continue to be present in our creative lives and work. In Ross Gay’s brilliant The Book of Delights, he does just this by “writing a daily essay about something delightful.” He set his rules: “write a...
Real People as Characters: Creating a Cast for Your Memoir
Jackie Cangro
September 20, 2023 - October 18, 2023 | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price  Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

Character development isn't just for fiction writers. Memoirs also hinge on creating compelling, dynamic characters that speak to our shared humanity. We'll take a look at five ways to bring the people in your life to the page. Then we'll do a deeper dive into motivation, goals, and conflict—
the...

Finding Your Story, Telling Your Truth
Carolyn Holbrook
September 20, 2023 - December 13, 2023
Wed, 09/20/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/13/2023 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price  Regular $444.00 | Member $399.60

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

Personal Essays: The Art and Craft of Narrative Nonfiction
Jessie Sholl
September 20, 2023 - December 13, 2023
Wed, 09/20/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/13/2023 - 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...

Legacy Writing: Capturing Moments for Future Generations
Brenda Hudson
September 21, 2023 - November 9, 2023
Thu, 09/21/2023 - 1:00pm - Thu, 11/09/2023 - 3:00pm | 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/real-people-characters-creating-cast-your-memoir]

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/finding-your-story-telling-your-truth-3]

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/personal-essays-art-and-craft-narrative-nonfiction-1]

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/legacy-writing-capturing-moments-future-generations-0]
**Make a Statement: College and Scholarship Essays That Standout**

Mitchell LeGrand  
September 23, 2023  
Time: Sat, 09/23/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 09/23/2023 - 12:00pm  
Creative Nonfiction  
Youth  
Price: Regular $55.50  
Member $49.95  

In this class, we will go over what college and scholarship committees are looking for in your application, the basics of personal narrative writing and getting your essay started, and how to make your application essays stand out! This class includes fun and engaging activities to start generating...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/make-statement-college-and-scholarship-essays-standout)

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**Where Do We Go from Here?: A College Application Forum for Students and Parents**

Mitchell LeGrand  
September 23, 2023  
Time: Sat, 09/23/2023 - 1:00pm - Sat, 09/23/2023 - 4:00pm  
Creative Nonfiction  
Youth  
Price: Regular $55.50  
Member $49.95  

The most challenging part of college for many people is navigating the system. Writing essays is a big part of the process. But where do I find the applications? Where are the scholarship opportunities? How do I decide where to go? How do I make the financially right decision? At this forum, we will...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/where-do-we-go-here-college-application-forum-students-and-parents)

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**Write Your Life: An Essential Guide to Writing Memoir**

Kate St. Vincent Vogl  
September 30, 2023  
Time: Sat, 09/30/2023 - 9:30am - Sat, 09/30/2023 - 1:30pm  
Creative Nonfiction  
Adult  
Price: Regular $74.00  
Member $66.60  

How can you best write the story of your life? Maybe you've started writing (and maybe you haven't), but now you're stuck, wondering what to include and what to leave out. How much of the family history should you tell? And what do you do about that family secret?

This class provides real world...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/write-your-life-essential-guide-writing-memoir-4)

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**Flash Memoir: Life Stories in 500 Words or Less**

Brenda Hudson  
October 14, 2023  
Time: Sat, 10/14/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/14/2023 - 12:00pm  
Creative Nonfiction  
Adult  
Price: Regular $55.50  
Member $49.95  

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

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/flash-memoir-life-stories-500-words-or-less-4)
Loft Sampler Class: Creative Nonfiction
Vanessa Ramos
October 14, 2023
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/loft-sampler-class-creative-nonfiction-6]

Writing Occult Nonfiction
Cassandra Snow
October 28, 2023
Price Regular $74.00  Member $66.60

In this class, we'll focus on learning and writing about a variety of occult topics, from divination to witchcraft and beyond. We'll dive into lecture topics, discussion and small group work, as well as in-class writing exercises. Students will solidify the topics they are excited to write about...

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

Writing the Braided Essay
Emily Trenholm
October 31, 2023- December 12, 2023
Price Regular $222.00  Member $199.80

Do you have two creative lines of thought that feel inexplicably linked? Do you have a sense that two stories are in fact one? Do you delight in challenging a narrative from the inside out? The braided essay is a relatively new and exciting form that can give new life and add texture to the personal...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-braided-essay-0]

Introduction to Creative Nonfiction
Vanessa Ramos
November 1, 2023- December 13, 2023
Price Regular $222.00  Member $199.80

Learn to write creative nonfiction in a non-intimidating environment with fellow beginners. We'll cover important aspects of craft, including narrative, structure, and characterization, while studying short essays and long form creative nonfiction that epitomizes well crafted story by writers such...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/introduction-creative-nonfiction-10]
Writing Body & Community in Memoir
Ciara Alfaro
November 1, 2023- December 13, 2023
Wed, 11/01/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/13/2023 - 8:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

In "Writing Body & Community in Memoir," we'll explore various techniques for rediscovering the body on the page. We'll study what it looks like to write bodies within and apart from community in the memoirist story, as well as practice new ways of unlocking memory within our own bodies. We'll study...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-body-community-memoir]

Moments into Memoir
Maria Burns Ortiz
November 2, 2023- November 30, 2023
Thu, 11/02/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 11/30/2023 - 8:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

The most effective memoirs create a comprehensive and cohesive story told through the moments that moved us. Figure out what those moments are, and the memoir starts to take form. This class will tackle these first key steps in crafting a memoir and help writers interested in memoir writing to...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/moments-memoir-3]

Wondering & Wandering: Writing the Personal Essay
Rebecca Jamieson
December 2, 2023
Sat, 12/02/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/02/2023 - 12:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

How do we write a stirring essay from the raw materials of our own lives, fears, desires, and curiosities? What tools can we use to transform the mundane into the transcendent? In this class, we'll dive into the rich and flexible realm of the personal essay, discussing pieces from Aimee...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/wondering-wandering-writing-personal-essay]

CREATIVE PROCESS

Insight Writing
Roseanne Pereira
August 12, 2023
Sat, 08/12/2023 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/12/2023 - 12:00pm
Creative Process | Adult
Price Regular $37.00 | Member $33.30

Relax! This class will focus on generative writing from the comfort of your own home. By using guided meditations, short readings, and writing prompts, we will together create a contemplative atmosphere where discovery-oriented writing can emerge. Words by bell hooks, Alexander Chee, and Banana...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/insight-writing-0]
Unlock Your Block: Navigating Writer's Block
Bo Kaprall
September 30, 2023
Time  Sat, 09/30/2023 - 9:30am - Sat, 09/30/2023 - 1:30pm
Price  Regular $70.00  Member $63.00

Writer's block looks different to many people, but at the end of the day - or in the middle of your manuscript - we all face it at some point or another! While inspiration does not always come on command, there's still hope to get that scene written, get that manuscript composed, and get the river...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/unlock-your-block-navigating-writers-block]

Get Your Writing Life Organized
Paulette Perhach
October 14, 2023
Time  Sat, 10/14/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/14/2023 - 12:00pm
Price  Regular $55.50  Member $49.95

The muse does not live in a filing cabinet. That's why the writing life can swirl in the chaos of receipt-written ideas, scattered notes, and started projects. A few years in, we might have no idea what we've started, where we might find it, or even who was that editor we met at that writing...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/get-your-writing-life-organized]

Writing and Risk: Aligning Your Creativity with Your Life
Mary Carroll Moore
October 24, 2023
Time  Tue, 10/24/2023 - 1:00pm - Tue, 10/24/2023 - 5:00pm
Price  Regular $74.00  Member $66.60

How much freedom do you feel in your creativity and your writing? How much do you allow your personal values to enter in? Writing brings the most joy and satisfaction when it is aligned with your life beliefs in an authentic way. But it's often easier to stay safe and not risk revealing what matters...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-and-risk-aligning-your-creativity-your-life]

Writing Through Challenging Times: Journaling for Self-Care
Brenda Hudson
November 1, 2023- November 29, 2023
Time  Wed, 11/01/2023 - 10:00am - Wed, 11/29/2023 - 12:00pm
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 will be...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-through-challenging-times-journaling-self-care-1]
Writing from Meditation: Exploring Body and Breath as Creative Inspiration

Marlie McGovern

November 18, 2023

Time
Sat, 11/18/2023 - 9:30am - Sat, 11/18/2023 - 12:30pm

Creative Process | Adult

Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

What wisdom breathes in the body? What does the body know? This contemplative writing workshop integrates guided mindfulness meditations with generative writing inquiries to access embodied knowledge and to enhance our capacity for perception. Together, we will explore how the process of writing can...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-meditation-exploring-body-and-breath-creative-inspiration]

The Fab Five: Writing With the Senses

Kimberly Lee

December 2, 2023

Time
Sat, 12/02/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/02/2023 - 12:00pm

Creative Process | Adult

Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

We live on the leash of our senses.—Diane Ackerman Powerful writing stimulates the senses, allowing us to fully immerse ourselves in the scene the writer has created. Infusing our pages with imagery evoking scent, touch, taste, hearing, and sight leads to a multi-dimensional experience that stays...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fab-five-writing-senses]

DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Introduction to Writing Interactive Game Narrative

Justice Harrison

September 21, 2023- December 14, 2023

Time
Thu, 09/21/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/14/2023 - 8:00pm

Digital Storytelling | Adult

Price
Regular $444.00 | Member $399.60

Power to the Players! From Pong to The Last of Us, games have cemented themselves as one of the most innovative storytelling mediums we've come up with thus far. Games are storytelling engines, allowing audiences to not only experience bespoke, authored content, but to create their own stories...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/introduction-writing-interactive-game-narrative]

FICTION

Beneath the Surface: Exploring Subtext

Allison Wyss

July 17, 2023- August 21, 2023

Time
Mon, 07/17/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 08/21/2023 - 8:00pm

Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

Charles Baxter's The Art of Subtext: Beyond Plot examines those elements that propel readers beyond the plot of a novel or short story into the realm of what haunts the imagination: the implied, the half-visible, and the unspoken." It's an illuminating work on a tough subject. We'll pair each of...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beneath-surface-exploring-subtext]
Jump Start Your Novel

Olivia Fantini

July 18, 2023 - August 8, 2023

Time
Tue, 07/18/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/08/2023 - 8:00pm

Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

Have you been sitting on an idea for a novel but are unsure where to start? Have you started a novel and become overwhelmed? This is the class for you!

In this four-week class we will cover brainstorming novel ideas, writing effective inciting incidents, raising the stakes, developing your cast...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/jump-start-your-novel]

Decolonizing Fiction

Antoinette Van Sluytman

July 22, 2023

Time
Sat, 07/22/2023 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/22/2023 - 4:00pm

Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

This class will focus on challenging the notion of there being an ideal and normative writing craft method. It centers an anti-colonial worldbuilding approach to telling our stories, and why that approach is so important to the publishing industry today.

How can we, as writers and readers...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/decolonizing-fiction-0]

Happily Ever After (At Least for Now): Paranormal Romance Novels

Dara Dokas

July 25, 2023 - July 28, 2023

Time
Tue, 07/25/2023 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/28/2023 - 12:00pm

Fiction | Youth

Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

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

Romance is the biggest selling fiction genre in America! With many sub-genres from Romantic Comedy to Historical to Paranormal, romance novels are big business and attract voracious readers...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/happily-ever-after-least-now-paranormal-romance-novels]

Building a Novel: From Paragraphs to Pages

Debra Blake

July 25, 2023 - July 28, 2023

Time
Tue, 07/25/2023 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/28/2023 - 12:00pm

Fiction | Youth

Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! 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. From the opening class, you will be writing your novel, first by generating a plot summary and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/building-novel-paragraphs-pages-2]
Where to Begin: Jumpstart Your Fiction
Kaia Preus Kelsey Daly

July 25, 2023- July 28, 2023 | Tue, 07/25/2023 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/28/2023 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

Price  Regular $518.00  |  Member $466.20

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

-Session 1: Fiction Writing Crash Course with Kaia Preus

Do you have an idea for a short story or a novel but you don't know where to begin? This class is perfect for the beginning to intermediate...

Fun with Fiction!
Lisa M. Bolt Simons Stephanie Surles Madelyn Dietz

July 25, 2023- July 28, 2023 | Tue, 07/25/2023 - 9:00am - Fri, 07/28/2023 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

Price  Regular $518.00  |  Member $466.20

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

-Session 1: Flashy Formations: Flash Fiction Leading to Short Stories and Beyond with Stephanie Surles & Madelyn Dietz

Do you have a yearning to write but aren't sure where to start or how to...

Elements of Fiction: Put the STORY in Your Story
Robert Voedisch

July 25, 2023- July 28, 2023 | Tue, 07/25/2023 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/28/2023 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

Price  Regular $222.00  |  Member $199.80

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Let's face it: Writing can be a frustrating—and frustratingly mysterious—process. What makes one story soar, and another flop? Why do some characters leap off the page and into our hearts...

Short Story: A to Z—Creative Short Story Writing
Troy Wilderson

July 25, 2023- July 28, 2023 | Tue, 07/25/2023 - 1:00pm - Fri, 07/28/2023 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

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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...
Writing In Place: Exploring The City Through Writing
Jeanne Bain
August 1, 2023 - August 4, 2023
Time: Tue, 08/01/2023 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/04/2023 - 4:00pm
Fiction | Youth
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The creative process can be fed in so many ways and where you write can change your story! An ice cream shop might make your writing short and sweet. An argument you witness in the corner...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-place-exploring-city-through-writing-1]

Harnessing Your Novel's Plot and Character
Jackie Cangro
August 2, 2023 - August 29, 2023
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $148.00  |  Member $133.20

Characters are the lifeblood of your novel, no matter what genre. They need to be compelling and convincing, surprising and relatable. And your novel's plot should emerge from who your characters are and what they do next. It's a tall order!

In this class, we'll take a deep dive into developing...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/harnessing-your-novels-plot-and-character]

Developing Authentic Characters
Savannah Brooks
August 5, 2023
Time: Sat, 08/05/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/05/2023 - 1:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $74.00  |  Member $66.60

What do your characters do when you're not looking? How do they interact with each other off the page? What goes through their minds that they might not be saying? What are they obsessed with? All of these questions feed into the work of creating a truly memorable character. While plot, tension, and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/developing-authentic-characters-1]

Fantastical Me!: Writing Worlds
Holly Day Ellen Fee
August 8, 2023 - August 11, 2023
Time: Tue, 08/08/2023 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/11/2023 - 4:00pm
Fiction | Youth
Price
Regular $518.00  |  Member $466.20

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-Session 1: Welcome to My World with Ellen Fee
What other worlds might exist in our universe? In this class, students will create a brand-new, imaginative planet and build all the details through a...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fantastical-me-writing-worlds]
**Writing & Making Spectacular Worlds**
Starrla Cray Anna Molenaar

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

- **Session 1:** World-building in 3D with Starrla Cray
  If you like art and writing, this course is for you! We'll generate new stories and bring them to life by creating our own 3D replicas out of an...

**Craft Your Own World: History-Making Heroes**
Elise Toedt Alysandra Dutton

Welcome back to Summer Youth 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 with Elise Toedt
  In this class, you will create compelling heroes whose journey brings up topics of concern to fellow Gen Zers. You...

**Build Your Own Fantasy World**
Alex Juffer Kelsey Daly

Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

- **Session 1:** World Building: From the Shire to Panem with Alex Juffer
  District 13, Hogwarts, Abnegation, Wakanda. Why do we know these fantastical lands better than our own neighborhood?

**Troubleshooting the “Revise and Resubmit” Rejection**
Sarah Cypher

You've finished your manuscript, polished your query letter, and even made a long list of agents who are accepting work like yours. But months later, you've crossed many names off your list after rejections come in—until one (or more) of those rejections praises the manuscript and asks to see a...
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<td>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 Lesley Nneka Arimah, Danielle Evans, Laleh Khadivi, Yiyun Li...</td>
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| Ghost Stories: Writing What Haunts Us       | Allison Wyss     | September 19, 2023        | October 24, 2023        | Tue, 09/19/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 10/24/2023 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult         |       |           |
| Price                                      | Regular $222.00  | Member $199.80            |                         |                                           |        |               |       |           |
| How do you bring ghosts to terrifying life in your stories? And why would you want to? This class is about the scary kind of ghosts, sure, but also the literary kind: ghosts as longing, ghosts as memory, ghosts as shadow selves. And it's about how we can wring the most from our ghosts—maybe by... | View Online [https://loft.org/classes/ghost-stories-writing-what-haunts-us] |

| Mars Needs Writers! Writing Science Fiction and Fantasy for Publication | Lyda Morehouse | September 20, 2023        | November 15, 2023       | Fiction | Adult         |       |           |
| Price                                      | Regular $296.00  | Member $266.40            |                         |            |               |       |           |
| You're familiar with Asimov's Three Laws of Robotics, Clarke's Third Law, and the Rule of Three. You've been writing and submitting, but all you've gotten for your efforts is, "this didn't quite grab me, alas." You read all the recent SF/F magazines and you can't help but wonder, "Why that story... | View Online [https://loft.org/classes/mars-needs-writers-writing-science-fiction-and-fantasy-publication-0] |

| Plan and Start Your Romance Novel          | Eliot West       | September 20, 2023        | November 15, 2023       | Fiction | Adult         |       |           |
| Price                                      | Regular $296.00  | Member $266.40            |                         |            |               |       |           |
| Do you want to write a romance novel? This practical, friendly, information-rich class will give you a boost! We'll cover the building blocks of the genre, including romantic leads and secondary characters, point of view, romance barriers and resolution, structure, and much more. After our eight... | View Online [https://loft.org/classes/plan-and-start-your-romance-novel] |

| The Beginner's Guide to Starting Your Novel | Tamara Hogan     | September 20, 2023        | October 25, 2023        | Wed, 09/20/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 10/25/2023 - 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, learn how to use essential fiction craft elements such as character, setting, plot, and structure to discover your story, establish a starting point, and help get the right words on the... | View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beginners-guide-starting-your-novel-6] |
Strange Fiction: Writing the Horrific and Harrowing
Rachel Moulton
September 20, 2023 - October 25, 2023
Time
Wed, 09/20/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 10/25/2023 - 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]

Short Story Nitty Gritty
Troy Wilderson
September 21, 2023 - November 9, 2023
Time
Thu, 09/21/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 11/09/2023 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
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-4]

Researching and Writing Literary Historical Fiction
Alysandra Dutton
September 21, 2023 - November 9, 2023
Time
Thu, 09/21/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 11/09/2023 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40
Nothing in literature is more contemporary than historical fiction. From critical hits like Marlon James' A Brief History of Seven Killings to a surge in ancient mythological retellings à la Madeline Miller's Circe, more literary writers than ever are making meaning of the current world through...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/researching-and-writing-literary-historical-fiction]

Fiction in a Flash: Writing the Short, Short Story
Alex Juffer
September 30, 2023
Time
Sat, 09/30/2023 - 9:30am - Sat, 09/30/2023 - 1:30pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60
Is flash fiction, like Dippin' Dots, the future of fiction? Undoubtedly, yes, with much more staying power. Flash fiction has exploded in popularity within the past decade, as it lends itself well to online literary magazines (not to mention our waning attention spans). Are you slogging through a...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fiction-flash-writing-short-short-story]

"Pantsing" Your Novel: Writing Without a Road Map
Jennifer S. Brown
October 14, 2023
Time
Sat, 10/14/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/14/2023 - 1:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60
In the writing world, there are Plotters and there are Pantsers. Plotters create outlines, knowing where their novel ends before they type the first words of their drafts. Pantsers write "by the seat of their pants," diving in knowing only the broad strokes of their stories. Pantsing, however, doesn...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/pantsing-your-novel-writing-without-road-map]
What Makes a House Haunted?
Holly Day
October 28, 2023
Time
Sat, 10/28/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/28/2023 - 12:00pm
Fiction | Youth
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

What makes a house a haunted house? Is a house haunted because it has an actual ghost in it, or does it just seem haunted because it's full of noisy mice and squirrels? In this writing class, we'll create haunted houses with backstories, and write stories about what it would be like to spend the...

Scary Stories: How to Create Creepiness
Allison Wyss
October 28, 2023
Time
Sat, 10/28/2023 - 9:30am - Sat, 10/28/2023 - 1:30pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

Do you want to evoke chills in your reader? We'll study some eerie passages to uncover the techniques they employ and then put those strategies to immediate use through concrete writing exercises and prompts. We may even have time to test some of our frightening passages on each other. If you dare!...

The Ghost in the Machine
Alice Paige
October 28, 2023
Time
Sat, 10/28/2023 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/28/2023 - 4:00pm
Fiction | Youth
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

What happens when the ghost in the machine is an actual haunting? What waits for us on the dark side of the moon? Come learn about the blending of science fiction and horror. During this class, we will discuss various aspects of craft like world building, character, and voice and examine the...

"Say What?" Writing Dialogue that Speaks to the Reader
Jennifer S. Brown
October 30, 2023- November 27, 2023
Time
Mon, 10/30/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 11/27/2023 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

We talk every day. So why is writing dialogue so difficult? Dialogue serves many purposes in fiction: It reveals conflict and creates tension. It advances the storyline. It develops characters and must accurately represent the novel's time and place. It must sound natural, but not too natural...

Narrative Movement in Flash Fiction
Gabrielle Larson
November 1, 2023- December 13, 2023
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

How do you keep the narrative moving when limited to a thousand words or less? Throughout this course we will examine how narrative works in flash fiction, and how to keep the narrative moving from beginning to end regardless of how many (or few) words we use to get there. We will examine works of...
Does Your Novel Have a Soggy Middle?
Jaye Viner
November 1, 2023- December 13, 2023  |  Fiction  |  Adult
Price  Regular $222.00  |  Member $199.80

So much attention is given to the beginning of a book and its role of drawing the reader into a story. But what is the role of the middle? What does it mean when people say the book had a 'soggy' middle, or worse, that a reader didn't finish it? This generative writing class will not only expose you...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/does-your-novel-have-soggy-middle]

Compelling Character Creation for Every Genre
Maggie May
Time
November 1, 2023- December 13, 2023  |  Wed, 11/01/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/13/2023 - 8:00pm  |  Fiction  |  Adult
Price  Regular $222.00  |  Member $199.80

What makes a "compelling character"? Why do some characters leap off the page while others fail to hold our interest? In this class, we'll explore tools, exercises, and organization tactics for creating, fleshing out, and writing as our favorite characters, accompanying an original character of our...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/compelling-character-creation-every-genre]

First-Person & the Hidden I: A Revision Class & Workshop for Fiction Writing
Sarah Cypher
Time
November 1, 2023- November 29, 2023  |  Wed, 11/01/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 11/29/2023 - 8:00pm  |  Fiction  |  Adult
Price  Regular $148.00  |  Member $133.20

Whether in conventional narratives or autofiction, a first-person narrator activates all kinds of questions in the reader's mind about reliability, authority, and the nature of the story's central questions. Does the writer choose an "I" (or "we") as a mere steward of the narrative, or to raise...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/first-person-hidden-i-revision-class-workshop-fiction-writing]

Fairy Tales and the Art of Subversion
Allison Wyss
Time
November 2, 2023- December 14, 2023  |  Thu, 11/02/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/14/2023 - 8:00pm  |  Fiction  |  Adult
Price  Regular $222.00  |  Member $199.80

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fairy-tales-and-art-subversion-2]

A Khaleesi by Any Other Name: Making Constructed Languages for Fictional Worlds
Andy Butter
Time
November 7, 2023- December 5, 2023  |  Tue, 11/07/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 12/05/2023 - 8:00pm  |  Fiction  |  Adult
Price  Regular $148.00  |  Member $133.20

Grammar nerds and speculative writers rejoice! In this class we will look at a handful of historical and contemporary examples of constructed languages in fictional and nonfictional settings to see how they work, how to build them, and how they might add or detract to our own worldbuilding. Lucky...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/khaleesi-any-other-name-making-constructed-languages-fictional-worlds]
Selling Your Novel
Jacqueline Holland
November 18, 2023
Time
Sat, 11/18/2023 - 10:00am - Sat, 11/18/2023 - 2:00pm
Fiction  |  Adult
Price
Regular $37.00  |  Member $33.30

If you're an aspiring novelist, chances are you're too busy with the herculean task of completing your first manuscript to spend hours gathering intel on the fiction publishing industry. As a result, you've likely got plenty of questions (self-publish, or try to land a major publisher? Seek a...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/selling-your-novel]

Decolonizing Fiction
Antoinette Van Sluytman
December 9, 2023
Time
Sat, 12/09/2023 - 1:00pm - Sat, 12/09/2023 - 4:00pm
Fiction  |  Adult
Price
Regular $55.50  |  Member $49.95

This class will focus on challenging the notion of there being an ideal and normative writing craft method. It centers an anti-colonial worldbuilding approach to telling our stories, and why that approach is so important to the publishing industry today.

How can we, as writers and readers...

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MULTIGENRE

Breaking Storytelling Norms with Symbiotic Forms: A Generative Writing Class
Sarah Cypher
July 17, 2023- August 7, 2023
Time
Mon, 07/17/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 08/07/2023 - 8:00pm
Multigenre  |  Adult
Price
Regular $148.00  |  Member $133.20

In this generative class, we'll get inspired by using other texts as access points for new drafts or as fresh angles for revision of old drafts. We'll consider a variety of examples across fiction, creative nonfiction, and maybe a poem or two to explore how we can crack open forms that often have...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/breaking-storytelling-norms-symbiotic-forms-generative-writing-class]

Sense(s) and Sensibility
Allison Wyss
July 29, 2023
Time
Sat, 07/29/2023 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/29/2023 - 5:00pm
Multigenre  |  Adult
Price
Regular $74.00  |  Member $66.60

Sensibility is how character reflects through the point of view. It's the choices a voice makes about what to describe and how to describe it. In this class we'll look at some distinctive voices and try to figure out how character comes through just in the way they show us the world. (Hint: This...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/senses-and-sensibility-0]
Narrative Power: Creating Change through our Scripts and Stories
Cristina Pippa Anna Molenaar
August 1, 2023 - August 4, 2023
Time
Tue, 08/01/2023 - 9:00am - Fri, 08/04/2023 - 4:00pm
Multigenre Youth
Price
Regular $518.00 | Member $466.20
Welcome back to Summer Youth at Open Book! Join us for a week of writing and all day creativity!

-Session 1: Scripting Social Justice with Cristina Pippa
In this playwriting class for teens, we will develop connected scenes and monologues exploring narrative power, self-expression, and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/narrative-power-creating-change-through-our-scripts-and-stories]

Buried Bias in Craft
Rachel Werner
August 5, 2023
Time
Sat, 08/05/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/05/2023 - 1:00pm
Multigenre Adult
Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60
As award-winning author Felicia Rose Chavez eloquently states: “The workshop leader affirms that participants arrive at the classroom as writers, whether or not they know it yet. Each of them comes from a unique storytelling tradition. There’s no gauntlet through which they must earn their literacy...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/buried-bias-craft]

Archive Fever: Your Writing and its Lineages
Lubna Safi
August 16, 2023
Time
Wed, 08/16/2023 - 12:00pm - Wed, 08/16/2023 - 3:00pm
Multigenre Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95
What are the writing lineages that guide our work? How do we identify these lineages, and more importantly, nourish our writing alongside them? This class will help you grow your writing and thinking by leaning on an archive of your own core texts. These are writers or specific works, that shake...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/archive-fever-your-writing-and-its-lineages]

Beyond Google: Research Strategies for Historically Accurate Writing
Kristine Spanier
August 19, 2023
Time
Sat, 08/19/2023 - 9:30am - Sat, 08/19/2023 - 1:30pm
Multigenre Adult
Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60
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<td>Where does nature start and end? How natural are you? Observing natural patterns and phenomena can help us make meaning of our lives, even in urban spaces. In this writing workshop, we will consider the natural systems and patterns that ripple through our experiences, inscribing them. We'll look... View Online [<a href="https://loft.org/classes/nature-memory">https://loft.org/classes/nature-memory</a>]</td>
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<td>We want readers to trust the writer and writers to trust the story. For that, writers need to trust their process. But how can you when you're not sure what you're doing? This class offers guidelines to provide more secure footing as you navigate writing or revising a full draft, regardless of genre... View Online [<a href="https://loft.org/classes/trust-your-writing-how-listen-what-your-draft-telling-you-0">https://loft.org/classes/trust-your-writing-how-listen-what-your-draft-telling-you-0</a>]</td>
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<td>“Give sorrow words...” —William Shakespeare Writing can help heal our relationship to our own stories. We'll investigate how different aspects of craft, from specific detail to focused narrative, not only make good literature, but can help writers gain new perspectives on old stories. Over the... View Online [<a href="https://loft.org/classes/writing-healing-5">https://loft.org/classes/writing-healing-5</a>]</td>
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<td>Are you a poet interested in birds, robots, space colonies, or climate change? A journalist, scientist, or memoir writer engaged with technical material? Or a fiction writer working with fantasy, science-fiction, or climate-fiction? If so, this class is for you. We live in unprecedented times of... View Online [<a href="https://loft.org/classes/what-if-science-technology-and-environment-creative-writing">https://loft.org/classes/what-if-science-technology-and-environment-creative-writing</a>]</td>
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Finding Wonder in the World and the Words While Outside and in Motion: Fall
Sara Puotinen
September 20, 2023 - November 1, 2023  Multigenre  Adult
Price  Regular $222.00  Member $199.80

In this six week class, we will explore how cultivating the habit of being outside and moving regularly can make us more attentive and open to finding wonder in the world. And we will experiment with different methods for transforming that wonder into words including creating and writing in a...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/finding-wonder-world-and-words-while-outside-and-motion-fall]

The Draft Lab for Grades 10-12
Jesaka Long
September 26, 2023 - October 17, 2023  Time  Tue, 09/26/2023 - 3:30pm - Tue, 10/17/2023 - 5:00pm  Multigenre  Youth
Price  Regular $111.00  Member $99.90

Join The Draft Lab to meet fellow writers, build your storytelling skills, and share your words. Together, we'll explore aspects of fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction—all with your input! Based on what you want to learn or play with or improve, our sessions could include using metaphors to...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/draft-lab-grades-10-12]

Finally Finish Your First Draft!
Jennifer Haupt
September 28, 2023 - December 7, 2023  Time  Thu, 09/28/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/07/2023 - 8:00pm  Multigenre  Adult
Price  Regular $370.00  Member $333.00

It takes a stealth combo of craft tactics and psychological warfare to overcome the enemies of creativity: resistance, self-doubt, and procrastination. This class is for writers who have completed at least 50 pages of a novel or memoir and are committed to finishing the first "imperfect" draft or...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/finally-finish-your-first-draft]

Beyond Google: Research Strategies for Historically Accurate Writing
Kristine Spanier
October 12, 2023  Time  Thu, 10/12/2023 - 10:00am - Thu, 10/12/2023 - 2:00pm  Multigenre  Adult
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Boo! Scary Pop-up Bookmaking & Poems
Marie Olofsdotter

October 28, 2023 | Sat, 10/28/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/28/2023 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

**Price**
- Regular $63.50
- Member $57.95

In this class, students will make a 12" x 9" scary pop-up creature, like a monster or a ghost. Students will draw a sketch depicting their creature and learn how to turn their design into a 3D pop-up book!

To complete the book, students decorate their creature using a variety of mixed materials...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/boo-scary-pop-bookmaking-poems)

Listen to Your Heart: Generating Writing Through Pop Culture
Michelle Zamanian

November 6, 2023- December 4, 2023 | Mon, 11/06/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 12/04/2023 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

**Price**
- Regular $148.00
- Member $133.20

In this class, we’ll create space to reckon with how the world speaks to us and how we speak to the world through pop culture. Part of this process will be looking at the power of pop culture and exploring what we see on a daily basis. Popular media will be examined from the angle of inspiration as...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/listen-your-heart-generating-writing-through-pop-culture)

Recharge Your Wellness and Inspiration With a Writer's Wellness Vision
Aleisha Theisen

November 11, 2023 | Sat, 11/11/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/11/2023 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

**Price**
- Regular $55.50
- Member $49.95

For writers, creativity and wellness are often intertwined, and having these in balance and harmony can be mutually beneficial. A wellness vision is a powerful tool to build sustainable wellness and creative practices.

This class will use evidence-based methods to guide you in identifying what...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/recharge-your-wellness-and-inspiration-writers-wellness-vision)

Descriptive Language
Aurelia Wills

December 2, 2023 | Sat, 12/02/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/02/2023 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

**Price**
- Regular $74.00
- Member $66.60

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

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/descriptive-language-4)
Write to Heal
Glenda Reed
December 16, 2023
Time
Sat, 12/16/2023 - 9:30am - Sat, 12/16/2023 - 1:30pm
Multigenre  Adult
Price  Regular $74.00  Member $66.60

In this single session class, we'll explore how writing can help heal our relationship to our own stories. Together, we will investigate how different aspects of craft, from specific detail to focused narrative, not only make good literature but can help writers gain new perspectives on old stories...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/write-heal]

PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

Screenwriting for Teens
Michael Gorrie
August 8, 2023- August 11, 2023
Time
Tue, 08/08/2023 - 1:00pm - Fri, 08/11/2023 - 4:00pm
Play- and Screenwriting  Youth
Price  Regular $222.00  Member $199.80

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

Are you a teenager and want to write your own movie, but don't know how? Then this class is for you! Aimed at beginners, this class starts off with the fundamentals of screenwriting. How...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/screenwriting-teens-3]

Introduction to Writing for Television
Bo Kaprall
September 19, 2023- November 7, 2023
Time
Tue, 09/19/2023 - 10:00am - Tue, 11/07/2023 - 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-writing-television-8]

Memoir on the Stage: Writing the One-Person Show
May Lee-Yang
September 30, 2023
Time
Sat, 09/30/2023 - 2:00pm - Sat, 09/30/2023 - 5:00pm
Play- and Screenwriting  Adult
Price  Regular $55.50  Member $49.95

Have you always wanted to tell your story for this stage? In this workshop, we'll look at how you can develop your own one-person show as you consider: Which story from your life do you want to amplify? What personal(s) you need to activate? How can you use props, music, and other tools to tell...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/memoir-stage-writing-one-person-show-1]
Elements of Playwriting
Eva Adderley

November 1, 2023 - December 13, 2023
Wed, 11/01/2023 - 1:00pm - Wed, 12/13/2023 - 3:00pm
Play- and Screenwriting
Adult
Price
Regular $222.00  Member $199.80

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

Write Your Screenplay or TV Pilot in 6 Weeks
Michael Gorrie

November 2, 2023 - December 14, 2023
Thu, 11/02/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/14/2023 - 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...

Introduction to Poetry
Lena Khalaf Tuffaha

July 24, 2023 - September 11, 2023
Mon, 07/24/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 09/11/2023 - 8:00pm
Poetry  Adult
Price
Regular $222.00  Member $199.80

Learn to write poems in a non-intimidating, encouraging environment with fellow beginners. We’ll cover important aspects of poetic craft, including form, line, voice, and imagery, while studying poems that reflect the global traditions of this ancient art form. We’ll read and write in class...

Finding the Poet Within
Holly Day

August 1, 2023 - August 22, 2023
Tue, 08/01/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/22/2023 - 8:00pm
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/elements-playwriting-0]

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/introduction-poetry-8]

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/finding-poet-within-1]
Poetry: Writing Through Loss
Christopher Vaughan
August 5, 2023

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetry-writing-through-loss-0]

Poetry Craft & Workshop—RESET!
Susan Niz
September 18, 2023- December 11, 2023

Let's get back to essential concepts of poetry craft: imagery, metaphor, wordplay, line, and form. Whether you write poems for social justice, ecological awareness, or to document personal experiences, poetry community should be inclusive and validating. Through contemporary and accessible example...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetry-craft-workshop-reset-1]

Documentary Poetry
S.J. Ghaus
September 19, 2023- November 7, 2023

In this class, we'll delve into poetry that uses elements of reportage or journalism. We'll explore the poetic and personal roots of our journalistic questions, discuss the ethics of documentary work, and support each other's progress with weekly project updates and peer feedback time, as well as a...

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

The Art of Breath: Writing Love Poems
Sonya Lara
September 19, 2023- October 24, 2023

Love poems can seem simple—even a little cliché. And some love poems are (cue: "shall I compare thee to a summer rose?") And yet, love poems can be so much more. In this six-week class, we will explore the complexity of the love poem.

Instructions for Accessing This Online Class

In order to...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/art-breath-writing-love-poems]
Demystifying Poetry: Reading and Writing Poems
Jennifer Manthey
September 20, 2023 - October 25, 2023
Time
Wed, 09/20/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 10/25/2023 - 8:00pm
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

Have you always wanted to try writing poetry, but felt intimidated? In this class, we will read an abundance of approachable poetry, including poets Lucille Clifton, Ross Gay and Ada Limon. We will discuss poetry in a comfortable and non-judgmental space, and we'll generate work in class using...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/demystifying-poetry-reading-and-writing-poems]

Why So Serious? Incorporating Humor in Poetry
Halee Kirkwood
September 21, 2023 - October 21, 2023
Time
Thu, 09/21/2023 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/21/2023 - 12:00pm
Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

Some may think of poets and poetry as solemn and serious, but humor has always played a role in poetry, from Shakespeare to living writers today. In a world that seems to be hurtling toward a more bizarre dystopia by the day, humor can serve as an oracular poetic device for political poetry, while...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/why-so-serious-incorporating-humor-poetry]

Revision as Discovery
Melanie Figg
September 21, 2023 - October 26, 2023
Time
Thu, 09/21/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 10/26/2023 - 8:00pm
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

How do we find a poem's heart? We all have poems that get stuck, even though we still care about them. Everyone has fragments that have energy to become something more. How do we discover the themes and threads so that it becomes a juicy poem that unfolds with multiple readings?

Revision is much...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/revision-discovery]

How to Begin a Poem
Chelsea DesAutels
September 23, 2023
Time
Sat, 09/23/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 09/23/2023 - 12:00pm
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

How often do you sit down to write a poem, but are unsure of where to start? The beginning of a poem teaches a reader how to approach the poem —how to understand its tone, form, and subject matter. It serves as a doorway. But a doorway can take many shapes. How do we decide the right one?

In this...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/how-begin-poem-2]
The Poetry of Preoccupation
Christopher Vaughan
October 3, 2023- October 24, 2023
Time
Tue, 10/03/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 10/24/2023 - 8:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20
Preoccupations: They're the things that make us toss and turn at night. What we just can't let go off—or what won't let us go. In a lighter sense, a preoccupation might be an abiding delight, the item on the bucket list, that dream we can't stop reaching for. In a more difficult sense, the loss, or...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetry-preoccupation]

The Moving Image
Lubna Safi
October 14, 2023
Time
Sat, 10/14/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/14/2023 - 12:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95
What images keep returning to us in our poetry? What do they tell us about ourselves and our relationship to the world? It might be clear that these images move us to confront beauty, heartbreak, stillness...the general human condition, but how do we translate what moves us into our poems? From close...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/moving-image-0]

A Dash of Immortality: The Exclamation Point in Poetry
Sonya Lara
October 21, 2023
Time
Sat, 10/21/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/21/2023 - 12:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95
Moriel Rothman-Zecher wrote, “The question, then, must be: is the exclamation point more desperate than all other components of written language? Is the yearning to transcend language that it embodies—yes, embodies: this broken, misshapen thing, a line dangling over, reaching toward, but never...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/dash-immortality-exclamation-point-poetry]

Vibrations of Light: Writing Towards Social Justice for Grades 10-12
S.J. Ghaus
October 25, 2023- November 15, 2023
Time
Wed, 10/25/2023 - 4:00pm - Wed, 11/15/2023 - 5:30pm
Poetry | Youth
Price
Regular $111.00 | Member $99.90
In this class we'll use creative writing to imagine social justice in the world, in our communities, and in our own lives. We'll read pieces that use different strategies to do this – some explore personal experiences of injustice, others use science fiction to reimage the outcome of an instance...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/vibrations-light-writing-towards-social-justice-grades-10-12]
Introduction to Poetry
Chelsea DesAutels

November 1, 2023- December 13, 2023

Time
Wed, 11/01/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/13/2023 - 8:00pm

Price
Regular $222.00  |  Member $199.80

Learn to write poems in a non-intimidating, encouraging environment with fellow beginners. We'll cover important aspects of poetic craft, including form, line, voice, and imagery, while studying poems that epitomize well-crafted work. We'll read and write in class; discuss what makes an effective...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/introduction-poetry-9]

Writing The Duplex: Jericho Brown's Poetic Form
Susan Niz

November 2, 2023- November 30, 2023

Time
Thu, 11/02/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 11/30/2023 - 8:00pm

Price
Regular $148.00  |  Member $133.20

Jericho Brown's invented Duplex form draws from the sonnet, ghazal, and blues, and manifests in a dynamic, contemporary structure. This form first appeared in The Tradition, his collection that “combines delicacy with historic urgency.” (The Pulitzer Prizes). Utilizing fourteen recurring lines, a...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-duplex-jericho-browns-poetic-form]

How to Write the Middle of Your Poem
Chelsea DesAutels

November 4, 2023

Time
Sat, 11/04/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/04/2023 - 12:00pm

Price
Regular $55.50  |  Member $49.95

After we begin a poem, where do we go next? How do we reach the poem's end? If we imagine the middle of a poem as the road from initial impulse to final destination, we can see how vital the road's materials, construction, detours, speed, and the passing scenery are to the making of the whole poem...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/how-write-middle-your-poem]

The Poem's Living Body
Thomas R. Smith

November 7, 2023- December 19, 2023

Time
Tue, 11/07/2023 - 10:00am - Tue, 12/19/2023 - 12:00pm

Price
Regular $222.00  |  Member $199.80

Even experienced poets sometimes feel uncertain how to handle questions of form and sound in their poems. Form gives the poem a "skeleton," while words with their sounds furnish the living flesh. In the heat of composition we're often unaware of these elements and it's mostly during revision that we...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poems-living-body]
Poetry for Newcomers
Yasmine Ameli
December 2, 2023
Time
Sat, 12/02/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/02/2023 - 1:00pm
Poetry  Adult
Price  Regular $74.00  Member $66.60

Are you curious about writing poetry but unsure where to start? Whether you are a prose writer interested in expanding your toolkit or a total newcomer to writing, this class is a good fit for anyone seeking to learn about poetry in a gentle, inviting environment. As a class, we will define...

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

How to End a Poem
Chelsea DesAutels
December 9, 2023
Time
Sat, 12/09/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/09/2023 - 12:00pm
Poetry  Adult
Price  Regular $55.50  Member $49.95

Have you ever written the bulk of a poem, but can't figure out how to wrap it up? If a poem's ending is a goodbye, what kind of goodbye should we say? Should we slip out the side door? Make a commotion on the way out? Bow? How do we decide how to leave a poem? And when, exactly, should we leave?...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/how-end-poem-0]

PUBLISHING AND CAREER

Minimalist Marketing That Grows Your Author Career
Emily Enger
July 29, 2023
Time
Sat, 07/29/2023 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/29/2023 - 4:00pm
Publishing and Career  Adult
Price  Regular $74.00  Member $66.60

Today, publishers of all sizes expect the author to bear most of the weight of marketing their books. Unfortunately, this pressure has had two outcomes: overwhelmed authors who give up and simply accept their book’s limited reach or authors who turn into hustling sales machines instead of...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/minimalist-marketing-grows-your-author-career]

Preparing the MFA Application
Yasmine Ameli
August 2, 2023- August 23, 2023
Time
Wed, 08/02/2023 - 12:00pm - Wed, 08/23/2023 - 2:00pm
Publishing and Career  Adult
Price  Regular $148.00  Member $133.20

This course introduces MFA applicants to the application process and its components, including the personal statement, creative writing sample, teaching statement, CV, and other supplemental essays. Over four weeks, we will discuss genre expectations for each component and complete several in-class...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/preparing-mfa-application]
Be a Better Copywriter—Fast
Mary Ringstad
August 5, 2023
Time
Sat, 08/05/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/05/2023 - 12:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Learn the tricks of the copywriting trade to energize your ads, emails, social media, blogs, reports, proposals, newsletters and more. Achieve better engagement, response rates, and results. You will unlock the secrets behind writing better copy. You will see before and after examples of how simple...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/be-better-copywriter-fast-0]

Best Practices in Applying for Grants and Residencies for Writers
Sarah Cypher
August 5, 2023
Time
Sat, 08/05/2023 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/05/2023 - 4:00pm
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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/best-practices-applying-grants-and-residencies-writers]

How to Earn a Living as a Writer
Rachel Werner
August 12, 2023
Time
Sat, 08/12/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/12/2023 - 1:00pm
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/how-earn-living-writer-0]

Submitting to Paid Literary Markets
Yasmine Ameli
August 12, 2023
Time
Sat, 08/12/2023 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/12/2023 - 4:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Ready to press submit? Come learn the nuances of submitting to literary journals and magazines. With a focus on paying markets, we will go over the basics: finding the right journals for your work, creating a Submittable account, writing a cover letter and author's bio, navigating tiers of rejection...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/submitting-paid-literary-markets-1]
You've Finished Your Book, Now What?

Savannah Brooks

Time
August 19, 2023  Sat, 08/19/2023 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/19/2023 - 4:00pm  Publishing and Career  Adult

Price  Regular $111.00  Member $99.90

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

The...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/youve-finished-your-book-now-what-3]

Loft Sampler Class: Publishing Your Work

Rachel Werner

Time
September 12, 2023  Tue, 09/12/2023 - 12:00pm - Tue, 09/12/2023 - 1:00pm  Publishing and Career  Adult

Price  Regular $8.00  Member $7.20

Getting close to finishing your current work-in-progress? Come to this sampler class with questions about prepping your work for submission. The different paths to publishing will be explained in addition to helpful tips on drafting query letters, nonfiction book proposals and goal mapping. Advice...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/loft-sampler-class-publishing-your-work]

Loft Sampler Class: How to Freelance Like A Pro

Rachel Werner

Time
September 14, 2023  Thu, 09/14/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 09/14/2023 - 7:00pm  Publishing and Career  Adult

Price  Regular $8.00  Member $7.20

This sample class will begin your journey to better defining your niche and increasing your published clips!

We’ll discuss putting your writing talent to work to create a variety of content, plus the importance of identifying which personal strengths can be leveraged to maximize your...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/loft-sampler-class-how-freelance-pro]

Pitching your Manuscript

Jaye Viner

Time
September 20, 2023- October 11, 2023  Wed, 09/20/2023 - 12:00pm - Wed, 10/11/2023 - 2:00pm  Publishing and Career  Adult

Price  Regular $148.00  Member $133.20

This class will guide students through the process of preparing to pitch their long form manuscript (novel or memoir). We will look at genre conventions, comp titles, log lines, and book summaries. Students will have the opportunity to generate pitch materials and receive feedback from the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/pitching-your-manuscript]
Submitting and Publishing Your Writing to Literary Magazines
Adrianna Jereb

September 23, 2023  Time  Sat, 09/23/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 09/23/2023 - 12:00pm  Publishing and Career  Adult
Price  Regular $55.50  Member $49.95

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/submitting-and-publishing-your-writing-literary-magazines-0]

Writers! Be Your Own PR Agent
Holly Day

October 28, 2023  Time Sat, 10/28/2023 - 2:00pm - Sat, 10/28/2023 - 5:00pm  Publishing and Career  Adult
Price  Regular $55.50  Member $49.95

In this fast-paced class, we'll go over how an author can create an effective marketing campaign to promote their published work. Writing press releases, setting up interviews, submitting your book for review, creating a direct-email marketing campaign, setting up speaking engagements, organizing a...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writers-be-your-own-pr-agent-0]

Writing an Irresistible Nonfiction Book Proposal
Dani Segelbaum

November 1, 2023- November 29, 2023  Time  Wed, 11/01/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 11/29/2023 - 8:00pm  Publishing and Career  Adult
Price  Regular $148.00  Member $133.20

Nonfiction is a massive, murky category in the publishing world. From memoir and narrative nonfiction to cookbooks and lifestyle books, how does your book stand out? It can be hard to know what's needed to write an irresistible nonfiction book proposal.

This class is here to help you navigate...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-irresistible-nonfiction-book-proposal]

Preparing the MFA Application
Yasmine Ameli

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View Online [https://loft.org/classes/preparing-mfa-application-0]
To Market, To Market: How Professionals Look at Your Manuscript
Jennie Goloboy Catherine Lundoff

Time
November 18, 2023 | Sat, 11/18/2023 - 9:30am - Sat, 11/18/2023 - 12:30pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

A small press publisher and a literary agent discuss how they evaluate manuscripts. What do publishing professionals mean by “marketability”? How can you improve your odds, in every stage of the process? What is and isn't necessary for a book to reach publication? How can you learn to evaluate your...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/market-market-how-professionals-look-your-manuscript-0]

Be a Better Copywriter—Fast
Mary Ringstad

Time
December 9, 2023 | Sat, 12/09/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/09/2023 - 12:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Do you want to communicate more effectively? Learn the tricks of the copywriting trade to energize your ads, emails, social media, blogs, reports, proposals, newsletters and more. Achieve better engagement, response rates, and results. You will unlock the secrets behind writing better copy. You will...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/be-better-copywriter-fast-1]

You've Finished Your Book, Now What?
Savannah Brooks

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The...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/youve-finished-your-book-now-what-4]

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

Time
December 16, 2023 | Sat, 12/16/2023 - 9:30am - Sat, 12/16/2023 - 12:30pm | 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-polishing-submitting-and-marketing-your-writing-12]