YOUNG WRITERS WORKSHOPS

PLAY WITH POETRY

Grades 6-8

JULY 15-19, 2019
9AM-1PM
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Come play with language and discover your inner poet! We will seek out inspiration and provide a supportive place to play with language and experiment with many poetry genres, from slam poetry to free verse to concrete poetry. At the end of the week, writers will walk away with their own poetry collection and the opportunity to share their work at an open mic event with friends and family.

INSTRUCTOR BIOS: Jamie Gray teaches seventh grade English at Voorheesville Middle School. She teaches a poetry unit with her own students, and it is one of her favorites because she loves how much emotion and description students can pack into so few words. Katie McCarty teaches English at Niskayuna High School. She loves to explore and write poetry with her students because it is unlike any other type of written expression.

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CREATE YOUR OWN WORLD

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What do *The Hobbit*, *Harry Potter*, and Minecraft have in common? They all involve fictionalized worlds with creative settings. Students will create a 3D model of their own unique world using play dough, cardboard, and other manipulatives. Students will then write a description of their world including characters, conflicts, and histories.

INSTRUCTOR BIOS: Melinda Crowley loves teaching middle school English at O’Rourke Middle School in the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School District. She is constantly looking for ways to foster a love of reading and writing with students and adults. Christl Mueller has been an Elementary Literacy Specialist for the Enlarged City School District of Troy for 18 years. Christl is passionate about reading, writing and children’s literature.
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EPIC RAPS OF HISTOR-ME!

Grades 7-12

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What does it mean to be a part of history? How can we truly change and shape the world around us? What are our roles in society at large? Explore all of these questions and more as we delve into the stories of some of history’s most famous figures, while also taking some time to look at some equally important figures - you! In this workshop, we will look at what it means to be a part of history, while also delving into reflective writing. What better way to do this than by using the power that brought Alexander Hamilton to life - rap!

INSTRUCTOR BIO: Matthew Pinchinat is a History Teacher at Guilderland High School. He loves integrating music into history, and following the steps of Lin Manuel Miranda with Hamilton, he has recently taken to doing so, using rap as a medium.
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WHAT'S YOUR STORY? WRITING MEMOIR

Grades 9-12

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Everyone has a story to tell! Participants in this week-long workshop will be encouraged to bring their own stories to life through the use of writing exercises, sample memoirs, and writing groups. Within a supportive community, writers will be provided inspiration for selecting memories, sculpting narratives, crafting scenes, and having honest fun with language.

INSTRUCTOR BIO: Chelsea Dyer teaches English at Columbia High School in East Greenbush. As an advisor for her school’s Student Council and Unified Sports programs, she works with a wide variety of students and believes everyone has an individual and important story to share.

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CREATIVE WRITING FOR THE COLLEGE ESSAY

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This course will focus on a self-reflective writing approach that could serve as the basis for a powerful, personal college essay.

INSTRUCTOR BIOS: Tim Jeffreys has taught high school and college-level English in MA and NYS. He currently teaches juniors at Niskayuna High School. Throughout his career, he has edited hundreds of college essays. Chris Reach has taught high school English for Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake since 2008, and he currently teaches 10th grade honors students as well as juniors and seniors taking Journalism.
WRITE THE NEWS

Grades 9-12

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Professional journalists understand what makes a story newsworthy, how to gather information for a story, and how to present their information clearly to a wide audience. Students in this workshop can expect to identify news stories, practice interview skills and questioning techniques, and improve their writing skills through authentic newsroom assignments.

INSTRUCTOR BIO: Jessica Burmeister teaches tenth grade English and Journalism at Shenendehowa High School. She is a former journalist for The Daily Gazette who covered the city and town of Amsterdam, N.Y.

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