

Writer in Residence

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At the Glendale Public Library

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Glendale Public Library is hosting a Writer in Residence, who will be onsite to write and provide instruction to aspiring authors. Get expert advice on your writing by booking a one-on-one appointment with the writer, or attend a public workshop to learn new skills in craft and publishing. All experience levels are welcome. Come meet our Writer in Residence and get on your way to having your own book on library and bookstore shelves. Call 623-930-3556 to register for an appointment or program, or email kcurley@glendaleaz.com

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays: 3:30pm—5:30pm, Main Library Creative Space

Tuesdays: 2:30pm—4:30pm, Main Library Small Meeting Room

ADULT PROGRAMS

Writing Good Bad Guys

Main Library Creative Space ♦ Saturday, February 10th, 1 – 2:30pm

James Moriarty. Wilson Fisk. Loki. Everyone has love-hate for the well-written bad guy. But how do authors do that? How do they trick us into sympathizing or even rooting for the bad guy? In this workshop we'll look at what makes a good bad guy tick, and learn how to turn our two-dimensional baddies into villains our readers will love to hate.

Seven Tips to Take Your Writing from Good to Great!

Main Library Creative Space ♦ Saturday, March 3rd, 1 – 2:30pm

Writing is an art, and words are the medium. The difference between good writing and great writing is a matter of how you use your words. In this workshop, Amy will share seven ways to elevate your writing. Whether you're just starting out or a seasoned writer, the information shared in this workshop can help you take your work to the next level.

Squirrel! Writing in the Age of Distraction

Main Library Creative Space ♦ Saturday, April 28th, 1 – 2:30pm

From mobile phones to Netflix, we're surrounded daily by constant distraction. Everywhere something shiny is just waiting to take us traipsing down rabbit trails. Yet writing requires focus, even solitude—two things that can be scarce in our 24x7 world. In this workshop we'll discuss tips and tricks for carving out and protecting time for creativity, how to write in the midst of the crazy, and how to avoid the pitfalls of distraction so you can reach your writing goals. Join current Writer in Residence Amy Nichols and incoming Writer in Residence Joe Nassise for a dynamic program. Open to both adults and teens!

TEEN PROGRAMS

Build A Story

Foothills Library Hummingbird Room ♦ Saturday, February 17th, 1 – 2:30pm

In this fast-paced, interactive event you'll learn how stories are built by writing one in a group setting. There's no telling what kind of story we'll end up with when we're done. Don't miss out! Come join the fun by adding your voice and your ideas to the mix.

False Beginnings and Finding Your First Line

Main Library Creative Space ♦ Monday, March 19th, 6 – 7:30pm

Of all the revising that happens when crafting a novel, perhaps the most effort goes into writing (and rewriting, and rewriting...) the beginning. Finding the right opening can be difficult, and it's easy to become blind to your own work. In this interactive session, we'll discuss how to find where your story really starts, and help willing participants identify the real beginnings of their stories. Bring the first page of your novel to participate. Adults are welcome to join the fun in this one!

Write-On! Collaborate, Create, and Share

Main Library Creative Space ♦ Monday, April 9th, 6– 7:30pm

Brainstorm ideas for a tandem story, then break into smaller units and create something one sequence/one writer at a time to create a cooperative fiction piece. Make it surreal, make it scary, make it thought-provoking; but make it fun! Share your creations at the end of class.

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