



## Antwerp Sunshine Branch Library

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### **MICHIGAN AUTHOR J.L. PANAGOPOULOS TEACHES VBDL TEEN WRITERS**

MATTAWAN, MICHIGAN - - - Van Buren District Library is pleased to announce that Michigan author J. L. Panagopoulos guest teaches the Teen Writers Journey to Publication program on November 1 and November 15. Panagopoulos joins the district-wide program via Skype to teach the Story & Plot and Character Development sessions.

J.L. Panagopoulos has worked in the field of historical research, interpretation, and writing for thirty-seven years. Her books include the award-winning novels for young people *Traders in Time*, *Journey Back to Lumberjack Camp*, *Little Ship Under Full Sail*, and *A Faraway Home: An Orphan Train Story*. She is currently working on her sixteenth book. Ms. Panagopoulos has won the prestigious Michigan Authors Award in addition to the Read Michigan Award, the Student Choice Award and the Geographic Excellence in Media Award from the National Council for Geographic Education in Washington, D. C.

VBDL's Teen Writers JTP program is open to writers in grades 7-12. Teen writers connect in a Skype videoconference for 16 Wednesday nights through June 6, 2018. After June, VBDL publishes a collection of the young writers' stories. Two writers will be chosen to submit their stories for an eBook anthology published by JLB Creatives Publishing. For more information, please call Jeffrey Babbitt at 269-668-2534 or email him at [jbabbitt@vbdl.org](mailto:jbabbitt@vbdl.org).

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