

# Pen & Ink

## Life & Literature



### WRITING THE LIVELY WORLD

Facilitated by James Belflower

Fort Plain Free Library 19 Willett Street 518-993-4646

#### WRITING AS WALKING

Thursday, June 13 - 5pm & Sunday, June 16 - 3pm

We'll explore how walking reveals new rhythms, sensory surprises, and innovative thoughts in our writing.

**THE LIVELY OBJECT** Sunday, June 23 - 3pm

Everyday objects seem to have a life of their own and can inspire our writing with adventures in perception, flights of fancy, and vivid moments of nostalgia.

**YOU ARE A CHARACTER TOO** Sunday, July 21 - 3pm

Mining your autobiography can be very helpful in finding characters, storylines, and scenes for your fiction.

**THE SHORT SHORT STORY** Sunday, August 18 - 3pm

Micro fiction can lead to major drama, writing stories under 500 words.

### The Write Stuff: A Conference for Writers

Saturday, September 28 10am-1pm Schoharie Free Library  
Space is limited. Registration required: [www.schoharielibrary.org](http://www.schoharielibrary.org)

Delve more deeply into the art of writing fiction! Join us for a hands-on writing workshop and book signing with Coleen Paratore, a fantasy writing Q & A video conference with Elizabeth Bear, and a panel discussion with local writers and more!

### WRITING SERIES

@ Schenectady County Public Library Branches

#### POLISHING THE PEARLS, A MEMOIR WRITING WORKSHOP

Facilitator: Marea Gordette

We'll draw inspiration from memory exercises, free-writing, and photographs for this hands-on personal narrative series, which is open to all, regardless of level of writing experience.

**Mondays, June 17, 24 & July 1 1:30pm - 3:30pm**

Scotia Branch - 14 Mohawk Avenue 518-386-2247

Registration at [www.scpl.org](http://www.scpl.org)

#### WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Facilitator: Elaine Handley

Learn to use these writing tools for coping, deeper insight and expression. Writing activities are pragmatic and expressive and used for growth.

**Tuesdays - July 16, 23, 30 5 pm - 7 pm**

Quaker Street - Rt 7 & Bull Street 518-895-2719

Register at [www.scpl.org](http://www.scpl.org)

#### TRANSITIONS: IT'S TIME TO MOVE FORWARD

Facilitator: Susannah Risley

It can be overwhelming to leave rehab or incarceration and begin a new life. Feelings, both positive and negative, emerge. This is designed to be a quiet, non-judgmental place to express your journey on paper. All welcome from absolute beginner to seasoned writers.

**Tuesdays - September 10, 17, 24 6 -7:30 pm**

Mont Pleasant Branch - 1036 Crane St. Register at [www.scpl.org](http://www.scpl.org)

#### RECALLING THE MILITARY THROUGH MEMOIR

Facilitator: Dan New

This series introduces creative non-fiction memoir writing for veterans, family members, and others affected by war. Tell the stories that have been held inside for so long. For novice and seasoned writers age 18+. Attendees will be responsible for making copies for all others.

**Saturdays - October 19, 26 & November 2 1:30-3:30 pm**

Rotterdam Branch - 1100 N. Westcott Road 518-356-3440

Register at [www.scpl.org](http://www.scpl.org)

### BOOK DISCUSSIONS

**THE TATTOOIST OF AUSCHWITZ** by Heather Morris

Friday, June 7 - 11am

Frothingham Free Library, 28 West Main Street, Fonda  
518-853-3016

**LOOKER** by Laura Sims

Sunday, June 9 - 3pm

Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett Street 518-993-4646

**WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING** by Delia Owens

Thursday, June 13 - 1pm

Middleburgh Library, 323 Main Street 518-827-5142

Friday, August 16 - 10:30am

Johnstown Public Library, 38 South Market Street  
518-762-8317

Sunday, October 6 - 3pm

Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett Street 518-993-4646

**THE SHADOW OF THE WIND** by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

Friday, June 21 - 10:30am

Johnstown Public Library, 38 South Market Street  
518-762-8317

**A GOOD ENOUGH MOTHER** by Bev Thomas

Friday, June 28 - 11am

The Community Library, 110 Union Street 518-234-7897

**THERE THERE** by Tommy Orange

Tuesday, July 9 - 7pm

Northville Public Library, 341 S.Third Street 518-863-6922

**IN THE MIDST OF WINTER** by Isabel Allende

Thursday, August 8 - 1pm

Middleburgh Library, 323 Main Street 518-827-5142

**AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE** by Tayari Jones

Tuesday, August 13 - 7pm

Northville Public Library, 341 S.Third Street 518-863-6922

**THE BOSTON GIRL** by Anita Diamant

Friday, August 23 - 11am

Frothingham Free Library, 28 West Main Street, Fonda  
518-853-3016

Saturday, October 12 - 10am

Margaret Reaney Memorial Library  
19 Kingsbury Avenue, St. Johnsville 518-568-7822

**THE CRAZYLADIES OF PEARL STREET** by Trevanian

Saturday, September 14 - 10am

Margaret Reaney Memorial Library  
19 Kingsbury Avenue, St. Johnsville 518-568-7822

Friday, September 20 - 6pm

Sharon Spring Free Library, 129 Main Street  
518-284-3126

**THE GREAT ALONE** by Kristin Hannah

Thursday, October 10 - 1pm

Middleburgh Library, 323 Main Street 518-827-5142

**NORTH RIVER** by Pete Hamill

Saturday, November 9 - 10am

Margaret Reaney Memorial Library  
19 Kingsbury Avenue, St. Johnsville 518-568-7822

**NOON AT TIFFANY'S** by Echo Heron

Thursday, November 14 - 6:30pm

Schoharie Free Library, 103 Knower Ave. 518-295-7127



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