About us

THE COST
$125 for each workshop
Need-based scholarships available
$15 sibling discount

THE DAY
Workshops include face-to-face facilitation over Zoom from 9AM–10AM or 1PM–2PM with a minimum of two hours of at-home activities. Teachers will send participants and guardians an introductory email the Friday before a workshop begins and each day of the workshop with a review of what was covered, descriptions of activities, reading and writing resources, and possibilities for extensions such as conversation topics or additional texts.

THE TEACHERS
All teachers are currently licensed and practicing K–12 teachers in the metro area and have gone through nationally-recognized leadership training in literacy through the Minnesota Writing Project.

Register at mwp.umn.edu
Family Writing Workshop  
**June 15–19 & 22–26 | AM**  
**Grades 4–6 with families!**  
How can you document the precious time you spend with your family in a way to preserve it for the future? Bring family members together to experience the joy of sharing and writing stories about their past, present and hopes and dreams for the future. Together, children, parents and other family members will learn ways to use significant memories such as holiday traditions and favorite recipes, photographs, and even living through a pandemic as seeds for writing stories. Methods for starting and developing a writing practice along with tips for supporting each other will also be shared. Besides a treasured keepsake for yourselves, share with grandparents and others for a special holiday gift!

Flash Fiction  
**June 15–19**  
**AM Grades 7 & 8 | PM Grades 9 & 10**  
Writing a story can be a daunting task! There’s so much to do, so much to say, so much to describe, and not everyone has the time or energy to write a 300 page novel! In Flash Fiction, we work to develop stories that are bite-sized, but also pack a punch. Develop authentic characters and dream up exciting conflict in a camp that will challenge you to write in a flash!

Harry Potter Fan Fiction  
**June 15–19 | AM & PM | Grades 7 & 8**  
Potter fans, unite! In this camp, we will explore the genre of writing fanfiction, or using an author or book we admire to write our own stories that keep to the spirit of the original. We will have the chance to be creative, let our imaginations soar, and write in a way that we sometimes don’t get a chance to do during the school year. So, if you’ve ever wanted to know what Professor McGonagall’s childhood was like, or what it’s like to be a house-elf, or what happens to the Weasley twins when they open their own shop, sign up for this camp—we’ll write those stories ourselves!

Interactive Fiction  
**June 22–26 | AM & PM | Grades 7 & 8**  
Write your own “Choose Your Own Adventure” style stories! Whether you want to create an epic fantasy, a spy thriller, fan fiction, or anything else, you’ll use your creativity to build multiple paths through a story, and unique endings for your reader to explore. This class will give you both the simple technical skills needed to create these stories, and ideas for how to make them as engaging for your reader as possible.

Nonlinear Storytelling  
**June 15–19 | AM | Grades 9–12**  
Beginning, middle, and end—but not necessarily in that order. Telling nonlinear stories is a uniquely fun way to write. In this nonlinear camp, you will read example stories, practice writing with daily prompts, and ultimately construct a nonlinear story of your own.

Rhymes, Rhythm, & Poetry  
**June 15–19 | AM | Grades 9–12**  
**June 15–19 | PM | Grades 11 & 12**  
**June 22–24 | AM | Grades 9–12**  
**June 22–24 | PM | Grades 11 & 12**  
What is the beat of your imagination? What worlds do you escape to in your journal? What is the music of your mind, created when the pen meets the page? Whether you’re new to writing or experienced, join seasoned songwriter, poet, and performance artist Alexei Moon Casselle, AKA Crescent Moon, for a community-building experience rooted in writing, experimentation, and tapping our limitless creative potential.

Scary Stories  
**June 15–19 | AM | Grades 7 & 8**  
**June 15–19 | PM | Grades 9–12**  
**June 22–24 | AM | Grades 9–12**  
**June 22–24 | PM | Grades 7 & 8**  
Clowns. Zombies. Darkness. What makes us afraid? Why do some enjoy being scared? Across the ages humans have been drawn to the power of fear and darkness. From stories shared around the campfire to paying to be scared by movies and games, horror has become a form of entertainment. Together we will explore the depths of horror throughout time and culture, culminating in our own terrifying creations. Not for the faint of heart—join us if you dare!

Superhero Stories  
**June 22–26 | AM | Grades 7 & 8**  
Have you ever wanted to create a superhero story? In this workshop, participants will get to explore heroes and villains living in imaginary worlds and our own backyard. We will learn about character development and descriptive language to move stories from zero to hero. The workshop will culminate with participants creating and sharing their own superhero story.

Young People Destroy Science Fiction & Fantasy!  
**June 15–19 | PM | Grades 7 & 8**  
**June 22–26 | PM | Grades 9–12**  
Interested in reading and writing science fiction and fantasy (SFF)? With tips from local and international authors, start worldbuilding and writing SFF like the pros in this workshop. Each participant will build their own world with its own rules and write a short story (with optional artwork) that takes place in that world. Dragons, cyborgs, and magicians of all skill levels needed!