

## **Teen Writers 2018-2019 FAQ**

### **Who can join?**

Anyone in grades 7-12, and homeschooled students working at that grade level (approximately 12 years old to 18 years old)

### **When is it?**

It begins on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, happens about every other Tuesday after school from 3:30 pm to 5 pm, and ends on March 26, 2019, a couple of weeks before the final Van Buren County Teen Creative Writing Challenge deadline. No sessions during winter break.

### **Where is it?**

VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch Library, 24823 Front Avenue, Mattawan, Michigan.

### **Do I have to be at all of the sessions?**

No, you do not. However, we will learn essential writing skills in each session, and the more writers we have the better the experience for everyone, so please try to come consistently.

### **Do I have to know anything about writing?**

No. The program is designed for beginning as well as experienced young writers.

### **What are we going to learn?**

This is a tentative schedule of the topics:

- 10/23/18 Overview/Generating Ideas
- 11/6/18 Story & Plot
- 11/20/18 Character Development/Point of View
- 12/4/18 Description: Writing from the Senses
- 1/15/19 Metaphor, Sound, & Other Tools of Language
- 1/29/19 Writing Action & Exposition
- 2/12/19 Dialogue
- 2/26/19 First & Last Words (Hook Line & Ending)
- 3/12/19 The Little Things: Sentence Structure, Grammar, Etc.
- 3/26/19 Self-Editing/Creating the Author Bio

### **Is there homework?**

No. You can work on your story in between sessions if you want to, but there are no assignments and there is time to write in the session.