

Writer in Residence

2019



Mary Pinkoski

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays | 10 - 2:30 pm

Tuesdays | 2 - 8 pm

Office hours are subject to change. Please see our website for the up-to-date schedule.

To make an appointment contact Mary at:
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Meet and Greet

Join Mary as she begins her Writer in Residence position, and help launch our **Kindness Book** contest. Connect with Mary and find out more about her plans for her tenure at the library.

Thursday, May 09 | 7-8 pm | all ages

Homeschool Clubs

Join Mary in exploring poetry through a series of writing prompts. Participants in this program will read poems, discuss, and write their own poems through a guided process with Mary.

Friday, May 10 | 1-1:45 pm (ages 6-9) | 2-2:45 pm (ages 10+)

Writing it in Poem

Reflecting on the work and poetic instruction given by acclaimed poet Mary Oliver, explore the techniques we can use to write a moment, a memoir, or a metaphor into poetry. Poet and Writer in Residence, Mary Pinkoski, will speak of her own poetic process, and provide practical tips for ways to engage your own practice.

Wednesday, May 15 | 7-8:30 pm | adults

A Crash Course in Technical Writing

Learn the basics of technical writing in this workshop with Michael Gravel. Get an outline of the tech writing process, and some hands-on instruction on using plain language in your documentation.

Wednesday, May 29 | 7-8:30 pm | adults

I've Been Wanting to Tell You This

Join Mary in a workshop that will focus on finding your voice as you tell your stories. Using a series of keywords to create short pieces of writing around memories, this experimental writing workshop will honour the lived experiences of participants. Writers of all abilities and genres are welcome. | **Hosted at Southfort Bend Gardens**

Wednesday, June 12 | 2-3 pm | adults

Leave the Adult at the Door: Writing for Young Adults

Join acclaimed young adult authors Gail Sidonie Sobat and Natasha Deen for a night of young adult fiction. Gail and Natasha will read from their latest works, then field questions about writing for young adults. Bring your queries, and get set for a night of fun and practical tips.

Thursday, June 13 | 7-8 pm | adults

Writers' Group

Join Mary for a workshop and conversation. In this workshop we will start with a single poem as a discussion, and a writing prompt. We will write alongside this poem, and share our words with each other.

Monday, June 17 | 7-8:30 pm | adults

Say It! Snap It! Share It!

Mary will explore the sensation of Instagram poetry. Through a series of interactive exercises, we will try out this short form of poetry in creative ways. Electronic devices and Instagram accounts are welcome, but not necessary for participation.

Tuesday, June 18 | 7-8 pm | ages 11-17

Getting the Words Down:

a brief course on imperfection, forgiveness, and moving forward

How do you take that brilliant idea for a novel and turn it into an actual manuscript? In this course - focused on adult fiction - we will look at starting that writing project, whether it's a short story, novella, novel, or any other fictional adventure - and we'll look at some tools to help you keep going. Because this is a workshop, participants will be expected to write in class.

Wednesday June 19 | 7-8:30 pm | adults

Literary Salon

Mary will facilitate a drop-in writing and discussion group that will utilize Anne Lamott's **Bird by Bird**, an instructional book on writing, as a guide to the discussions. This is an opportunity for writers of all abilities to discuss the techniques involved in writing, share their writing, and work on writing projects. May 14 (Getting Started); May 21 (Short Assignments); May 28 (Looking Around); June 11 (Index Cards); June 25 (Writing a Present).

Tuesdays, May 14 - June 25 (except June 04 and 18) | 6:30 - 7:30 pm



Michael Gravel



Gail Sidonie Sobat



Natasha Deen

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Mary Pinkoski will be at the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library May and June 2019. Mary is an internationally-recognized spoken word poet. Mary will be offering workshops, and will be available to meet one on one with writers of all skill levels.

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