

Writers Workout

Saturday Workshops



FEBRUARY / MARCH / APRIL 2009

This series of exciting writing workshops focus on process writing strategies that can be applied in a classroom setting or to personal writing. These workshops are designed for both classroom teachers and community members who would like to extend and explore their own writing. For instructional purposes, an intended audience is listed; however, teachers and community members are welcome to attend all the workshops.

Topics include:

Writing in the Community I & II (Julia O'Malley)
Collaborative Writing: Blogs & Wikis (Skip Via)
Using "Comic Life" as a cross-curricular K-12 writing tool (Gary Bender)
Poetry for practice, publication, and powerful writing (Sandra Demerly)

Creative Nonfiction, the "new" genre (Sandra Demerly)
"I Remember" – writing personal narratives (Larry Meath)
Using the "Google Docs" collection of tools to enhance the development (Gary Bender)
Inspiring Students' Writing: Inspiration in the Writing Process (Skip Via)

Cartooning in the Classroom (Jamie Smith)
Use Picture Books to Teach Writing (Jeanne Ringstad)
"So You Think You Can Write?" I do too! (Mary Shields)
Creative Online Storybooks (Skip Via)
A Slice of Life... (Melissa Rickey)

Sponsored by the National Writing Project and Alaska State Writing Consortium, Coordinated by Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, Yukon Koyukuk School District and University of Alaska

*Workshops are limited to 20 participants unless otherwise noted.
LOCATION: Curriculum Library and Technology Center
FNSBSD Administrative Center, 520 Fifth Avenue
YKSD Administration Center
4762 Airport Way*

CREDIT AVAILABLE

One 500-level credit, pass/fail
*Registration Deadline (for credit):
February 27, 2009

REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend six workshops of your choosing.
- Submit a reflection paper on each workshop attended.

* Non-Credit registration will continue until participant limit is reached.

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CONTACT: Angela Rutman, 452-2000 x474
Credit participants: Tuition: \$100.00 (please notify Angela of your intent to earn credit!)
Non-Credit Participant Fee:

Per workshop	
1	\$20
2	\$30
3	\$40
4	\$45
5+	\$50

Workshop descriptions attached

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2009 Writers Workout - Workshop Descriptions

Saturday, February 28, 2009		
Grades 6-12	Materials: pencil & notebook	Location: Curriculum Library, Admin. Center
9:00 am-11:30 am		
#1 Writing in the Community Part I		
<i>Julia O'Malley, Anchorage Daily News</i>		
Based on the format of community-writing outreach projects in Portland and other cities, this workshop teaches participants about non-fiction/autobiographical writing within a group. Using writing prompts, writers generate material, and then give feedback in a structured way. Part I is meant to teach the skills of writing (imagery, dialog, audience, etc) as well as listening and critical thinking.		
Grades 6-12	Materials: pencil & notebook	Location: Curriculum Library, Admin. Center
12:30 pm-3:00 pm		
#2 Writing in the Community Part II		
<i>Julia O'Malley, Anchorage Daily News</i>		
Part II, this workshop is a continuation of the class for participants of the first session. It is more advanced, meant to help students revise work with group revision exercises and to give helpful, respectful feedback.		

Saturday, March 21, 2009		
Grades 3-5	Materials: laptop with Comic Life	Location: YKSD Admin. Center, 4762 Airport Way
10:00 am-12:00 pm		
#3 "Using Comic Life" as a Cross-Curricular K-12 Writing Tool		
<i>Gary Bender, UAF</i>		
"Comic Life" is a cross platform application that can be used as a cross-curricular writing tool (the name alone often intrigues students) to share information – i.e: tell a story. For this class you will be using the application to create several different types of documents that should grab the attention of your students (and peers too!) and help them to improve their writing skills in a fun "Comic Life" way!		
Grades 3-12	Materials: laptop	Location: YKSD Admin. Center, 4762 Airport Way
1:00 pm-3:00 pm		
#4 Collaborative Writing: Blogs and Wikis		
<i>Skip Via, UAF</i>		
Participants will learn to create a blog and a wiki using free online sources. We will explore best K-12 and professional practices for implementing these technologies, particularly as they apply to collaborative writing and cross-curricular projects. We'll also take a look at uploading and embedding various media into blogs and wikis as time permits.		

Saturday, March 28, 2009		
Grades 3-12	Materials: a favorite poem, pen, pencil, notebook	Location: Curriculum Library, Admin. Center
10:00 am-12:00 pm		
#5 Poetry for Practice, Publications, and Powerful Writing		
<i>Sandra Demerly, Ryan Middle School</i>		
Participants will learn the art of writing and appreciating writing. Emphasis will be on integrating poetry with other subjects, poetry community outreach in the classroom, and publication. Poets from ethnic and racial minorities will be featured.		
Grades 6-12	Materials: favorite essay (summarized) pen/pencil, notebook	Location: Curriculum Library, Admin. Center
1:00 pm-3:00 pm		
#6 Creative Non-fiction: The "New" Genre		
<i>Sandra Demerly, Ryan Middle School</i>		
Second cousin to the essay and fiancé to the memoir, creative non-fiction opens up new possibilities for writers and their students.		

Saturday, April 4, 2009		
Grades 6-12	Materials: laptop with gmail	Location: YKSD Admin. Center, 4762 Airport Way
10:00 am-12:00 pm		
#7 Using the “Google Docs” Collection of Tools to Enhance the Development of Writing and Collaboration		
<i>Gary Bender, UAF</i>		
“Google Docs” is a cross platform collection of web-based applications that has the potential to be used to develop and enhance the collaborative nature of writing. We will learn to use the collection of “Google Docs” tools. We will also take a look at some of the other components in the Google collection that can be used by students and teachers alike to enhance their success in school.		
Grades 6-12	Materials: pens/pencils or laptop	Location: YKSD Admin. Center, 4762 Airport Way
1:00 pm-3:00 pm		
#8 “I Remember” – writing personal narratives		
<i>Larry Meath, UAF</i>		
Activities, handouts, and tips for getting young writers engaged and writing their own stories.		

Saturday, April 11, 2009		
Grades 3-12	Materials: laptop	Location: YKSD Admin. Center, 4762 Airport Way
10:00 am-12:00 pm		
#9 Inspiring Students’ Writing: Inspiration in the Writing Process		
<i>Skip Via, UAF</i>		
Participants will learn to use the graphical organizer Inspiration as a tool for pre-writing, organizing, outlining, brainstorming, collaboration, and concept mapping. Best K-12 and professional practices will be examined. We will also examine the free online version of Inspiration (webinspiration) as an alternative for schools who do not have access to the stand-alone version.		
Grades 6-12	Material Fee: \$5 copy fee	Location: YKSD Admin. Center, 4762 Airport Way
1:00 pm-3:00 pm		
#10 Cartooning in the Classroom <i>(Please bring your sense of humor!)</i>		
<i>Jamie Smith, UAF</i>		
Overview of the “Sequential Arts” – a brief introduction and history of the different popular genres (gag cartoons, strips, editorial cartoons, comics, graphic novels etc.), materials and technique demonstrations, and participation in selected sample exercises for classroom use (ex: collaborative projects with scriptwriting/penciling/inking, making ‘zines, cartoon “jams”, idea/joke generation). Resource packet handout and samples of student work will be available.		

Saturday, April 18, 2009		
Grades 3-5	Materials: pen/pencil	Location: Anne Wien Elem. School
10:00 am-12:00 pm		
#11 Using Picture Books to Teach Writing		
<i>Jeanne Ringstad, Anne Wien Elementary</i>		
If you are like me, you are always on the lookout for purposeful ways to streamline your day, and efficient ways to blend lessons. Picture books can help. Discover how picture books can be one of the most important teaching tools to meet FNSBSD curriculum goals for teaching the 6 Traits of Writing. Participate in lessons so they blend smoothly into your routine and are easily accessible. You’ll be pleased to see how handily picture books inspire your students to use the best traits of great writing in their own work.		
Grades K-12	Materials: paper and pen/pencil	<i>Location: Mary’s home, directions will be provided</i>
1:00 pm-3:00 pm		
#12 “So you Think you Can Write?” I do Too!		
<i>Mary Shields, Local Writer</i>		
Each person sees the world through their own unique eyes. By sharing this perspective, through the written word, we learn from each other. This wisdom distinguishes us from all other creatures on the planet. This is cause for great celebration. This workshop will be for teachers at all levels who want to write themselves or who want to inspire their students to write. Mary has self-published 6 books and will share this process from her experience. Please Note: bring a lunch and Mary will provide beverages and dessert.		

Saturday, April 25, 2009

Grades K-12	Materials:	Location: YKSD Admin. Center, 4762 Airport Way
10:00 am-12:00 pm		
#13 Creating Online Storybooks		
		<i>Skip Via, UAF</i>
Participants will become familiar with three sources for creating online storybooks that can be embedded into blogs, wikis, or web pages or ordered as a printed hard- or soft-cover book. Images may be uploaded from a computer or referenced via Flickr or other online sources. Storybooks provide the possibility of collaboration between multiple authors.		
Grades K-12	Materials	Location: YKSD Admin. Center, 4762 Airport Way
1:00-3:00 pm		
#14 A Slice of Life...		
		<i>Melissa Rickey, UAF</i>
Working within the genre of memoir, participants will generate poems/prose based on memories – visual, imagined, and/or other people’s memories. They will explore poetic forms (such as List Poems, Multi-voice Poems, and Persona Poems) and share their writing in a small or the larger group.		

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