

## BASICS

### Young Writers: Lunchtime Care for All Ages, 10/25

**Marianne Manzler**

Time  
October 25, 2025 | Sat, 10/25/2025 - 12:00pm - Sat, 10/25/2025 - 1:00pm | Basics | Youth

If you'd like to register your child for both morning and afternoon camps and would like her or him to have supervision and community over lunch, register for the Loft's Youth Lunch Time Care option. Loft staff will eat with your child in a Loft classroom, play games, work on writing projects, or...

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## 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...

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## CREATIVE NONFICTION

### Resisting the Border: A Creative Nonfiction Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers

**Victoria Blanco**

Time  
October 8, 2025- October 22, 2025 | Wed, 10/08/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 10/22/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

We tend to think of "the border" as a line drawn in the sand, a physical marker that parcels land and people into political territories. The concept of "the border" is taught to children from an early age, and we accept it as a reality of our lives. But what if the border didn't exist? What if...

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

**Kate St. Vincent Vogl**

Time  
October 11, 2025 | Sat, 10/11/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/11/2025 - 2:00pm | 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...

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## The Loft@Walker Art Center: Teen Maker Break

Marianne Manzler

Time  
October 16, 2025 | Thu, 10/16/2025 - 2:00pm - Thu, 10/16/2025 - 5:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

From books and memories to the world around us, inspiration for a story can come from anywhere. Join this Teen Maker Break workshop in the Art Lab to explore the power of personal and collective narratives with Marianne Manzler, local writer, editor, and education manager at the Loft Literary Center...

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## The Loft@Walker Art Center: Free Thursday Night

Marianne Manzler

Time  
October 16, 2025 | Thu, 10/16/2025 - 5:00pm - Thu, 10/16/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Art Club invites you to join Marianne Manzler from the Loft Literary Center for a night of dynamic interactive writing workshops. Enjoy drop-in activities connected to the Walker's permanent collection *This Must Be the Place* and creative opportunities for writers to participate in purposeful free...

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## Flash Nonfiction Generator

Lizzie Lawson

Time  
October 25, 2025 | Sat, 10/25/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/25/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Read and write tiny personal essays in this three-hour flash creative nonfiction generator. Writing in the short form (1,000 words or less) can be a great way to energize and focus your words. Learn to create lasting depth and impact in a small space with the help of craft techniques, flash...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/flash-nonfiction-generator-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/flash-nonfiction-generator-01)

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## Writing Book Reviews

Savannah Brooks

Time  
November 6, 2025- December 4, 2025 | Thu, 11/06/2025 - 12:00pm - Thu, 12/04/2025 - 2:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

There are two primary forms of book review, and over four weeks, 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 \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-book-reviews\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-book-reviews)

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## Loft After School Online: Cracking the College Essay

Savannah Brooks

Time  
November 6, 2025- December 4, 2025 | Thu, 11/06/2025 - 4:00pm - Thu, 12/04/2025 - 6:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Youth

In this class, we'll not only take on the dreaded college entrance essay, we'll also find ways to actually enjoy it. It can be easy to lean into accomplishments as subject matter, but there are so many different topics to write about and so many ways to write them! Over four weeks, we'll generate a...

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## Discovering Your Memoir's Lead Character

John Moe

November 6, 2025- December 4, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 11/06/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/04/2025 - 8:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

To write a book about someone, it's best to know as much about that person as you can, right? To understand not just what they've done but why they did it. Therefore, if you're setting out to write a memoir, you should get a grip on what makes you - the author, the lead character - tick.

We'll...

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## Flash Memoir: Life Stories in Under 500 Words

Brenda Hudson

November 8, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 11/08/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 11/08/2025 - 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 \[https://loft.org/classes/flash-memoir-life-stories-under-500-words-51\]](https://loft.org/classes/flash-memoir-life-stories-under-500-words-51)

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## Writing Place: Exploring the Landscape Around and Within Us

Lauren Oakes

November 15, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 11/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Learning to see and feel a place deeply is the first step toward writing scenes that resonate with clarity and emotional depth. In this 3-hour workshop, we'll explore how a sense of place can enrich creative nonfiction, memoir, and nature writing. Through close observation, sensory exercises, and...

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## Writing for Social Justice for Ages 12 to 14

Marianne Manzler

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

In this 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 effecting social change and justice. By the end of the session, we'll have several new pieces of writing that reflect the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/writing-social-justice-ages-12-141\]](https://loft.org/classes/writing-social-justice-ages-12-141)

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## CREATIVE PROCESS

### First Steps into Writing in 6 Weeks

Patricia Hoolihan

September 30, 2025- November 4, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 09/30/2025 - 10:00am - Tue, 11/04/2025 - 12:00pm | Creative Process | Adult

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 \[https://loft.org/classes/first-steps-writing-6-weeks1\]](https://loft.org/classes/first-steps-writing-6-weeks1)

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## Incorporating Environmental Science into Your Writing in 4 Weeks

Cassie Premo Steele

	Time	
October 7, 2025- October 28, 2025	Tue, 10/07/2025 - 1:00pm - Tue, 10/28/2025 - 3:00pm	Creative Process   Adult

Incorporating Environmental Science into Your Writing class will cover the creative process of generating an idea for an environmental creative writing project, moving into the research necessary for such a project, and incorporating the science into the work in ways that are accessible and...

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## Night Owls Writing Group

JR Dawson

	Time	
October 30, 2025- November 20, 2025	Thu, 10/30/2025 - 10:00pm - Thu, 11/20/2025 - 12:00am	Creative Process   Adult

Looking for a group of people who write at weird hours like you? This is a generative group that meets at 10 pm! (or 5 am, or both) made for Night Owls (Early Birds/Both). Come meet community, create new work, and discover how YOU best write. Each session begins with a check in, with a focus on...

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## 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...

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## 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 \[https://loft.org/classes/podcasting-writers\]](https://loft.org/classes/podcasting-writers)

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## FICTION

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

Tamara Hogan

	Time	
October 1, 2025- November 5, 2025	Wed, 10/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Wed, 11/05/2025 - 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...

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## Fiction Basics: Setting

Brian Malloy

Time  
October 11, 2025 | Sat, 10/11/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/11/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

For this session on setting, keep in mind what Elizabeth Bowen said “Nothing happens nowhere.” While many writers shy away from describing their settings, the lack of an atmospheric setting can easily bore and confuse readers. The well-rendered setting can create harmony or conflict, characterize...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-setting-41\]](https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-setting-41)

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## The Art of Backstory in Fiction: Create Dynamic Characters Through Their Past

Jackie Cangro

Time  
October 18, 2025 | Sat, 10/18/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/18/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Understanding your characters' past can help you develop their motivations and understand what they do next. In this class, we'll review craft techniques for developing effective backstory, use your characters' past to provide context to their present, and effectively weave backstory into the...

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## Fiction Basics: Scene, Summary, and Narrative Time

Brian Malloy

Time  
October 18, 2025 | Sat, 10/18/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/18/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Many writers struggle with how to present the events in their story. Does an event demand a moment-by-moment scene? Should it be summarized? How can we transition between scene and summary and move our characters backward and forward in time? Through exercises and brief readings, we'll experiment...

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## Fall Flash Fiction Sampler with Alex Juffer

Alex Juffer

Time  
October 23, 2025 | Thu, 10/23/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 10/23/2025 - 7:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Want to try your hand at writing flash fiction? Perhaps you'd like to take a short story 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...

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## Queering the Narrative In Prose

Cassandra Snow

Time  
October 25, 2025 | Sat, 10/25/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/25/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Adult

This class covers how to focus on personal, connective writing rooted in communal experiences and shared identity. Class materials will cover character and world-building as our “in” to creating plots and structures our readers will love. This includes focusing on how identities & lived experiences...

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## Goblins, Ghosts & Ghouls: A Spooky Story Workshop for Ages 9 to 11

Kat Shepherd

October 25, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 10/25/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 10/25/2025 - 12:00pm | Fiction | Youth

What makes a spooky story give us those spine-tingling thrills and chills? In this workshop we'll use games and activities to explore the building blocks of horror: atmospheric settings, compelling monsters and villains, high stakes, and flawed protagonists that drive the story forward. Writers will...

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## Pick-a-Path Story Workshop for Ages 9 to 11

Kat Shepherd

October 25, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 10/25/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/25/2025 - 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 workshop offers the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/pick-path-story-workshop-ages-9-11-01\]](https://loft.org/classes/pick-path-story-workshop-ages-9-11-01)

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## Fiction Basics: Creative Language

Brian Malloy

October 25, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 10/25/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 10/25/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Readers love variety, especially at the sentence level. In this fast-paced session for absolute beginners and pros in need of a refresher, we'll explore periodic sentences, fragments, parataxis, parallelism, anaphora, epiphora, assonance, juxtaposition, ambiguity, and more. We'll play with...

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## Writing with Somatics, Social Justice, and the Speculative

Junauda Petrus

October 29, 2025- November 5, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 10/29/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 11/05/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

In this embodied writing workshop, participants will be inspired to explore the intersections of social justice and the speculative as inspired by the creative, emotive and deep energy of Black feminist existence. This writing journey will use breath, meditation, chair movement, oracles and creative...

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## The Craft of Flash Fiction

Kathleen Danielson

November 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 11/01/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 11/01/2025 - 2:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Flash fiction is an incredibly versatile form. For beginners, it is a medium to learn the ins and outs of narrative structure and storytelling on the small scale of a 300-1,000-word story. For intermediate students, it challenges the habits writers fall into as they find their voice and style on the...

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## Fiction Basics: Revision

**Brian Malloy**

November 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 11/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/01/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Bring your printed manuscript, and pink, and green highlighters for this hands-on revision lab. You'll practice revision methods focused on scene/summary, characterization, arrangement of events, pacing, abstract/concrete language, sensory imagery, and significant details. If you don't bring your...

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## What You Don't Know: Mystery in Fiction

**Allison Wyss**

November 5, 2025- December 17, 2025 | Time  
Wed, 11/05/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/17/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Maud Casey's The Art of Mystery: The Search for Questions is not about the mystery genre. (Though, if that's what you write, join us anyway!) It's not about coyness or about the frustrating lack of specificity that can leave us baffled or confused, ready to throw a book against the wall. Instead...

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## Advanced Flash Fiction Workshop

**Alex Juffer**

November 6, 2025- December 4, 2025 | Time  
Thu, 11/06/2025 - 6:00pm - Thu, 12/04/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

The traditional short story is dead, flash fiction has usurped it, and we only have time to read stories that can be finished waiting in the drive-through line at Taco Bell. However, don't confuse brevity for a lack of depth. Flash fiction is rapidly becoming the modern mode of storytelling.

This...

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## Elevate Your Supporting Characters

**Jackie Cangro**

November 8, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 11/08/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/08/2025 - 1:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Supporting characters are often relegated to the background, populating the story solely to shore up the main character. But your supporting characters have their own lives to live. They can be vibrant and interesting, compelling and surprising. They can have their own character arc. Complex...

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## Short Fiction

**Jeneé Skinner**

November 10, 2025- December 8, 2025 | Time  
Mon, 11/10/2025 - 6:00pm - Mon, 12/08/2025 - 8:00pm | Fiction | Adult

In a way, reading a short story can feel like speed dating, or an otherwise seasonal relationship. But in the brief time we spend with the characters, we learn what makes them who they are and become a part of their lives. In this class, we'll discuss ways to maximize the limited space and...

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## Superbad! The Good Stuff for Your Bad Guy

Tamara Hogan

November 15, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 11/15/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Is your villain “superbad?” Through character study, in-class discussion, and guided practice, we’ll explore how to build exquisitely creepy, psychologically complex, three-dimensional villains our readers will love to hate, and whose rich, well-motivated agendas kick our stories into overdrive...

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## Your First Five Pages

Jackie Cangro

November 15, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 11/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/15/2025 - 5:00pm | Fiction | Adult

Your first five pages are the ones that will hook readers to keep turning the pages. Learn how to craft a compelling opening that sets the stage for an unforgettable journey. In this class, you'll discover the art of captivating storytelling right from the very first line. We'll review the...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/your-first-five-pages\]](https://loft.org/classes/your-first-five-pages)

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## Fiction Basics: Emotional Range

Brian Malloy

November 15, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 11/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Fiction | Adult

A frequent criticism of literary fiction is that it is often humorless, with a narrow emotional range that begins with ennui and ends in despair. If you're weary of the drama of the broken tea cup and want to write and read stories with a broad emotional range, this session is for you. If readers...

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

Savannah Brooks

February 5, 2026- March 12, 2026 | Time  
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...

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## Creating Magical Worlds for Ages 15 to 18

Craig Noles

February 14, 2026 | Time  
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...

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## Pick-a-Path Story Workshop for Ages 9 to 11

**Kat Shepherd**

February 14, 2026 | Time  
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 workshop offers the...

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## Writing Short Stories for Ages 12 to 14

**Kat Shepherd**

March 21, 2026 | Time  
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...

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## FOR READERS

### Craft and Curiosity

**Jesaka Long**

November 4, 2025- December 2, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 11/04/2025 - 4:00pm - Tue, 12/02/2025 - 6:00pm | For Readers | Adult

One of the best ways to improve our writing is through closing reading other works to determine what effect the author's craft choices have on the story. We'll figure out how can we learn from the author's most effective techniques and use them in our own writing. In this Craft & Curiosity class, we...

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## MULTIGENRE

### Narrative Healing Workshop—Music as a Prompt

**JR Dawson**

November 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 11/01/2025 - 10:30am - Sat, 11/01/2025 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

This November 1st session focuses on music as a prompt for writing. Musical selections will be presented to begin the writing process. We will delve into how writing and music can work together, share approaches to listening explore mindfulness activities, and practice with writing exercises....

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## Descriptive Language

Aurelia Wills

November 1, 2025 | Time Sat, 11/01/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/01/2025 - 5:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

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

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/descriptive-language-4\]](https://loft.org/classes/descriptive-language-4)

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## The Next Level: Keys to Strengthening Your Narrative in 6 Weeks

Kate St. Vincent Vogl

November 4, 2025- December 16, 2025 | Time Tue, 11/04/2025 - 12:00pm - Tue, 12/16/2025 - 2:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Need to jumpstart your writing? Know your fiction or memoir is missing something but can't figure out what that is? This class provides tools to lift your writing to the next level. We'll explore ways to add depth and intensity to narrative by breaking down the techniques that more fully develop...

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## Writing Elder

Morgan Grayce Willow

November 5, 2025- December 17, 2025 | Time Wed, 11/05/2025 - 12:00pm - Wed, 12/17/2025 - 2:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

"It is," as poet and novelist May Sarton puts it, "quite easy to wither into old age, and hard to grow into it." For writers, however, the mastery of language is a lifelong journey. Toni Morrison, for example, published four novels, four children's books, and numerous essays after the age of 70. A...

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## So What? Your Story and Historical Context

Patti Kameya

November 5, 2025- December 3, 2025 | Time Wed, 11/05/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/03/2025 - 8:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

You know the "what" of your story. How do you answer the "so what" question? Discover how your story becomes richer and reaches a larger audience when placed within a broader historical frame, or historical context. By sharing your stories, you will become more aware of your global historical...

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## Narrative Healing Workshop—Writing to Connect

JR Dawson

November 15, 2025 | Time Sat, 11/15/2025 - 10:30am - Sat, 11/15/2025 - 12:00pm | Multigenre | Adult

Writing to Connect (November 15) delves into ways that writing fosters understanding and fellowship.

Dive into previous writing and expand on work you have already done—or start here.

We will look at examples of stories from community, practice writing exercises, and participate in healing by way...

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## Mini But Mighty: Writing Micro

Kathryn Ganfield

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

How much punch can you pack into a ≤ 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...

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## Scene Writing For Ages 12 to 14

Kat Shepherd

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

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

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## PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

### Elements of Playwriting

Eva Adderley

October 7, 2025- December 2, 2025 | Time  
Tue, 10/07/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 12/02/2025 - 8:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

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

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### Let's Talk: Writing Dynamic Dialogue

Lillie Gardner

December 6, 2025 | Time  
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...

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

Marianne Manzler

March 14, 2026 | Time  
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.

Email [edu@loft.org](mailto:edu@loft.org) at least two to three weeks in advance if you have any accessibility requests for...

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# POETRY

## Finding the Poet Within Holly Day

	Time		
October 8, 2025- November 12, 2025	Wed, 10/08/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 11/12/2025 - 8:00pm	Poetry	Adult

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...

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## Fall Poetry Sampler with Felicity Sheehy Felicity Sheehy

	Time		
October 25, 2025	Sat, 10/25/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 10/25/2025 - 11:00am	Poetry	Adult

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 an online writing class will be the experience you're hoping for.

If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing—or you'd...

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## Introduction to Poetry Chelsea DesAutels

	Time		
October 28, 2025- December 9, 2025	Tue, 10/28/2025 - 6:00pm - Tue, 12/09/2025 - 8:00pm	Poetry	Adult

Do you love to read poetry and have always wanted to try writing it? Do you have bits of poems or lyrical writing in your journal or notes app that you want to shape into poems?

Come explore the craft of poetry in this six-week course. Each week will feature a fundamental element of poetry, such as...

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## Poetry of Place Halee Kirkwood

	Time		
October 29, 2025- December 10, 2025	Wed, 10/29/2025 - 6:00pm - Wed, 12/10/2025 - 8:00pm	Poetry	Adult

Every poem is written somewhere. But how do we invite place to fully enter our writing? In this course, we'll invite place to be an active collaborator in our creative process. Through writing exercises, readings, and class discussions, we'll try out new craft techniques, building stronger sensory...

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## Writing About Loss Felicity Sheehy

	Time		
November 8, 2025	Sat, 11/08/2025 - 10:00am - Sat, 11/08/2025 - 1:00pm	Poetry	Adult

This is a class about elegies. It is intended for poets who write about loss, and who would like to workshop recent work in a supportive environment.

As poet Faiz Ahmad Faiz writes, "the true subject of poetry is the loss of the beloved." This class will consider the different poems that emerge...

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## Poetry Comics

**Suzanne Wise**

January 24, 2026 | Time  
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...

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## PUBLISHING AND CAREER

### Tell Your Story & Sell Your Books!

**Sheletta Brundidge**

November 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 11/01/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/01/2025 - 12:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

You've worked for years and finally published this great book, now how do you sell it? Best selling children's book author and media personality Sheletta Brundidge teaches you how to use social media to tell your story and sell your book. How does your novel become so nifty that Cathy Wurzer invites...

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### Getting Your Word Out: Polishing, Submitting, and Marketing Your Writing

**Holly Day**

November 1, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 11/01/2025 - 9:00am - Sat, 11/01/2025 - 12:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

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...

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### Submitting and Publishing Your Writing to Literary Magazines

**Adrianna Jereb**

November 15, 2025 | Time  
Sat, 11/15/2025 - 1:00pm - Sat, 11/15/2025 - 4:00pm | Publishing and Career | Adult

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...

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### How to Earn a Living as a Writer

**Rachel Werner**

December 13, 2025 | Time  
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...

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## 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.

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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...

[View Online \[https://loft.org/classes/so-you-want-get-published-ages-15-18\]](https://loft.org/classes/so-you-want-get-published-ages-15-18)