



# February 2017 Workshop Calendar

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## Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

### Spotlight on Speculative Fiction

10am-12pm. Ages 11-14.

Prepare to step out of the real world and explore the terrain of fantasy, sci-fi, paranormal, and imaginative fiction. You will take home a completed storyboard of your sci-fi, fantasy, or paranormal thriller and a portion of your very own completed story.

### Exploring Fantasy Lands

1-3pm Ages 8-11.

Do you love traveling, creating fantastical lands in your imagination, stirring up your own potions, or building maps? After creating your own character, you'll work together in a cooperative game with your friends to save your world from villains.

## Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Say What?! Conversations and Exclamations

10am-12pm. Ages 6-8.

How does a bear talk? What does a dragon have to say? In this fun, hands-on workshop, you will learn to create characters who speak to readers through vivid dialogue. From conversations to exclamations, we'll look at all the ways that dialogue can rev up your stories.

### Breaking and Building: Playing with Erasure

1-3pm. Ages 11-14.

How do we rip a page of text into little pieces or black out words to create brand-new poems and stories? How do we handle the limits of writing with a "word bank" of text – and how does it free us when we make our own meaning out of someone else's words? Join us and find out!

## Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Fantastic Beasts and How to Create Them

10am-12pm. Ages 8-11.

Join N. Griffin (author of the Smashie McPerter middle-grade mystery series and the YA novel *The Whole Stupid Way We Are*) and Sarah Cassell (Master in Fine Arts in Writing for Children in Young Adults) to learn how to create wonderful, marvelous BEASTS in your stories.

### Make It Personal!

1-3pm. 14+.

Well-crafted personal essays are essential parts of applications for college and scholarships. We will give your essay skills a boost with tips about what to write about, narrative techniques, and revision tips that will help you get closer to your post-graduation goals.

## Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

### What's That Smell?!

10am-12pm. Ages 6-8.

What does a poem taste like? Sound like? You will read and create your own unique poems, incorporating imagery and metaphor through the use of the five senses. You will walk away with original work and new ways to analyze the world around you.

### Creative Writing Workshop: Fiction + Poetry

1-3pm. Ages 14+.

This is a multi-genre (fiction/poetry/memoir) creative writing workshop for high school students. Each session is structured around one of the fundamentals of good storytelling: Characters/Characterization, Setting/Descriptive Language, Voice/POV/Dialogue, and Short Prose/Prose Poetry.