

Participating Libraries

Deerfield Public Library

920 Waukegan Road, Deerfield, IL 60015
847-945-3311 | www.deerfieldlibrary.org
Contact: Kay Palecek

Des Plaines Public Library

1501 Ellinwood Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016
847-827-5551 | www.dppl.org
Contact: Christine Posinger

Ela Area Public Library

275 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich, IL 60047
847-438-3433 | www.eapl.org
Contact: Valerie Stern

Fremont Public Library District

1170 N. Midlothian Road, Mundelein, IL 60060
847-566-8702 | www.fremontlibrary.org
Contact: Rachael Rezek

Lake Villa District Library

1001 E. Grand Avenue, Lake Villa, IL 60046
847-356-7711 | www.lvdl.org
Contact: Nina Kenney

Schaumburg Township District Library

130 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193
847-923-3347 | www.schaumburglibrary.org
Contact: Susan Gibberman



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Inside Writing & Publishing

A series of free workshops presented by participating libraries in north and northwest suburban Chicago.



Workshop Schedule

Registration is recommended for all workshops. Please contact the host library of the program you would like to attend for registration information

Coping with Your Inner Critic

Whether you're a beginning writer or an established professional, you've likely struggled with the inner critic – that nagging voice in your head that berates you and disparages your work. What if you could turn that critic into an ally? In this presentation, author and teacher Carmela Martino shares ways to transform your inner critic into a writing assistant, or at least quiet the critic long enough for you to get some writing done.

Ela Area Public Library | Saturday, May 12, 10:00am–Noon

Schaumburg Township District Library | Thursday, May 31, 7:00–9:00pm

How to WRITE When Everything Goes WRONG

Is your muse shouting “S-O-S”? Learn sensible tools and tactics for any writer to stay productive and creative when the rest of your life is in chaos. Learn how to muck through the mire without losing your muse.

Schaumburg Township District Library | Thursday, April 5, 7:00–8:30pm

Turning Life into Fiction

Writers often base their stories on actual people, places, and events, either from their own lives or the lives of others. But translating real life into compelling fiction can be a challenge; it often requires letting go of “what really happened” in favor of what best serves the story. In this presentation, author and writing teacher Carmela Martino describes some of the steps in this process. Using examples from her own work, she shares techniques for creating composite characters, researching setting details, and mining memories for story ideas.

Des Plaines Public Library | Saturday, April 21, 2:00–4:00pm

Deerfield Public Library | Saturday, May 5, 10:00am–Noon

Writing Tips from Bollywood Films

Lessons from the world's largest film industry to turn your book into a blockbuster. Author Sonali Dev will demonstrate how to use the three pillars of Bollywood blockbusters such as chemistry, conflict, and drama, to ramp up the emotional quotient of your novel. Watch clips from successful Bollywood films to learn how family, culture and setting can be applied to plotting, style and character development to give readers the emotional highs and lows and the satisfying endings they crave.

Schaumburg Township District Library | Thursday, May 3, 7:00–8:30pm

Ela Area Public Library | Monday, May 7, 6:30–8:00pm

Songwriting Workshop

Singer/Songwriter/National Slide guitarist Kraig Kenning leads this interactive songwriting workshop. Kraig will share his gift for connecting with audiences by offering helpful techniques for writing your own original lyrics and melodies. If you are comfortable, email Kraig with one completed song (kraigkenning@sbcglobal.net) by April 28. Kraig will pick 3-4 submissions to share with the class.

Ela Area Public Library | Saturday, May 12, 1:00–2:30pm

Developing Critique Partner/Beta Reader Relationships and the Fine Art of Decoding Feedback

Feedback from critique partners and beta readers, editorial letters, and Revise and Submits can feel even more overwhelming than completing a first draft. But the magic for most books happens in revisions. Sonali Dev will show you how to transfer feedback into action items for revising your manuscript from examples of how she does this in her own work. Learn to break your manuscript into a scene index by breaking each chapter down into a list of scenes intent and creating a plan for insertion of changes.

Fremont Public Library | Thursday, May 10, 7:00–8:30pm

Bringing a Book to Market

Todd Stocke, vice president and editorial director at Sourcebooks, will discuss how to approach a publisher, what a publisher does (and does not do), and what book editors look for. He'll also discuss the opportunities and the challenges of self-publishing and how to think like an author and connect with your readers.

Deerfield Public Library | Saturday, April 14, 10:30–11:30am

Fremont Public Library | Saturday, May 12, 10:30–11:30am

Structuring Your Novel

Aspiring writers will learn the craft of structuring a novel from beginning to end. Includes handouts and exercises. Rebecca Johns is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop and the Missouri School of Journalism. She is a creative writing professor at DePaul University.

Des Plaines Public Library | Wednesday, April 25, 7:00–8:30pm

Writing for Children

So, you want to write a children's book and don't know where to start, or you have written one already but don't know what comes next? Chicago children's book author, writing teacher, and children's book writing coach Esther Hershenhorn shares *Ten Things You Need to Know If You Want to Write for Children*, navigational tips guaranteed to both guide and ease your journey.

Des Plaines Public Library | Thursday, May 3, 7:00–8:30pm

Cartoon Confidential

Learn about the secret life of local professional cartoonist, Mark Anderson. Mark will expose his mysterious path to a cartooning career, his undisclosed process of writing captions, classified information on drawing plus tons of hilarious cartoons. Come and listen, or bring paper and pencil and draw along.

Lake Villa District Library | Wednesday, April 18, 7:00–8:30pm