Loft Sampler Class: Start Here! Introduction to Creative Writing
Kimberly Lee
January 11, 2023
Time
Wed, 01/11/2023 - 12:00pm - Wed, 01/11/2023 - 1:00pm
Basics | Adult
Price
Regular $5.00 | Member $4.50

Are you new to creative writing? Wondering where to start? Start here! Join Loft teaching artist Kimberly Lee as she introduces you to the basics of creative writing. She'll go over the different genres of writing, introducing some basic aspects of craft in poetry, creative nonfiction/memoir, and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/loft-sampler-class-start-here-introduction-creative-writing-4]

First Steps Into Writing
Patricia Hoolihan
January 25, 2023- March 1, 2023
Time
Wed, 01/25/2023 - 10:00am - Wed, 03/01/2023 - 12:00pm
Basics | Adult
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-8]

Scrivener 101
Nicole Kronzer
March 18, 2023
Time
Sat, 03/18/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/18/2023 - 12:00pm
Basics | Adult
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 at...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/scrivener-101-6]

Beyond Google: Research Strategies for Historically Accurate Writing
Kristine Spanier
March 25, 2023
Time
Sat, 03/25/2023 - 9:30am - Sat, 03/25/2023 - 1:30pm
Basics | Adult
Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beyond-google-research-strategies-historically-accurate-writing]
Scrivener 102
Nicole Kronzer

April 22, 2023  |  Sat, 04/22/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 04/22/2023 - 12:00pm  |  Basics  |  Adult
Price  |  Regular $55.50  |  Member $49.95

Are you familiar with the basics of Scrivener and ready to dive deeper? We will take a look at features such as Collections, deeper uses of the Inspector, Project Searches, and Quick References. This class is aimed at Mac users as Scrivener was designed for Macs. PC users are welcome, but please... 

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/scrivener-102-5]

CHILDREN’S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

A Place at the Desk: Writing Fiction for Children
Lisa M. Bolt Simons

January 24, 2023- April 11, 2023  |  Tue, 01/24/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/11/2023 - 8:00pm  |  Children's and Young Adult Literature  |  Adult
Price  |  Regular $444.00  |  Member $399.60

Writing for children is a place with a wide spectrum, from picture books to middle grade to young adult. Come to this session to explore it all. We’ll check out realistic vs “out-of-this-world” genres and review characters, setting, conflict, etc. We’ll read excerpts of model texts: the sparsely...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/place-desk-writing-fiction-children-0]

Get Inspired: Small Books, Big Ideas!
Abdullahi Janno

February 4, 2023  |  Sat, 02/04/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/04/2023 - 12:00pm  |  Children's and Young Adult Literature  |  Adult
Price  |  Regular $55.50  |  Member $49.95

Looking for inspiration for your first picture book? Want to explore big ideas? Not sure about how to weave messages into your craft? Well, this class seeks to address these questions.

As a beginner-level class, we’ll have a cursory look at the fundamentals of a picture book and craft elements...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/get-inspired-small-books-big-ideas]

Writing Middle Grade Fiction
Kim Ventrella

March 15, 2023  |  Wed, 03/15/2023 - 5:00pm - Wed, 03/15/2023 - 8:00pm  |  Children's and Young Adult Literature  |  Adult
Price  |  Regular $55.50  |  Member $49.95

Middle grade fiction is magical. Readers in this group (often ages 8-12) are asking big questions about themselves and the world, maybe for the first time in their lives, and as middle grade authors, we get to write stories that explore those big questions. These books are beautiful, funny, hopeful...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-middle-grade-fiction]
Children's Writing for Beginners
Lisa Bullard

March 16, 2023 - April 20, 2023  Thu, 03/16/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 04/20/2023 - 8:00pm

Children's and Young Adult Literature  Adult

**Price**
- Regular $222.00
- Member $199.80

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

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/childrens-writing-beginners-6)

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

April 6, 2023 - April 13, 2023  Thu, 04/06/2023 - 12:00pm - Thu, 04/13/2023 - 4:00pm

Children's and Young Adult Literature  Adult

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

If you've tried to get your creative work published and haven't been able to, yet, come to this two-session 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)...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/research-and-writing-childrens-nonfiction-education-7)

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**CREATIVE NONFICTION**

Loft Sampler Class: Creative Nonfiction
Vanessa Ramos

January 12, 2023  Thu, 01/12/2023 - 12:00pm - Thu, 01/12/2023 - 1:00pm

Creative Nonfiction  Adult

**Price**
- Regular $5.00
- Member $4.50

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-4)

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Like a Thread Through the Labyrinth: Finding the Arc of Your Memoir
Lynette Reini-Grandell

January 23, 2023 - February 13, 2023  Mon, 01/23/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 02/13/2023 - 8:00pm

Creative Nonfiction  Adult

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

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-0)
Writing the Braided Essay
Jamie Tews
January 24, 2023- February 28, 2023
Time
Tue, 01/24/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 02/28/2023 - 8:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

In a braided essay, a writer weaves seemingly disparate experiences into a shared story. In this class, we'll explore the shared space between our experiences and our obsessions, using class sessions for generative writing time and opportunity for sharing - you may write an essay about cooking pie...

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

Creative Nonfiction: Eight Essays, Eight Weeks
Vanessa Ramos
January 25, 2023- March 22, 2023
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

In Crafting the Personal Essay, Dinty W. Moore writes, “The personal essay is, of course, personal, meaning of you, from your unique point-of-view. And it is an ‘assay’, derived from a French word meaning ‘to try’ or ‘to attempt.’” If you thrive on deadlines to generate new material, this class is...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/creative-nonfiction-eight-essays-eight-weeks]

Legacy Writing: Capturing Moments for Future Generations
Brenda Hudson
January 25, 2023- March 15, 2023
Time
Wed, 01/25/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/15/2023 - 8:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

Create a written legacy of your life! Have you always wanted to document your life stories for future generations but have never gotten around to it or known where to begin? Perhaps you have started but are stuck or overwhelmed. Maybe you want to pen your stories just for yourself, without any...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/legacy-writing-capturing-moments-future-generations]

Writing Through Loss in Creative Nonfiction
Shayna Goodman
January 26, 2023- March 2, 2023
Time
Thu, 01/26/2023 - 12:00pm - Thu, 03/02/2023 - 2:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

This class focuses on the creative process of writing through loss and unwelcome change. As Lidia Yuknavitch said in an interview, “It's not unusual that an artistic practice would be born out of trauma.” Writing can lighten the burden, and it is just as likely to send us back to a hard place. How...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-through-loss-creative-nonfiction-2]

Introduction to Creative Nonfiction
Vanessa Ramos
January 26, 2023- March 2, 2023
Time
Thu, 01/26/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 03/02/2023 - 8:00pm
Creative Nonfiction | Adult
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-8]
Beyond the Memoir: Writing Personal, Creative Nonfiction (and Getting It Published)
Tony Jones
January 28, 2023

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Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

Write what you know, they say. But it turns out that's harder than it looks, especially when the genre of memoir may have already passed its peak of popularity. However, memoir is only one of the ways to embed your own story in what you write. In this class, we will explore memoir, but we'll also...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beyond-memoir-writing-personal-creative-nonfiction-and-getting-it-published-4]

The Loft's Creative Nonfiction and Memoir Writing Project 2023—Online Cohort
Carolyn Holbrook
February 2, 2023- December 14, 2023

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

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/lofts-creative-nonfiction-and-memoir-writing-project-2023-online-cohort]

"Flash" Memoir: Life Stories in 500 Words or Less
Brenda Hudson
February 4, 2023

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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-3]

Crafting Character in Memoir
Rachel Signer
February 6, 2023- February 27, 2023

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Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

In nonfiction, the author/protagonist and the people who take part in their life—family, colleagues, friends—are all characters. Although they may exist "in real life," they still require construction and animation through dialogue, actions, mannerisms, and emotivity.

This four-week class will...

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<td>The annals are ripe with evidence of rich narratives and vibrant characters. In this class, we will explore maps, newspapers, census records, organizational registers, diaries, and other materials, finding inspiration for new writing, or new avenues for existing projects using digital archival... View Online</td>
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**Memoir Writing: Inspiration and Craft from Contemporary Best Sellers**
Kate St. Vincent Vogl

March 16, 2023 - April 20, 2023  Thu, 03/16/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 04/20/2023 - 8:00pm  Creative Nonfiction  Adult

**Price**  Regular $222.00  Member $199.80

What craft lessons can be found in best-selling memoirs? Learn how to best tell your life's story as we explore techniques used in *Crying in H Mart* (Michelle Zauner) and *I am, I am, I am* (Maggie O'Farrell). Discover real-life solutions to problems memoirists face by evaluating where these memoirs...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/memoir-writing-inspiration-and-craft-contemporary-best-sellers)

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

March 18, 2023  Sat, 03/18/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/18/2023 - 1:00pm  Creative Nonfiction  Adult

**Price**  Regular $74.00  Member $66.60

How can you best write the story of your life? Maybe you've started (and maybe you haven't), but now you're stuck, wondering how much to include and what all 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-3)

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**Reading and Writing Essays of Wonder, Gratitude, and Delight**
Claire Wahmanholm

April 4, 2023 - May 9, 2023  Tue, 04/04/2023 - 12:00pm - Tue, 05/09/2023 - 2:00pm  Creative Nonfiction  Adult

**Price**  Regular $222.00  Member $199.80

Wonder, delight, and gratitude will be our touchstones for this six-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...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/reading-and-writing-essays-wonder-gratitude-and-delight)

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**Building Vivid Worlds in Your Creative Nonfiction**
Leah Christianson

April 15, 2023  Sat, 04/15/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 04/15/2023 - 1:00pm  Creative Nonfiction  Adult

**Price**  Regular $148.00  Member $133.20

"Place is one of the lesser angels that watch over the racing hand of fiction," said Eudora Welty. "There have been signs that she has been rather neglected of late; maybe she could do with a little petitioning." Many writers struggle to establish a unique sense of place, and it can leave the reader...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/building-vivid-worlds-your-creative-nonfiction-2)

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**CREATIVE PROCESS**
Beyond the Hero’s Journey: Exploring the Paths of the Heroine, Healer, and Seeker
Kimberly Lee
January 25, 2023 - March 8, 2023  |  Creative Process  |  Adult
Price  |  Regular $222.00  |  Member $199.80

In this fun and interactive class, we’ll explore journey narratives that go beyond the traditional hero’s journey. The heroine’s journey, the journey of integrity, the seeker’s journey, and the healer’s journey, are collaborative, inclusive paths that been identified, each encompassing their own...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beyond-heros-journey-exploring-paths-heroine-healer-and-seeker]

Keeping a Writer’s Notebook
Susan Niz
Time
January 26, 2023 - March 2, 2023  |  Thu, 01/26/2023 - 12:00pm - Thu, 03/02/2023 - 2:00pm  |  Creative Process  |  Adult
Price  |  Regular $222.00  |  Member $199.80

Your notebook is a living, interactive document of your creative practice. Learn to sprout seeds of expression on the fertile page. It’s not only a place for early lines or sentences of your particular genre but to freewrite, collage, draw, label, cut, paste, play, and explore your thoughts...

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

Healing The Wounded Writer: Writer’s Journal to Recover or Build Writing Practice
Morgan Grayce Willow
Time
February 16, 2023 - April 6, 2023  |  Thu, 02/16/2023 - 1:00pm - Thu, 04/06/2023 - 3:00pm  |  Creative Process  |  Adult
Price  |  Regular $296.00  |  Member $266.40

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

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

Creative Maps for Creative Writing
Heidi Newbauer
Time
February 25, 2023  |  Sat, 02/25/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/25/2023 - 12:00pm  |  Creative Process  |  Adult
Price  |  Regular $55.50  |  Member $49.95

The cartographer’s map lures us into other worlds, but what about our own creative worlds and ideas? In this session, we’ll explore how creative maps can transform ideas into visual aids that give more ease—and fun!—to our writing processes.

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/creative-maps-creative-writing-1]
Journaling for Self-Care: Writing Through Challenging Times
Brenda Hudson

March 15, 2023 - April 5, 2023
Wed, 03/15/2023 - 12:00pm - Wed, 04/05/2023 - 2:00pm
Creative Process | Adult

Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/journaling-self-care-writing-through-challenging-times-0]

Create Compelling Characters with Tarot
Susie Shubert

April 29, 2023
Sat, 04/29/2023 - 2:00pm - Sat, 04/29/2023 - 5:00pm
Creative Process | Adult

Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Strong character development is key to writing an impactful story that your readers can't put down. With the Royal Character Design method, writers go from basic character development to creating living and breathing personalities with the practical magic of the tarot.

In this class, you'll...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/create-compelling-characters-tarot-0]

DIGITAL STORY TELLING (FORMERLY NEW MEDIA)

Introduction to Digital Storytelling
Anne Aronson

January 23, 2023 - March 13, 2023
Mon, 01/23/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 03/13/2023 - 8:00pm
Digital Story Telling (formerly New Media) | Adult

Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

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

The class will...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/introduction-digital-storytelling-3]

FICTION

Loft Sampler Class: Fiction
Allison Wyss

January 10, 2023
Tue, 01/10/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 01/10/2023 - 7:00pm
Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $5.00 | Member $4.50

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-4]
Writing the Future is a Radical Act: Science Fiction and Fantasy
Lyda Morehouse
January 23, 2023 - April 10, 2023
Time
Mon, 01/23/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 04/10/2023 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $444.00 | Member $399.60

Do you imagine missions only boldly going to futures populated by cis, straight, white men? Science fiction and fantasy, by its nature, has always been about commenting on the present and proposing social change. Despite what the internet might lead you to believe, stories like Theodore Sturgeon's...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-future-radical-act-science-fiction-and-fantasy]

Advanced Novel Writing: Craft, Workshop, Revision
Robin McLean
January 23, 2023 - March 13, 2023
Time
Mon, 01/23/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 03/13/2023 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

In this craft centered class, we'll embark as a community of novelists with a common goal: to have fun while making significant forward progress for our novels. Each week--with each novel section we read--we will dive deep to carefully inventory basic craft elements in the work (character, plot...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/advanced-novel-writing-craft-workshop-revision-0]

Short Story Nitty Gritty
Troy Wilderson
January 24, 2023 - March 14, 2023
Time
Tue, 01/24/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 03/14/2023 - 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-2]

Fiction: Eight Weeks, Eight Drafts
Allison Wyss
January 25, 2023 - March 22, 2023
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

So you've written a story. Maybe you've even received feedback on it. Now what? Revision can be terrifying. But the strategy of "Transitional Drafts" offers a way through the mystery. The gist is to work on one thing at a time, starting with the "easy stuff." Then, as the conscious part of your mind...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fiction-eight-weeks-eight-drafts]

Abolitionist Fiction
Taiwana Shambley
January 25, 2023 - April 12, 2023
Time
Wed, 01/25/2023 - 12:00pm - Wed, 04/12/2023 - 2:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $444.00 | Member $399.60

This class is intended for systemically marginalized people, including people of color and transgender, disabled, or working class people of any racial identity. Abolition is about addressing the roots of social problems, restoring relationships between people and communities, and practicing life...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/abolitionist-fiction]
Focus on Craft in Short Fiction
Nathan Larson
January 25, 2023 - March 15, 2023
Time: Wed, 01/25/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/15/2023 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price: Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

When reading fiction, what makes us want to keep reading? Interesting characters? Intricate and tightly woven plot? Deep and meaningful themes?
It's easy to forget that all of these things are done on the micro-level. The line by line work. In this class, we will be focusing on how small-scale craft...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/focus-craft-short-fiction]

Introduction to Fiction
Kawai Strong Washburn
January 26, 2023 - March 2, 2023
Time: Thu, 01/26/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 03/02/2023 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price: Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

Learn to write fiction in a non-intimidating environment with fellow beginners. We'll cover important aspects of craft, including plot, structure, and characterization, while reading work that epitomizes a well-crafted story. Writers such as Anjali Sachdeva, Tobias Wolff, ZZ Packer, Anthony Doerr...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/introduction-fiction-7]

Fiction: Work In Progress
Aurelia Wills
January 26, 2023 - April 13, 2023
Time: Thu, 01/26/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 04/13/2023 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price: Regular $444.00 | Member $399.60

Writing is a wonderful vocation, but the effort can be lonely. Come break the isolation! This class is for fiction writers who are looking for artistic camaraderie and would like feedback on a project. The first three weeks, we'll focus on craft: characterization, story and plot, perspective, voice...

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

Using Color To Manifest Character in Your Fiction
Lyndsey Ellis
January 28, 2023
Time: Sat, 01/28/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 01/28/2023 - 1:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price: Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

Color matters. From the sassiest oranges and earthiest greens to the kindest pinks and the most mundane grays, hues across the spectrum affect mood, perception, and how we relate to the world around us. This class aims to help writers delve into the psychology behind color as it relates to the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/using-color-manifest-character-your-fiction-0]
The Loft's Novel Writing Project 2023—Online Cohort
Peter Geye

January 31, 2023 - December 12, 2023

Time
Tue, 01/31/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 12/12/2023 - 9:00pm

Fiction  |  Adult

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

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

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/lofts-novel-writing-project-2023-online-cohort]

The Loft's Novel Writing Project 2023—In Person Cohort
Peter Geye

February 2, 2023 - December 14, 2023

Time
Thu, 02/02/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/14/2023 - 9:00pm

Fiction  |  Adult

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

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

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/lofts-novel-writing-project-2023-person-cohort]

Harnessing Your Novel's Plot and Character Development
Jackie Cangro

February 15, 2023 - March 15, 2023

Time
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 and...

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

Decolonizing Fiction
Antoinette Van Sluytman

February 25, 2023

Time
Sat, 02/25/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/25/2023 - 12:00pm

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]
When Narrative Structures Explode!
Troy Wilderson
March 13, 2023- May 1, 2023

Time
Mon, 03/13/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 05/01/2023 - 8:00pm

Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

Interested in world-class books that are experimental while also thoroughly engaging and masterful? In this class, we will examine how two authors played with structure and form in their novels as a tool to expand our own creative writing.

Each day will include instruction on craft, generative...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/when-narrative-structures-explode-0]

From Novice to Novelist
John DeDakis
March 14, 2023- April 18, 2023

Time
Tue, 03/14/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/18/2023 - 8:00pm

Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

This class is designed to deconstruct and demystify the novel-writing process for struggling and/or aspiring writers. We'll discuss how to tap into your subconscious and life experiences to transform them into a book-length project, populated with engaging characters, a twisty-turny plot, snappy...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/novice-novelist-5]

Intimacy and Conflict: Creating a Scene
Allison Wyss
March 14, 2023- April 18, 2023

Time
Tue, 03/14/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/18/2023 - 8:00pm

Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

Bodies at rest tend to stay at rest; bodies in motion, well, they just keep going the same way. But in stories, most readers crave change. So let's make those bodies bump or even crash! This can happen through conflict or through intimacy.

Learn strategies to create both intimacy and conflict in...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/intimacy-and-conflict-creating-scene]

Evil and Empathy: How to Create Complexity in Villains and Other Characters
Allison Wyss
March 15, 2023- April 26, 2023

Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

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]

Fiction Narrative: Finding the Right Voice
Allison Wyss
March 15, 2023- April 26, 2023

Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

First find the voice. Then let the voice tell the story. This class will examine a variety of narration techniques, looking at different options a writer has, as well as the opportunities and challenges each style presents. We'll cover topics such as first- and third-person POV, filtering through...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fiction-narrative-finding-right-voice-0]
### Contemporary Fiction: Writing the Biosphere
**Daniel Hornsby**

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**Price**
- Regular $296.00
- Member $266.40

Every year it becomes clearer that the fates of all forms of life—plants, animals, microbes, fungi—are braided together. As writers, ignoring nonhuman organisms means ignoring much of the story of what's going on on our planet. More and more contemporary fiction deals with the biosphere, and making...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/contemporary-fiction-writing-biosphere)

### Saving Face: The Old-fashioned Art of Physical Description & How to Make it New
**Allison Wyss**

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

It can feel old-fashioned or even trite to make much use of physical description. Yet contemporary writers can use it to great effect, enhancing characterization, increasing subtext, and creating a sense of physicality that powerfully compels the narrative. Beyond that, readers like to picture...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/saving-face-old-fashioned-art-physical-description-how-make-it-new-0)

### Hook, Line, and Sinker: Winning Them Over With Your First Three Pages
**Jennie Goloboy Catherine Lundoff**

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

What does it mean when a publishing professional says your story “didn’t grab them”? An experienced editor and agent will tell you what they're looking for in a novel opening. We'll discuss voice, characterization, stakes, worldbuilding, and setting genre expectations, as well as how reader...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/hook-line-and-sinker-winning-them-over-your-first-three-pages)

### MULTIGENRE

### Mindful Writers Workshop: A Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers
**Rachel Werner**

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**Price**
- Regular $32.00
- Member $28.80
- Pay What You Can $0.00

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

This...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/mindful-writers-workshop-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers)
Write as You Are: Learn What Your Draft is Telling You
Kate St. Vincent Vogl

January 23, 2023 - March 13, 2023
Mon, 01/23/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 03/13/2023 - 8:00pm
Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $296.00 | Member $266.40

Wondering how writers get the words on the page to turn out as good as the story in their heads? This class offers guidelines on how to strengthen your writing by better understanding all the signals your writing can give. Learn how to find in a draft what's needed to complete the journey that's...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/write-you-are-learn-what-your-draft-telling-you-0]

Crowd Control: Making Your Writing Irresistible to Readers
Ethan Jacobs

January 24, 2023 - April 11, 2023
Tue, 01/24/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/11/2023 - 8:00pm
Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $444.00 | Member $399.60

We're competing for readers' attention with more sources of entertainment than ever before. If there was ever an obligation on the part of our audience to “give it time,” it's certainly much less binding now than it once was. This doesn't mean that we have to compromise the quality of our writing or...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/crowd-control-making-your-writing-irresistible-readers-2]

Finding Wonder in Winter and the Words While Outside and in Motion
Sara Puotinen

January 25, 2023 - March 8, 2023
Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

In this class, we'll 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'll experiment with different methods for transforming that wonder into words by creating and contributing to our own movement log...

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

Writing for Night Owls
Brenda Hudson

January 25, 2023 - February 15, 2023
Wed, 01/25/2023 - 10:00pm - Wed, 02/15/2023 - 12:00am
Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

It's 10 p.m., do you know where your writing is?

Get comfortable and grab your notebook or computer. Instead of ruminating, unable to sleep; instead of binge watching the latest series; instead of thinking you'll get up early the next morning—write at night, in the company of other writerly night...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-night-owls-2]
**In Living Color: Writing In Vivid Hues**
Kimberly Lee

Time
February 11, 2023 | Sat, 02/11/2023 - 9:00am | Sat, 02/11/2023 - 12:00pm

Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

“Color is a power which directly influences the soul.”—Wassily Kandinsky

In this generative class, we’ll explore the impact of color in writing—how it sets a mood, shapes our perception of characters, and influences our emotions. Through readings and imaginative prompts, we’ll witness how color...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/living-color-writing-vivid-hues)

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**Creative Writing Through Chronic Illness**
Jay Summer

Time
March 14, 2023 - April 4, 2023 | Tue, 03/14/2023 - 6:00pm | Tue, 04/04/2023 - 8:00pm

Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

Many people with chronic illness have found that journaling about their symptoms, limitations, and challenges provides a range of therapeutic benefits. In this class, we discuss ways to move beyond the journal and begin using writing craft elements to create work you might like to share with a wider...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/creative-writing-through-chronic-illness)

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**Writing the Unsaid: A Generative Workshop**
Stacey Balkun

Time
March 15, 2023 - April 26, 2023 | Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

Though the surface may tell one story, we don't know what swims beneath until we drop anchor, don our flippers, and dive in. In this generative six-week workshop, writers will practice six unique methods of telling hidden stories. Through form, voice, and story, we will probe the notion of truth...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/writing-unsaid-generative-workshop)

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**Blogging for Beginners**
Jinnene Foster

Time
March 15, 2023 - April 26, 2023 | Multigenre | Adult

Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

Have you ever thought, “I’d love to start a blog, but how?” In this class, we learn to eliminate that “but.” Blogging offers myriad benefits, to both established and beginning writers alike. To blog can give us a sense of agency in our ability to be in control of our lives and to maintain something...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/blogging-beginners-5)
The Art of Telling the Truth
Courtney Faye Taylor
April 19, 2023
Time
Wed, 04/19/2023 - 12:00pm - Wed, 04/19/2023 - 3:00pm
Multigenre | Adult
Price
Regular $130.00 | Member $117.00

“What are you pretending not to know today, sweetheart? Colored gal on planet earth? Hmph, know everything there is to know. Anything she/we
don't know is by definition the unknown.”
—Toni Cade Bambara

Sometimes we hide from our truths. That hiding can be deliberate—a concealment required for...

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

Earth as Home: New Nature & Place-based Writing
Emily Trenholm
April 29, 2023
Time
Sat, 04/29/2023 - 9:30am - Sat, 04/29/2023 - 12:30pm
Multigenre | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/earth-home-new-nature-place-based-writing]

PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

Introduction to Writing for Television
Bo Kaprall
January 26, 2023- March 16, 2023
Time
Thu, 01/26/2023 - 10:00am - Thu, 03/16/2023 - 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-6]

Write Your Screenplay in Six Weeks
Michael Gorrie
March 14, 2023- April 18, 2023
Time
Tue, 03/14/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/18/2023 - 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
work...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/write-your-screenplay-six-weeks-2]
Memoir on the Stage: Writing the One-Person Show
May Lee-Yang
April 15, 2023
Time  Sat, 04/15/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 04/15/2023 - 12:00pm  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 persona(s) do 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-0]

POETRY

Loft Sampler Class: Poetry
Yasmine Ameli
January 11, 2023
Time  Wed, 01/11/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 01/11/2023 - 7:00pm  Poetry  Adult
Price  Regular $5.00  Member $4.50

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-3]

Poetry Craft & Workshop—RESET!
Susan Niz
January 24, 2023 - March 14, 2023
Time  Tue, 01/24/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 03/14/2023 - 8:00pm  Poetry  Adult
Price  Regular $296.00  Member $266.40

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-0]

Poetry Narratives
Freesia McKee
January 25, 2023 - February 15, 2023
Time  Wed, 01/25/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 02/15/2023 - 8:00pm  Poetry  Adult
Price  Regular $148.00  Member $133.20

It's fairly common to encounter a poet who is hesitant to self-identify as a poet. Why? Where do we receive messaging about who “real writers” are? Poets are commonly told “just keep writing,” but that doesn’t leave room, perhaps, to reflect on what's been happening in our creative practices. This...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetry-narratives]
Making the Space for Poetry in Our World: Intermediate Poetry
Deborah Keenan
January 26, 2023 - April 20, 2023

Time
Thu, 01/26/2023 - 10:00am - Thu, 04/20/2023 - 12:00pm

Poetry | Adult

Price
Regular $444.00 | Member $399.60

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

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/making-space-poetry-our-world-intermediate-poetry-2]

The Loft Poetry Apprenticeship 2023
Gretchen Marquette
January 31, 2023 - December 12, 2023

Time
Tue, 01/31/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 12/12/2023 - 9:00pm

Poetry | Adult

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

The time has come to gather and assemble your work. Individual poems that stand alone can, with purposeful ordering, also reinforce and illuminate each other. In this year-long apprenticeship with poet Gretchen Marquette you'll develop your voice through customized individual mentorship as well as...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/loft-poetry-apprenticeship-2023]

Reclaiming Language Through Form: A Poet's Guide
Chavonn Shen
February 11, 2023

Time
Sat, 02/11/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/11/2023 - 1:00pm

Poetry | Adult

Price
Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

This class will discuss the ways artists of color use poetic form as a tool of resistance. We'll read poets whose language protested erasure and reformed what determines legitimacy by exploring both contemporary and classic works. We'll also write poems in form and invent forms to serve our own...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/reclaiming-language-through-form-poets-guide-0]

Listen to this: Writing Poems about Music
Tristan Richards
February 15, 2023 - March 8, 2023

Time
Wed, 02/15/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 03/08/2023 - 8:00pm

Poetry | Adult

Price
Regular $148.00 | Member $133.20

Whether you understand the mechanics of a song or not, you can probably pinpoint a moment when you heard a song and it made you feel something. Maybe you've had the same experience with a poem.

In this class, we'll bring both to the table, and see what happens when we write poems about or to the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/listen-writing-poems-about-music]
Introduction to Poetry
Yasmine Ameli
February 20, 2023 - March 27, 2023
Time
Mon, 02/20/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 03/27/2023 - 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 epitomize well-crafted work. We'll read and write in class; discuss what makes an effective...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/introduction-poetry-7]

How to Begin a Poem
Chelsea DesAutels
February 25, 2023
Time
Sat, 02/25/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/25/2023 - 12:00pm
Poetry | Adult
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—in 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-1]

Poetry for Newcomers
Yasmine Ameli
March 11, 2023
Time
Sat, 03/11/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/11/2023 - 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 poetry...

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

What's At Hand: Writing Poems from the Overlooked Documents that Fill Our Lives
Andy Butter
March 15, 2023 - April 19, 2023
Time
Wed, 03/15/2023 - 6:00pm - Wed, 04/19/2023 - 8:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

As poets we often look inward to our interior experiences to draw on for material. But what if we focused our attention outward, to the seemingly mundane documents that fill our daily lives? The power of poetry is its profound attention to language. We will use this skill to look at pieces of...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/whats-hand-writing-poems-overlooked-documents-fill-our-lives]
American Mythology Through Poetry and Prose
Chavonn Shen

March 16, 2023 - April 20, 2023
Thu, 03/16/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 04/20/2023 - 8:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

This class will investigate the formation of American identity as told by writers. We'll dissect even more creative works, like poems made into minstrel shows that still permeate pop culture, rock songs that rewrote race relations, books that fed Fake News, and other ways artists have shaped the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/american-mythology-through-poetry-and-prose-1]

Poetry as Survival: Writing the Personal Lyric
Gretchen Marquette

April 3, 2023 - May 8, 2023
Mon, 04/03/2023 - 6:00pm - Mon, 05/08/2023 - 8:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Member $199.80

How does writing, reading, and listening to lyric poetry enable us to confront, survive, and transcend suffering? In this six-week class, we'll discover the answer in Gregory Orr's craft collection, Poetry as Survival. Our sessions will be devoted to discussing Orr's empowering and thoughtful work...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/poetry-survival-writing-personal-lyric]

Finding the Poet Within
Holly Day

April 6, 2023 - April 27, 2023
Thu, 04/06/2023 - 6:00pm - Thu, 04/27/2023 - 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/finding-poet-within-0]

Image and Association
Emily Lee Luan

April 15, 2023
Sat, 04/15/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 04/15/2023 - 12:00pm
Poetry | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Images often work to surprise a reader. What happens when we surprise ourselves in the act of writing? How can we attune our attention to the world around us, whether it's the noise of the street below or the flora and fauna outside the kitchen window? In this class, we will move through a series of...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/image-and-association-0]

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

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

Don’t Self Reject: Opportunities for Writers (Residencies, Workshops, Fellowships, and More!)

Maria Picone

January 28, 2023

Time

Sat, 01/28/2023 - 1:00pm - Sat, 01/28/2023 - 5:00pm

Publishing and Career

Adult

Price

Regular $74.00 | Member $66.60

How do writers fund their work? Find time to write? Find community? A lot of this comes from residencies, workshops, grants, and programs that can be confusing and difficult to apply to and keep track of. In this workshop, all levels of writers are welcome to come and learn about the opportunities...

**View Online** [https://loft.org/classes/dont-self-reject-opportunities-writers-residencies-workshops-fellowships-and-more]

How to Earn a Living as a Writer

Rachel Werner

February 4, 2023

Time

Sat, 02/04/2023 - 10:00am - Sat, 02/04/2023 - 2:00pm

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]

Finding Your Literary Community

Yasmine Ameli

February 25, 2023

Time

Sat, 02/25/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 02/25/2023 - 12:00pm

Publishing and Career

Adult

Price

Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Looking to expand your literary community? In this class we will develop the vocabulary and search terms to help you find literary organizations and opportunities in your town, county, state, and/or region—as well as online! We will spend a portion of the class sharing our findings and search terms...

**View Online** [https://loft.org/classes/finding-your-literary-community-0]
Be a Better Copywriter - Fast
Mary Ringstad
March 11, 2023
Time
Sat, 03/11/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/11/2023 - 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...

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Writers! Be Your Own PR Agent
Holly Day
March 18, 2023
Time
Sat, 03/18/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 03/18/2023 - 12:00pm
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]

Submitting and Publishing Your Writing to Literary Magazines
Adrianna Jereb
March 18, 2023
Time
Sat, 03/18/2023 - 1:00pm - Sat, 03/18/2023 - 4:00pm
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]

"Help Me Communicate!" Writing to Boost Your Business
Lisa M. Bolt Simons
March 25, 2023
Time
Sat, 03/25/2023 - 2:00pm - Sat, 03/25/2023 - 5:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price  Regular $55.50 | Member $49.95

Sure, writing can be intimidating, especially when there is an audience to impress. Rules are constantly broken. Words are misspelled. Semicolons are sneaky. In this session you'll learn how to improve your business communication, from short e-mails to longer correspondence. We'll review the basics...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/help-me-communicate-writing-boost-your-business]
Freelance Writing 101
Lisa Meyers McClintick

April 4, 2023 - April 25, 2023

Time
Tue, 04/04/2023 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/25/2023 - 8:00pm
Publishing and Career  |  Adult

Price
Regular $148.00  |  Member $133.20

As a freelance writer for more than 22 years, Meyers McClintick will help demystify this career option for anyone who's fantasized about being their own boss, writing full time, having a more flexible career or wanting to spend the workday in a home office. In this series of classes, she'll help you...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/freelance-writing-101]

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

April 15, 2023

Time
Sat, 04/15/2023 - 9:00am - Sat, 04/15/2023 - 12:00pm
Publishing and Career  |  Adult

Price
Regular $55.50  |  Member $49.95

Anybody can write, but it takes a special type of determination to see your work through to print. In this class, we'll discuss proper manuscript formatting for poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction and go on to discuss market lists, deciphering writer's guidelines, dealing with rejection, and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/getting-your-word-out-polishing-submitting-and-marketing-your-writing-10]

Submitting to Paid Literary Markets
Yasmine Ameli

April 15, 2023

Time
Sat, 04/15/2023 - 10:00am - Sat, 04/15/2023 - 3:00pm
Publishing and Career  |  Adult

Price
Regular $92.50  |  Member $83.25

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-0]