### 2026 Teen Writing Project (Winter Edition–Minneapolis) Robert Voedisch

Time

January 22, 2026- April 9, 2026 | Thu, 01/22/2026 - 4:30pm - Thu, 04/09/2026 - 6:00pm | Youth

This semester-long advanced class is for students who are serious about writing and are ready to take their fiction to the next level. Most of our time in class will be spent discussing your work, helping you make your fiction the best it can be.

The teaching artist will point out areas in your...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/2026-teen-writing-project-winter-edition-minneapolis]

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

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

This semester-long advanced class is for students who are serious about writing and are ready to take their fiction to the next level. Most of our time in class will be spent discussing your work, helping you make your fiction the best it can be.

The teaching artist will point out areas in your...

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#### **BASICS**

### First Steps into Writing Patricia Hoolihan

Time

March 3, 2026- April 7, 2026 | Tue, 03/03/2026 - 10:00am - Tue, 04/07/2026 - 12:00pm | Basics | Adult

Are you 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 and stories that have been

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/first-steps-writing-4]

#### CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

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

Time

December 13, 2025 | Sat, 12/13/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/13/2025 - 4:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/research-and-writing-childrens-nonfiction-education-4]

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

Time

January 10, 2026 | Sat, 01/10/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 01/10/2026 - 1:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-immersive-worlds-and-authentic-cultural-representation-childrens-literature-class]

### Winter Sampler: Children's and Young Adult Fiction with Rachel Werner Rachel Werner

Time

January 21, 2026 | Wed, 01/21/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 01/21/2026 - 7:00pm | Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

Want to try your hand at writing children's and young adult literature? Perhaps you'd like to take a children's lit class but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a children's lit and YA class online will be the experience you're hoping for. If you're new to the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/winter-sampler-childrens-and-young-adult-fiction-rachel-werner]

### Writing in Verse for Middle Grade and Young Adult Shilpa Kamat

Time
January 27, 2026- April 14, 2026 | Tue, 01/27/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/14/2026 - 8:00pm
Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

Are you interested in writing a narrative in verse for MG or YA audiences? Do you want to draw from personal experiences to represent diverse content? Whether you will start a novel(la) from the beginning or wish to continue developing an existing project, this class will facilitate your process...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-verse-middle-grade-and-young-adult]

### Reading and Writing Diverse Children's and Young Adult Fiction Rachel Werner

Time
February 5, 2026- February 26, 2026 | Thu, 02/05/2026 - 6:00pm - Thu, 02/26/2026 - 8:00pm
Children's and Young Adult Literature | Adult

What does it mean to write "inclusively"? If you're struggling to authentically portray diverse characters, plus identify solid mentor texts as a guide, this class is for you. Explore character, culture, compassion, and empathy with other kidlit and YA authors through course readings, creative...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/reading-and-writing-diverse-childrens-and-young-adult-fiction]

#### Illustrate Your Story: Children's Book Art for Adults Emiko Rainbow

Time
February 21, 2026 Sat, 02/21/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/21/2026 - 1:00pm Children's and Young Adult Literature Adult

In this hands-on workshop, students explore the art of children's book illustration by creating one standout illustration of their own. Class begins with a mood board exercise, using magazine cutouts and collage to explore color, texture, emotion, and character ideas. We will then develop...

<u>View Online [https://loft.org/classes/illustrate-your-story-childrens-book-art-adults]</u>

#### **CREATIVE NONFICTION**

# Writing Your Queer Life: A Diversifying Writers Creative Nonfiction Class Juliet Patterson

Time

December 6, 2025 | Sat, 12/06/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 12/06/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Personal essays offer queer writers a radical chance to reclaim their stories—to define, in their own words, who they are, what they value, and how they see the world. Too often, in workshops dominated by cisgender and heterosexual voices, queer and trans storytellers face added burdens: Should I...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-your-queer-life-diversifying-writers-creative-nonfiction-class]

### Winter Sampler: Creative Nonfiction with Marianne Manzler Marianne Manzler

Time

January 7, 2026 | Wed, 01/07/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 01/07/2026 - 7:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Want to try your hand at writing creative nonfiction? Perhaps you'd like to take a creative nonfiction class, but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking an online writing class will be the experience you're hoping for.

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/winter-sampler-creative-nonfiction-marianne-manzler]

### Winter Creative Nonfiction Sampler with Victoria Blanco Victoria Blanco

Time

January 13, 2026 | Tue, 01/13/2026 - 4:00pm - Tue, 01/13/2026 - 5:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

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-creative-nonfiction-sampler-victoria-blanco]

### Writing Oral Histories Victoria Blanco

Time
| January 20, 2026- March 10, 2026 | Tue, 01/20/2026 - 4:00pm - Tue, 03/10/2026 - 6:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

This eight-session creative nonfiction workshop explores the intersection of climate change and racial justice through the lens of oral histories. Participants will engage with their own communities to document stories of resilience in the face of environmental crisis and political violence.

Using...

<u>View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-oral-histories-0]</u>

# Write Your Life: An Essential Guide to Writing Memoir Kate St. Vincent Vogl

Time

January 24, 2026 | Sat, 01/24/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/24/2026 - 5:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

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-1]

# 2026 Year-Long Creative Nonfiction Writing Project with Sun Yung Shin—Winter Online Cohort

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Time

January 26, 2026- December 7, 2026 | Mon, 01/26/2026 - 6:00pm - Mon, 12/07/2026 - 9:00pm | 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/2026-year-long-creative-nonfiction-writing-project-sun-yung-shin-winter-online-cohort]

# The Power of Your Personal Story Jessie Sholl

Time

January 26, 2026- April 20, 2026 | Mon, 01/26/2026 - 6:00pm - Mon, 04/20/2026 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Memoirs are more popular than ever, and the genre continues to expand. In addition to the traditional memoir—an illuminating personal story that centers on one aspect of your life—there are now hybrid memoirs, which blend factual information and reportage with lived experience, collections of linked...

<u>View Online [https://loft.org/classes/power-your-personal-story-0]</u>

# 2026 Year-Long Memoir Writing Project with Kelly Sundberg—Winter Online Cohort Kelly Sundberg

Time

January 28, 2026- December 9, 2026 | Wed, 01/28/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/09/2026 - 9:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Memoir is many things, but it should not be the stale, academic writing you've been taught in traditional composition courses. Contemporary memoirs often break genre boundaries by incorporating visual or poetic elements. Although not fiction, memoir can incorporate fictional aspects of storytelling...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/2026-year-long-memoir-writing-project-kelly-sundberg-winter-online-cohort]

### What's Good: Reading and Writing Essays of Wonder, Attention, and Delight Claire Wahmanholm

Time

January 28, 2026- February 18, 2026 | Wed, 01/28/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 02/18/2026 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Wonder, delight, and gratitude will be our touchstones for this 4-week creative nonfiction class. Together we will read short essays by Ross Gay, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Robin Wall Kimmerer, Brian Doyle and others, as well as write our own. In times of upheaval (political, social, ecological), it can...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/whats-good-reading-and-writing-essays-wonder-attention-and-delight]

#### Experimentation with Hybrid Memoir Marianne Manzler

Time
February 2, 2026- April 6, 2026 | Mon, 02/02/2026 - 6:00pm - Mon, 04/06/2026 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

In this 12-session generative course, you'll consider a new perspective on your stories. We will examine examples of innovative and hybrid memoirs by Jen Soriano, Lia Purpura and Roxane Gay and respond to creative nonfiction writing prompts. These experiments will open new pathways for expression...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/experimentation-hybrid-memoir-2]

# How to Use Unreliable Memory to Build Trust with the Reader Billy Lezra

Time
February 5, 2026- February 26, 2026 | Thu, 02/05/2026 - 6:00pm - Thu, 02/26/2026 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

The instrument of memory underpins the memoirist's work: the contract between reader and nonfiction writer presumes that the writer will disclose the "correct" version of events. But what happens when the way we remember an event is different from the way others remember it? Or when we remember one...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/how-use-unreliable-memory-build-trust-reader-0]

# Memory and Memoir: A Vignette Approach to Life Writing Jane Juffer

Time
February 7, 2026 | Sat, 02/07/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/07/2026 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Memories often emerge spontaneously, in no particular chronological order and in vivid detail. Yet memoir writing, or life writing, usually assumes we tell our stories in order, going back to day one and marching through time. In this course, by contrast, we focus on singular events, both large and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/memory-and-memoir-vignette-approach-life-writing]

### Writing for Social Justice (for ages 12 to 14) Marianne Manzler

Time
February 14, 2026 Sat, 02/14/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/14/2026 - 4:00pm Creative Nonfiction Youth

In this 3-hour workshop, we'll use our words as tools for change. We'll examine the ways writers and writing can impact communities, and the role that writers and literature play in social change and justice.

By the end of the session, we'll have several new pieces of writing that reflect the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-social-justice-ages-12-14]

#### Fiction in Your Fact: Experimenting and Playing with Nonfiction Andy Dehnart

Time

March 3, 2026- April 7, 2026 | Tue, 03/03/2026 - 10:00am - Tue, 04/07/2026 - 12:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Nonfiction's name almost scolds us—no fiction allowed here!—but creative nonfiction is a world in which we can play, explore, and yes, even write fictional sentences, scenes, and characters. Wait, what? How? Why? In this generative class, you'll find out.

We'll visit the building blocks of literary...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fiction-your-fact-experimenting-and-playing-nonfiction]

# Nostalgia, Memory, and Confession—Writing Your Memoir Holly Day

Time

March 4, 2026- March 25, 2026 | Wed, 03/04/2026 - 10:00am - Wed, 03/25/2026 - 12:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Everybody has a story—what's yours? In this class, we'll go over some of the different ways you can tell your story, through creative journaling, travel writing, coming-of-age and childhood recollections and reflections, poetry, and narrative essays, and explore these forms through generative in...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/nostalgia-memory-and-confession-writing-your-memoir]

### Flash Memoir: Life Stories in Under 500 Words Brenda Hudson

Time

March 7, 2026 | Sat, 03/07/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/07/2026 - 1:00pm | 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-6]

### Discovering Your Memoir's Lead Character John Moe

Time

March 7, 2026 | Sat, 03/07/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/07/2026 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Wouldn't it be cool if you could write something terrific and also make a lot more sense of your life at the same time?

In this class, which isn't therapy, just a writing class, you'll learn how to identify significant events, moments, stories, and choices from stages of your life and then find...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/discovering-your-memoirs-lead-character-1]

### Writing Book Reviews Savannah Brooks

Time

March 21, 2026 | Sat, 03/21/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/21/2026 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

There are two primary forms of book review, and in this session, we'll study and practice writing both! Short-term book reviews focus on distilling down the reading, making it bite-sized; long-form book reviews focus on expanding the reading out into other topics: current events, another book...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-book-reviews-0]

# Mapping Your Personal Universe: Entryways into Creative Nonfiction Courtney Ann LeFaive

Time
April 4, 2026 | Sat, 04/04/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/04/2026 - 3:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Many writers who want to write creative nonfiction (whether that's an essay, memoir, or other form of personal writing) maybe feel daunted by the idea of how to begin to write about their own lives. Likewise, many established writers may find themselves in a moment of drought or doubt.

In this...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/mapping-your-personal-universe-entryways-creative-nonfiction]

# Stand by Your Plan: Practices for Sticking with Manuscripts Kelly Foster Lundquist

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

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

<u>View Online [https://loft.org/classes/stand-your-plan-practices-sticking-manuscripts]</u>

### Writing the Illness Memoir Marianne Manzler

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

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

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

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

#### Healing Through Writing Shama Shams

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

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

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

#### CREATIVE PROCESS

### Winter Sampler Class: Creative Process with Rachel Werner Rachel Werner

Time
January 8, 2026 | Thu, 01/08/2026 - 1:00pm - Thu, 01/08/2026 - 2:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

Want to try your hand at a class on creative process? Learn more about sustainable writing practices? 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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/winter-sampler-class-creative-process-rachel-werner]

### Rekindle Your Writing: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers Rachel Werner

Time

January 10, 2026 | Sat, 01/10/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 01/10/2026 - 2:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

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/rekindle-your-writing-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers]

# Winter Sampler: Creative Process with Brenda Hudson Brenda Hudson



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View Online [https://loft.org/classes/winter-sampler-creative-process-brenda-hudson]

#### Notebook to Manuscript Morgan Grayce Willow

Time

January 21, 2026- March 11, 2026 | Wed, 01/21/2026 - 12:00pm - Wed, 03/11/2026 - 2:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

In times of crisis, journals and notebooks can be a place of solace for us as writers. They have intrinsic value as a vehicle for documenting the impact of historic events in our lives, as well as for creative expression when living lives in extremis. As time passes, those same journals and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/notebook-manuscript-1]

### Writing Through Challenging Times: Journaling for Self-Care Brenda Hudson

Time

January 21, 2026- February 11, 2026 | Wed, 01/21/2026 - 1:00pm - Wed, 02/11/2026 - 3:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-through-challenging-times-journaling-self-care-2]

#### Online Writing as Creative Practice Nuria Sheehan

Time
January 24, 2026 | Sat, 01/24/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 01/24/2026 - 1:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

Establishing an online writing practice—through blogging, newsletter, or other digital platforms—can recharge your writing and help you maintain steady creative output. This hands-on session combines practical guidance with inspiration to help you get started.

We'll explore effective examples...

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

#### Play, Process, and Practice: Snowy Edition Jesaka Long

Time
January 26, 2026- February 16, 2026 | Mon, 01/26/2026 - 6:00pm - Mon, 02/16/2026 - 8:00pm | Creative Process | Adul

Warm up with your favorite hot beverage and fire up Zoom to connect with a community of writers primed to get you through your toughest writing challenges. Together we'll take on fending off perfectionism, packing up your internal editor, defeating writer's block, and dealing with those intimidating...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/play-process-and-practice-snowy-edition]

### **Developing a Daily Creative Writing Practice Heidi Newbauer**

Time
February 14, 2026 | Sat, 02/14/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

Have you wanted to start a daily creative writing practice? Are you a seasoned writer ready to refresh your daily creative toolbox? Are you a bit in between? If so, this class is for you!

We will "flesh out" what a daily practice means and how that is different than going through the stages of a...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/developing-daily-creative-writing-practice-0]

#### Finding Your Writing Process Michael Robinson

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

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/finding-your-writing-process]

#### Get Unstuck Ramona Ausubel

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

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

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

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/get-unstuck]

#### DIGITAL STORYTELLING

#### Podcasting for Writers Deborah Copperud

Time

December 6, 2025 | Sat, 12/06/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 12/06/2025 - 5:00pm | Digital Storytelling | Adult

Do you dream about launching your own podcast or building your platform through podcasts? In this single session workshop, you'll learn how to engage with the literary community through podcasting. Find out more about DIY podcasting: what it takes to start a podcast and how to land guest appearances...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/podcasting-writers]

# Winter Sampler: Digital Storytelling with John Moe John Moe

Time
February 7, 2026 | Sat, 02/07/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/07/2026 - 11:00am | Digital Storytelling | Adult

Want to try your hand at Digital Storytelling? Perhaps you'd like to take a Digital Storytelling class, but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking an online writing class will be the experience you're hoping for.

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or...

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# How to Write Your Podcast John Moe

Time
February 21, 2026 | Sat, 02/21/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/21/2026 - 1:00pm | Digital Storytelling | Adult

Yes, there are loads of podcasts out there, but people are always hungry for something unique told well by someone who really cares about it. That someone could be you.

In this 3-hour intensive class, you'll first learn to identify the subject you want to build your pod around. Then we'll move on...

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#### Podcasting for Writers Deborah Copperud

Time
April 18, 2026 | Sat, 04/18/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/18/2026 - 2:00pm | Digital Storytelling | Adult

Do you dream about launching your own podcast or building your platform through podcasts? In this single session workshop, you'll learn how to engage with the literary community through podcasting. Find out what it takes to start your own DIY podcast. You'll also learn how to promote your work and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/podcasting-writers-0]

#### **FICTION**

# Let Your Characters Take the Wheel Josh Cook

Time

January 20, 2026- March 10, 2026 | Tue, 01/20/2026 - 12:00pm - Tue, 03/10/2026 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult

How do we create expansive, dynamic, complicated characters? There are so many ways. Some writers love physical description, while others say they have no idea what their character looks like. For others still, action seems the best way.

The reality is, we have many options, so we'll explore those...

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# "Say What?" Writing Dialogue that Speaks to the Reader Jennifer S. Brown

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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/say-what-writing-dialogue-speaks-reader-0]

#### Finding Your Voice Christopher Tradowsky

Time
January 20, 2026- March 10, 2026 | Tue, 01/20/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 03/10/2026 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

One of the primary things agents and editors look for in a promising writer is a unique "voice." What is voice, what makes one unique, and how can writers foster this quality?

This 8-session class is open to fiction writers of all levels. We'll examine a breadth of writerly voices: from the lively...

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

### Start Writing Right Now Tina Tocco

Time

January 20, 2026- February 24, 2026 | Tue, 01/20/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/24/2026 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Have you always wanted to try your hand at fiction writing, but never took the leap? Maybe you've put down your pen for a while and need a jumpstart. Come experiment in this low-stress, generative class!

If you're thinking, "But I don't have any ideas," don't worry! We'll use fun prompts — music...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/start-writing-right-now]

### The Beginner's Guide to Starting Your Novel in Six Weeks Tamara Hogan

Time

January 21, 2026- February 25, 2026 | Wed, 01/21/2026 - 1:00pm - Wed, 02/25/2026 - 3:30pm | Fiction | Adult

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-six-weeks-1]

### Winter Sampler: Fiction with Rafael Frumkin Rafael Frumkin

Time January 21, 2026 | Wed, 01/21/2026 - 3:00pm - Wed, 01/21/2026 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Want to try your hand at writing fiction? 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...

<u>View Online [https://loft.org/classes/winter-sampler-fiction-rafael-frumkin]</u>

#### Novel Writing Rafael Frumkin

Time

January 21, 2026- April 8, 2026 | Wed, 01/21/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 04/08/2026 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adul

We love to sit with characters long enough to know them, navigate adversity with them, and ultimately be transported by their story. While it's easy to come up with interesting concepts, honing in on those concepts enough to fill a novel is where the work begins.

The novel's world, relationships...

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

# Introduction to Fiction Holly Day

Time

January 21, 2026- March 11, 2026 | Wed, 01/21/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/11/2026 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/introduction-fiction-6]

# Fiction Writing Jumpstart for the New Year Lacey Dunham

Jumpstart your writing this new year in a fast-paced and playful generative class that will get your creativity flowing.

If you've been uninspired in your creativity lately, feel like your work could use a jolt, or just want to give yourself dedicated writing time, this three-hour writing session...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fiction-writing-jumpstart-new-year]

# How to Build a Universe from Scratch Ruth Joffre

Time
January 24, 2026 | Sat, 01/24/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/24/2026 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Have you ever dreamed of building a universe as rich as the one in Dune? Or Star Wars? Or The Left Hand of Darkness? Then this class is for you. Come with the glimmer of an idea and leave with a map of a new solar system and the beginnings of an interstellar society.

This one-session class will...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/how-build-universe-scratch]

#### Feedback Workshop: Work in Progress Aurelia Wills

Time

January 28, 2026- April 8, 2026 | Wed, 01/28/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 04/08/2026 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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

In the first three weeks of this 12-week class, we'll focus on craft: characterization, story...

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

# 2026 Year-Long Novel Writing Project with Peter Geye—Winter Online Cohort Peter Geye

Time

January 29, 2026- December 10, 2026 | Thu, 01/29/2026 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/10/2026 - 9:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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/2026-year-long-novel-writing-project-peter-geye-winter-online-cohort]

# Writing Fantasy JR Dawson

Time
February 2, 2026- February 23, 2026 | Mon, 02/02/2026 - 6:00pm - Mon, 02/23/2026 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Fantasy is a special genre that allows us to see the world through a magical lens. From high fantasy to magical realism, to romantasy and alternate universes, it allows us to empower our characters and ask "what if?" This 4-session class will explore the history and present day stories of fantasy...

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

### Loft After School Online: Writing By Genre for Ages 15 to 18 Savannah Brooks

Time
February 5, 2026- March 12, 2026 | Thu, 02/05/2026 - 4:00pm - Thu, 03/12/2026 - 6:00pm | Fiction | Youth

Love writing across genres? Or want a nudge outside of your writing comfort zone? Over six weeks, we'll jump into the major genres of fiction writing —sci-fi, fantasy, mystery, horror, romance, historical—using mentor texts to guide our own writing. We'll learn about tropes, practice writing classic...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/loft-after-school-online-writing-genre-ages-15-18]

# 12-Week Fantasy Novel Writing Intensive for Teens Kelsey Daly

Time
February 5, 2026- April 23, 2026 | Thu, 02/05/2026 - 4:30pm - Thu, 04/23/2026 - 6:00pm | Fiction | Youth

This 12-week fantasy intensive is ideal for teen writers hoping to dig deeply into character design, plot planning, and world-building for a novel-length project.

For our early sessions, we'll focus on character design, discussing character-driven plotting methods and crafting compelling villains...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/12-week-fantasy-novel-writing-intensive-teens]

# Fairy Tales and the Art of Subversion Allison Wyss

Time
February 5, 2026- March 12, 2026 | Thu, 02/05/2026 - 6:00pm - Thu, 03/12/2026 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

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-1]

### Natures of Narrative Structure: Seeking Your Novel's Shape Miranda Schmidt

Time
February 7, 2026 | Sat, 02/07/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/07/2026 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

How do we determine the shape of a novel? What options do we have? Many of us have been taught to structure our fiction a bit like a triangle, following rising action to climax to denouement. This is the shape that many stories in contemporary western writing, from books to films, take. But it is...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/natures-narrative-structure-seeking-your-novels-shape]

# **Creating Magical Worlds (for Ages 15 to 18) Craig Noles**

Time | February 14, 2026 | Sat, 02/14/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/14/2026 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

Do you want to be a writer? Learn how to create magical, fictional worlds that capture the imagination of your readers and keep them glued to the pages of your stories! This class will explore what magic is, the things you have to think through and explore when you create a fictional world, and how...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/creating-magical-worlds-ages-15-18-0]

#### Pick-a-Path Story Workshop (for ages 9 to 11) Kat Shepherd

Time
February 14, 2026 | Sat, 02/14/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Youth

Interactive book series keep readers turning the pages because the story changes every time. Every decision the reader makes takes the plot through unexpected twists and turns that lead to a host of exciting new endings. And writing them is even more fun than reading them!

This 3-hour workshop...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/pick-path-story-workshop-ages-9-11]

# Evil and Empathy: How to Create Complexity in Villains and Other Characters Allison Wyss

Time

March 3, 2026- April 14, 2026 | Tue, 03/03/2026 - 1:00pm - Tue, 04/14/2026 - 3:00pm | Fiction | Adult

What is the nature of evil and how do we address it in fiction? We'll look at archetypal villains (think: fairy tales) as well as more complex monsters, such as the hero turned bad or the devil with whom we can't help but empathize. Do we want to empathize with the villains in stories? What is...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/evil-and-empathy-how-create-complexity-villains-and-other-characters-2]

#### Writing Short Stories (for ages 12 to 14) Kat Shepherd

Time
March 21, 2026 | Sat, 03/21/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/21/2026 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

Do you want to be a writer? Learn how to create magical, fictional worlds that capture the imagination of your readers and keep them glued to the pages of your stories! This class will explore what magic is, the things you have to think through and explore when you create a fictional world, and how...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-short-stories-ages-12-14]

#### Writing Queer Resistance Through Flash Fiction Adrianna Jereb

Time

March 28, 2026 | Sat, 03/28/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/28/2026 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

In this fiction writing class focused on queer resistance, students will craft stories of their own and deepen their understanding of flash fiction. We'll read multiple flash fiction stories by queer and trans writers, such as Venita Blackburn, Maddox Emory Arnold, and Tina S. Zhu. We'll discuss the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-queer-resistance-through-flash-fiction]

# Worldbuilding: The Keys to Writing Immersive Setting Jackie Cangro

Time
April 4, 2026 | Sat, 04/04/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 04/04/2026 - 5:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Building an immersive setting allows the reader to feel they are stepping out of their world and into the world of your story. That is true whether you're writing fantasy, romance, historical fiction or anything in between.

Setting and place are a collection of details—the right details in the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/worldbuilding-keys-writing-immersive-setting]

# Crafting Powerful Scenes—The Building Blocks of Story Nigar Alam

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

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

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/crafting-powerful-scenes-building-blocks-story]

#### **MULTIGENRE**

#### Mini But Mighty: Writing Micro Kathryn Ganfield

Time
December 6, 2025 | Sat, 12/06/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/06/2025 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

How much punch can you pack into a  $\leq$  250-word piece? You'll see in this short workshop on the short-short genre. Micro prose is among the flashiest of forms; you'll find it's both fulfilling and fun to write. Publishers might cap it at 500, 250 or 100 words (sometimes \*exactly\* 100). Others want it...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/mini-mighty-writing-micro]

#### The Mother Writer Kaia Preus

Time

January 20, 2026- March 10, 2026 | Tue, 01/20/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 03/10/2026 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

This multi-genre course is for anyone who identifies as a mother and a writer, and anyone who sometimes feels the tension between those roles. It's designed to give mother writers a place to write and to engage in a community of artistic support.

The bulk of each class will be time to write-...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/mother-writer-0]

#### Trust Your Writing Kate St. Vincent Vogl

Time

January 27, 2026- April 14, 2026 | Tue, 01/27/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/14/2026 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

In writing we trust: We want readers to trust the writer and writers to trust the story. For that, writers have to trust their process. But how can you when you're not sure what you're doing? This 12-session class offers guidelines to help you navigate writing or revising a manuscript in any genre...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/trust-your-writing-0]

# Unlocking the Mystery of Metaphors Jennifer S. Brown

Metaphors are the kidney stones of writing. No, that's not quite right. Metaphors are the acid rain of writing. Yuck. Metaphors are... well, they're hard. Metaphors are the bane of many writers. Yet so much can be accomplished with one. Orson Scott Card wrote, "Metaphors have a way of holding the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/unlocking-mystery-metaphors-0]

#### Earth Joy Writing Cassie Premo Steele

Time
February 3, 2026- March 10, 2026 | Tue, 02/03/2026 - 6:00pm - Tue, 03/10/2026 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Based on Cassie Premo Steele's book, Earth Joy Writing: Creating Harmony through Journaling and Nature, this class will introduce students to environmental mindfulness practices that can enhance their writing in any genre.

Whether you consider yourself an environmentalist or simply someone who...

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

# Writing from the Heart Roxanne Sadovsky

Time
February 5, 2026- March 5, 2026 | Thu, 02/05/2026 - 10:00am - Thu, 03/05/2026 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Feeling disconnected from your body? Do you treat your body like a stranger? Curious what it's like to feel and tell your story from the point of view of your toes? Your bones? Your heart? What would your soul say if you asked for its memoir?

We'll write to all of this and more through simple and...

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

# Hope and Imagination in Environmental Writing Wendy Johnson

Time
February 7, 2026 | Sat, 02/07/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/07/2026 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

It seems at every turn we are bombarded with dire news of environmental degradation and biodiversity loss. While there are some glimpses of hope and resilience, these stories are often drowned out by predictions of the coming climate apocalypse.

The state of the world seems so overwhelming, but at...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/hope-and-imagination-environmental-writing]

# Scene Writing (for ages 12 to 14) Kat Shepherd

Time
February 14, 2026 | Sat, 02/14/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/14/2026 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Youth

A perfect choice for young, aspiring writer/actors, this collaborative workshop uses a combination of improv games and screenwriting techniques to create dynamic scenes for scripts and novels. Participants will explore scene-based storytelling and learn how to rely solely on action and dialogue to...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/scene-writing-ages-12-14]

### Striking Satires for Social Change with Collaborative Writing Suzanne Ondrus

Time
February 21, 2026 | Sat, 02/21/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/21/2026 - 1:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Through flipping reality you will write with intelligent mocking humor to critique current political and social problems of your choice.

Art can lead to social change. Do you want to help make our country and world better? Do you want to get people to think about current problems? Not many people...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/striking-satires-social-change-collaborative-writing]

# Writing Our Queer and Trans Bodies: a Two-Day Intensive Jesaka Long

Time
February 21, 2026- February 28, 2026 | Sat, 02/21/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/28/2026 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

LGBTQIA2S+ know writing their stories, writing their joys on the page is resistance. However, as anti-trans laws continue making headlines and books with a trace of queer content continue being banned, even the most resilient writer can experience hesitation. Or even doubt. Hearing our existence...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-our-queer-and-trans-bodies-two-day-intensive]

#### Cold & Crystal Clear: Writing About Winter Kathryn Ganfield

Time
February 28, 2026 | Sat, 02/28/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/28/2026 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Winter arises in many memorable works and lines in literature. Shakespeare's "now is the winter of our discontent." Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." The "blueblack cold" of Robert Hayden's "Those Winter Sundays." Clearly, the starkest of seasons is fertile ground for metaphor and...

<u>View Online [https://loft.org/classes/cold-crystal-clear-writing-about-winter]</u>

#### How to End Things Leila Nadir

Time
April 1, 2026- May 6, 2026 | Wed, 04/01/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 05/06/2026 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Homecomings. Gamechangers. Portals. Disasters. New Beginnings. Rebirths. Doors. These are just a few of the wildly divergent words used to describe conclusions. Endings should be believably unbelievable and also unbelievably believable. Totally predictable yet surprising. David Leavitt famously...

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

#### Mini But Mighty: Writing Micro Kathryn Ganfield

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<u>View Online [https://loft.org/classes/mini-mighty-writing-micro-0]</u>

#### PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

### Let's Talk: Writing Dynamic Dialogue Lillie Gardner

Time

December 6, 2025 | Sat, 12/06/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 12/06/2025 - 1:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

Dialogue is so much more than characters talking. Dialogue can communicate a story's tone, dictate the energy of a scene, move the plot forward, express important information, provide background context, and make the world come to life—all while sounding like the authentic voice of a character. No...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/lets-talk-writing-dynamic-dialogue]

# Creating & Writing Your First TV Pilot (Comedy, Drama, Reality) Bo Kaprall

Time
February 4, 2026- March 25, 2026 | Wed, 02/04/2026 - 10:00am - Wed, 03/25/2026 - 12:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting Adult

Applicable to comedy, drama, and reality TV, this eight-week class is designed for both new and experienced creative writers who hope 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...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/creating-writing-your-first-tv-pilot-comedy-drama-reality-0]

### Let's Write a Play! for Ages 6-8

#### **Marianne Manzler**

Time

March 14, 2026 | Sat, 03/14/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Youth

Join us for an afternoon of theater fun! We'll write our own plays, then create original scenery and costumes. At the end of class, we'll perform our plays in front of a small, invited audience.

Option for financial assistance.

Accessibility: If you have any accessibility requests for this class...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/lets-write-play-ages-6-8]

#### **POETRY**

# POETRY AND PRAYER: common and uncommon ground—with Pádraig Ó Tuama, host of Poetry Unbound Pádraig Ó Tuama

In this workshop, we will explore the strange space between poetry and prayer. Some poems do read like prayers, yes. Other prayers have the qualities of a poem. Many of them incorporate the intimate, yet flexible, word 'you'. Join host of Poetry Unbound Pádraig Ó Tuama in a group exploring public...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetry-and-prayer-common-and-uncommon-ground-padraig-o-tuama-host-poetry-unbound]

### Organic Poetry

#### **Michael Curran-Dorsano**

Time

January 17, 2026 | Sat, 01/17/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/17/2026 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Poetry, at its most authentic, is a transmutation of our lived experience, channeled and crafted into new forms. At the bedrock of all poetry lies a marriage of sound, rhythm, meaning and form. From the rich music of being, beautiful poems can spring up and guide us into a deeper reality. A reality...

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

# The Art of the Everyday Cynthia Chen

Time

January 21, 2026- March 11, 2026 | Wed, 01/21/2026 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/11/2026 - 8:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Poetry cultivates a terrain where nothing is ordinary or unimportant—from a piece of trash on the street to a fly on the windowsill to a shopper selecting a can of beans, mundanity has been a major inspiration and subject matter of poets across the globe.

In this class, we will experiment with...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/art-everyday]

### Poetry Comics Suzanne Wise

Time

January 24, 2026 | Sat, 01/24/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/24/2026 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Discover the dynamic possibilities of poetry comics, a hybrid form that combines poetic language and visual images.

In this generative class, we'll look at diverse examples of the poetry comic form and make quick experiments to share with the class. We'll look at works that combine poetry with...

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

### Poetics of Place: Writing at the Intersection of Nature & Queerness KD Hack

Time
January 24, 2026 | Sat, 01/24/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/24/2026 - 5:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Both Queerness & the natural world urge us to see ourselves as unique parts of a complex and interdependent system, rooted in both weirdness & wonder. As Queer poets, we are uniquely attuned to our more-than-human connections, and both the politics & poetics of place.

In this class, students will...

<u>View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetics-place-writing-intersection-nature-queerness]</u>

# Shoots and Sprouts: Beginnings in Poems Christopher Vaughan

Time

January 31, 2026 | Sat, 01/31/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 01/31/2026 - 1:00pm | Poetry | Adult

The world exhausts and expends, exacts and extracts. But the vital power of poetry, like seeds and sprouts, is its ability to renew and rejuvenate, to thrive amid a broken and difficult world.

In this one-session generative class, we'll explore "beginnings" in poetry. The literal beginnings of...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/shoots-and-sprouts-beginnings-poems]

#### Breaking Form as Mode of Repair: A Generative Poetry Workshop Ulrich Baer

Time
January 31, 2026 | Sat, 01/31/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/31/2026 - 5:00pm | Poetry | Adult

This generative poetry class explores how breaking poetic form can serve as a method of repair—for language, memory, body, and world. We'll engage poems that resist formal expectations to uncover possibilities for care, survival, and radical self-expression. Whether we're fragmenting the lyric...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/breaking-form-mode-repair-generative-poetry-workshop]

# On The Poetics of Delusion: Memory, Forgetting, and the Fragment in Poetry Adedayo Agarau

Time
February 7, 2026 | Sat, 02/07/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/07/2026 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Adult

When C.D. Wright wrote about that evening after the dinner with Frank Stanford and his wife, Linda Mencin, she did so with a remembering of everything but the event itself. Was that forgetting or deflecting—or the inability to access what is critical, the room, how dark it was, the faces, and the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetics-delusion-memory-forgetting-and-fragment-poetry]

# Museum as Muse: Transforming Art into Poetry with Ekphrasis Lindsey Schaffer

Time

March 14, 2026 | Sat, 03/14/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/14/2026 - 1:00pm | Poetry | Adult

This generative poetry class uses the museum as our muse by inviting students to enter into conversation with visual art. Merriam Webster defines ekphrasis as "a literary description or commentary on a visual work of art."

We'll begin with group discussion of two contemporary ekphrastic poems:...

<u>View Online [https://loft.org/classes/museum-muse-transforming-art-poetry-ekphrasis]</u>

### You Don't Have to Tell the Truth: Omission, and Speculation in Poetry Asa Drake

Time

March 14, 2026 | Sat, 03/14/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Adult

There are many reasons why a poem may resist the explicit truth—a name, a place, an action. During this three-hour generative workshop, we'll examine poems that spurn the reader, that ask for whom do we write and what do we preserve by writing? With inspiration from Franny Choi, Taylor Johnson...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/you-dont-have-tell-truth-omission-and-speculation-poetry-0]

# The Matriarchs: Poets of the Feminist Canon & Writing in Their Wake Dylah Ray

Time
March 14, 2026 | Sat, 03/14/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/14/2026 - 4:00pm | Poetry | Adult

We will study some of the greatest feminist poets throughout history, learning from their example, while we also craft our own poems. Drawing from poets of the feminist canon such as Audre Lorde, June Jordan, and Adrienne Rich, we will harness the power of poetry for social change.

Students can...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/matriarchs-poets-feminist-canon-writing-their-wake]

# Juicing the List Poem: Everything You Need to Get Writing Roxanne Sadovsky

Time

March 25, 2026- April 15, 2026 | Wed, 03/25/2026 - 1:00pm - Wed, 04/15/2026 - 3:00pm | Poetry | Adult

If you still haven't fallen head over heels in love with writing, this is the class for you! Did you know that writing a poem is as simple as writing out your "to do" list? Not only that, but the unsung List Poem is your guide and compass, a generous gateway to your creativity, and pathway to your...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/juicing-list-poem-everything-you-need-get-writing]

#### Stop Making Sense Kathryn Kysar

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

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/stop-making-sense]

#### **PUBLISHING AND CAREER**

### How to Earn a Living as a Writer Rachel Werner

Time

December 13, 2025 | Sat, 12/13/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 12/13/2025 - 5:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

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-2]

# Controlling Your Narrative In the Media: Publishing the Personal Essay Shanetta McDonald

Time

January 24, 2026 | Sat, 01/24/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 01/24/2026 - 1:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

In this three-hour virtual class, writers will learn how to craft compelling personal essays that are not only authentic, but also publication-ready. Led by publicist and essayist Shanetta McDonald (Allure, Essence, HuffPost, Well+Good), the class will help emerging and aspiring authors shape...

<u>View Online [https://loft.org/classes/controlling-your-narrative-media-publishing-personal-essay]</u>

# From Page to Publication Kelly Van Sant

Time
February 5, 2026- March 26, 2026 | Thu, 02/05/2026 - 6:00pm - Thu, 03/26/2026 - 8:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Your manuscript is finished! Now what? Are you wondering how to get your story off of your computer screen and onto bookshelves everywhere? This class is for you!

Step-by-step we'll do a deep dive on all the stages of getting your book published. We'll discuss the different ways to publish—self...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/page-publication]

### How to Earn a Living as a Writer Rachel Werner

Time
February 7, 2026 | Sat, 02/07/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/07/2026 - 5:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

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-1]

### Sustaining a Creative Career with Grants: An Artist's Guide to Grant Writing Liz Houlton

Time
February 7, 2026 | Sat, 02/07/2026 - 1:00pm - Sat, 02/07/2026 - 4:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Session one:

In the first session, students will be introduced to the resources and structures that will benefit their grant writing process. We'll walk through 990s, the various prospecting tools, and get to know fiscal sponsorship. Additionally, students will discuss their planning processes; get...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/sustaining-creative-career-grants-artists-guide-grant-writing]

# To Market, To Market: How Professionals Look at Your Manuscript Jennie Goloboy Catherine Lundoff

Time
February 28, 2026 | Sat, 02/28/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/28/2026 - 12:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

In this 3-hour class, a literary agent and a small-press publisher will discuss how they evaluate manuscripts. What do publishing professionals mean by "marketability"? As a writer, how can you improve your odds, in every stage of the process? What is and isn't necessary for a book to reach...

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### Take the Leap Submit Your Writing to Magazines and Journals Tina Tocco

Time
February 28, 2026 | Sat, 02/28/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/28/2026 - 1:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

You've got a few pieces you're proud of, but how do you get started in the world of submissions? What are the mistakes you want to avoid? In this class, you'll learn where to find publications that are looking for work, proper manuscript format, and submission etiquette.

You'll also draft a cover...

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### So You Want to Get Published (for ages 15 to 18) Kathleen Danielson

Time

March 21, 2026 | Sat, 03/21/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/21/2026 - 12:00pm | Publishing and Career | Youth

What do Christopher Paolini, S.E. Hinton, Mary Shelley, and Helen Oyeyemi have in common? They all had a published story under their belt before they turned 20. If you've ever dreamed of seeing your book on the shelves of your favorite bookstore or your name in the byline of a literary magazine...

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#### Land a Byline with a Book Review Deborah Copperud

Time

March 21, 2026 | Sat, 03/21/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 03/21/2026 - 2:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Turn your reading hobby into a byline and break into literary magazines with book reviews! This 4-hour workshop will show you how to:

- -Read fiction, nonfiction, or poetry like a critic
- -Learn how to structure a book review
- -Learn what elements to include in a book review
- -Request ARCs (Advanced...

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#### Powerful First Pages: Pro Tips, Pitfalls, and Practical Advice

Time
March 28, 2026 | Sat, 03/28/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/28/2026 - 1:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

Writers are often told that our novels' opening paragraphs should "hook the reader," but how do we do that? What does that even mean?

Using examples from published genre-fiction novels, award-winning author Tamara Hogan offers a practical, craft-oriented take on this advice: Which details must we...

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### You've Finished Your Book—Now What? Savannah Brooks

Time

March 28, 2026 | Sat, 03/28/2026 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/28/2026 - 3:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

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

The day...

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### How to Pitch Anything Laura Goode

Time
April 11, 2026 | Sat, 04/11/2026 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/11/2026 - 1:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adul

How do you convince an editor, agent, or gatekeeper that your idea is compelling, relevant, and deliverable?

Learn from Laura Goode, author of the new book PITCH CRAFT: The Writer's Guide to Getting Agented, Published, and Paid. She'll take a holistic approach to self-presentation that includes...

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