

Creative Writing at the Library

Introductory Writing Classes for Adults

Journal Writing

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, April 5, University Branch

We will discuss how to begin and maintain a journal-writing practice, then work through a series of writing prompts to get the ink flowing. We'll conclude with a list of ideas for how to move your writing from private page to public world.

*Instructor **Wendy Call** is a writer, editor and creative writing teacher. She is currently a Writer in Residence at the Richard Hugo House, Writer in Residence with the Seattle Writers in the Schools (WITS) program and a 2008 Fellow in the Jack Straw Writers Program. Her nonfiction has appeared in many publications.*

Why Write a Poem: Getting Started as a Poet

1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, University Branch

What does a poem sound like... What does a poem look like... Join us as we share our ideas about poetry and write one poem – perhaps more – to take away. Consider, too, bringing a poem by your favorite poet.

*Instructor **JT Stewart** is a poet, writer, editor and performance artist. Her teaching experience includes the University of Washington, Seattle Central Community College, Fairhaven College (Western Washington University) and the Richard Hugo House. She is the Poetry Editor of *Seattle Poets & Photographers: A Millenium Reflection* (University of Washington Press).*

Short Story Writer's Toolbox

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10, Wallingford Branch

This workshop will introduce students to the basic components of short story writing. We will begin by learning what makes a story a story, and move on to a brief description of plot, characterization, setting, pacing, language, point-of-view, narrative voice, and then conclude with a brief writing exercise.

*Instructor **Anne Leigh Parrish**'s short stories have appeared in many literary journals and garnered numerous prizes. She has taught creative writing at the University of Washington Women's Center and the Richard Hugo House.*

Writing the Picture Book

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, May 31, Wallingford Branch

Come learn how to write a picture book story. We will cover how to create a memorable character, how to structure your picture book story, and provide resources for publishing your picture book.

*Instructor **Mindy Hardwick** is a children's writer who teaches for the Richard Hugo House and Seattle Pacific SPIRAL educator program.*

All Ages Open Mic
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Thursday May 22
University Branch

Students and instructors from the teen and adult creative writing classes share their work during an open mic reading event.

Registration required for classes.

Please call University Branch at 206-684-4063
or Wallingford Branch at 206-684-4088



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