



Midwest Writing Center

Fostering appreciation of the written word, supporting and educating its creators.



The Writer's Block E-Newsletter

225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303
Davenport, Iowa 52801

Upcoming Events

September 2009

The Writer's Studio, Sept. 19

New Time - 11:00 am

More information is available on at: [Resources for Writers](#)

Saturday, Sept. 12

Food Life: Telling Our Stories Through the Food We Eat

Explore the art of writing about the food we cook, with author Leslie Klipsch.

1- 3 pm

\$10 for members

\$15 for non-members

Saturday, Sept. 12 & 19

Getting Down with the Beats Part 1 & 2

A Beat Poetics workshop that will explore compositional methods and results.

1- 3 pm each Saturday

\$20 for members

\$25 for non-members

\$10 for students

Monday, Sept. 28

Beat Poetry Nights at Mojo's

6 - 8 pm the last Monday of each month at River Music Experience

Free and open to the public.

Saturday, October 3

Fall Pen-in-Hand

Our popular one day mini-conference returns on October 3.

There will be sessions on:

- Grant writing
- Preparing your work for submission
- Poetry
- TV and film writing
- A workshop for children ages 8-13

8:30 am - 5 pm

Early bird prices before Sept. 27

\$20 per workshop and \$60 for all 4

Food Life: Telling Our Stories Through the Food We Eat

September 13th, 1-3 pm at MWC

Some people remember what they wore to life's important events, others remember what was on their plate. There is much to be said about living—sustenance, relationships, even love—through the lens of food.

This workshop will explore the art of writing about the food we cook, and the joy that comes along with it. Taught by writer, avid reader of food-related literature and aspiring gourmand, Leslie Klipsch.

The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Beat Poetics—a 2part Workshop

September 13th & 19th, 1-3 pm at MWC

This 2 part workshop will explore Beat poets and their compositional methods and results. Participants will investigate the subject matter of the Beats, their experimentation with form and genre, and their emphasis on oral performance with musical accompaniment. The poets considered will include Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, Gary Snyder, Bob Kaufman, Dianna Di Prima and Anne Waldman. Pat Connelly, Professor of English, St. Ambrose University will teach.

The cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, and \$10 for students.

Beat Poetry

Last Monday of Each Month! Next meeting is September 28th.

Midwest Writing Center and River Music Experience are joining forces to bring you a monthly Beat Poetry Night at Mojo's Coffee Shop at RME!

Poets and musicians are being coordinated by MWC's intern, Broc Nelson. If you are interested in participating, you can contact Broc at nelsonbroca@sau.edu or through our Beat Poetry Facebook Group: Beat Poetry at Mojo's. Beat Poetry sessions are free and open to the public.

Mojo's is a family coffee shop. Profanity is not Allowed.

Pen in Hand Mini-Conference

October 3rd, 8:30—5:00 pm at MWC

8:30-10:15 am

"Grant Writing" with Rachael Millins

10:15-10:30 am

BREAK

10:30 am-12:15 pm

"Target Your Submissions" with poet, Sarah Gardner

12:15-1:15 pm

LUNCH (on your own)

1:15-3:00 pm

"Writing What You Don's Know" with poet, Dan Resenberg

1:15-3:00 pm

"The Playful Pen" with Sarah Gardner (For writers ages 8-13)

3:00-3:15 pm

BREAK

3:15-5:00 pm

"TV and Film Writing" with Kelly and Tammy Rundle

\$20 per workshop and \$60 for all 4

After Sept. 27

\$25 per workshop and \$75 for all 4

Our programs are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.



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Store

Please do not forget that if you are looking for a unique gift, we have many books for sale including consignment books from local authors. **Check [here](#) for a complete listing.**

**Something New
at MWC!**

The Midwest Writing Center is undergoing an exciting development: we are compiling a database of local authors, editors, agents, proofreaders, and other literary individuals. In pursuit of accumulating a complete list of resources for our members and the community, we welcome local authors, editors, and agents and others who wish to be included in this list to contact

3:15-5:00 pm

“TV and Film Writing” with Kelly and Tammy Rundle

Early bird prices before Sept. 27: \$20 per workshop and \$60 for all 4

After Sept. 27: \$25 per workshop and \$75 for all 4

Go to our [website](#) for more information.

Out Loud

Out Loud, Poetry and Prose Readings, meets at the Center 7:00-9:00 pm the last Thursday of every month. Come and share your work or listen to others.

Your past and present involvement make you eligible for submission to the Anthology of Out Loud Poetry and Prose, Vol. III. Submissions will be accepted until October 15, 2009. The guidelines are on the website.

2009 Out Loud Schedule available at: [Out Loud Schedule](#)

How to Write a Holiday Letter that Sparkles"

Saturday, October 17, 1-3 pm

Ah, the holiday letter! You'd love to write one to update family and friends. But how do you craft a good one? In this workshop, you'll explore tips on writing a holiday letter that sparkles with wit, sincerity and just the right amount of information. Go to our [website](#) for more information.

The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Questions of Travel: Looking at Poetry & Place

Wednesday, October 21, 7-9 pm at MWC.

Explore home, how it defines who we are, and how travel changes how we see the world. Quad City Arts Poet in Residence, Ryan Collins, will lead the workshop. There is no cost for this opportunity but registration is encouraged.

Go to our [website](#) for more information.

Writing Your Life Legacy Letter

Saturday, October 24, 1-3 pm

Share your values, beliefs, and your heart with future generations by writing your life legacy letter. This workshop will help you get started on creating a gift that will last several lifetimes. Susan Collins, president of the Midwest Writing Center Board of Directors, will lead this workshop. This workshop is sponsored by Esterdahl's Mortuary.

The cost is \$5.

The David R. Collins Children's Literature Festival

Tuesday, October 27, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

River Center, Davenport

Each elementary school in the Mississippi Valley community is invited to share in the excitement at the David R. Collins Children Literature Festival at the Davenport River Center on October 27, 2009. [Home-schooled children also are encouraged to participate.]

Each adult supervisor may bring four students from Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. The cost for an adult supervisor and four students is \$25.

Festival authors and illustrators will meet with assigned groups to discuss their work, share ideas, and answer questions. Books and artwork by these authors and illustrators will be available for purchase and autographing. Proceeds from these sales will be used for future festivals.

Check-in on Tuesday, October 27 is from 8:00—9:00 A.M. Children, with their supervisor, will be provided an assigned schedule and packet of materials.

Students should bring a box lunch. After lunch, magician **“RICK EUGENE”** will

cluded in this list to contact the Center.

While Midwest Writing Center will not in any way represent, endorse, or guarantee satisfaction in association with listed individuals, we believe this list will be an excellent resource for our literary community and a great opportunity for our members. Send an email or give us a call if you wish to be involved in this upcoming endeavor.

Feel free to contact us at mwc@midwestwritingcenter.org for more information.

Books! Books! Books!

If you are doing your spring cleaning early and would like to donate slightly used and desirable books to the MWC, we would love to have them. As you know we sell books on Amazon to help us in our operational costs.

Call 563-324-1410.

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Go to our [website](#) for more information.

Want to Give Back?

Please consider signing up for [iGive](#).

The logo is at the bottom of our home page www.midwestwritingcenter.org. Click on the logo and sign up. Do your online shopping at over 700 brand name stores and the Midwest Writing Center will receive a portion of each purchase, and you can receive a tax deduction. That is all there is to it. Once registered you will have an opportunity for some special deals.

Things You Should Know

Please check the membership [link](#) on the website for a list of grantors, donors, supporters, members, and memorials.

If you are a local author and would like to participate in book signings, please let us know. Preference will be given to members of the Center.

Please check the [resources](#) link on our website for information about local writing groups, upcoming writing events, and submission requests.

Unless otherwise indicated all of our programs and events take place at our location, third floor, 225 E. 2nd St., Davenport, Iowa

Membership/Support

If you are interested in becoming a member and/or offering support in other ways, please check our website or contact us at 324-1410. We need your support to continue operating and offering quality programming. Be sure to check the benefits associated with the different levels of membership. Membership contributions begin at only \$25 annually, \$20 for seniors. Please think about the Midwest Writing Center when making memorial contributions. Recognition of your contribution will appear on our website. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization which may allow for your support to be tax-deductible. For more information click [here](#).

Should you wish not to receive e-mail information about upcoming events at the Midwest Writing Center, please send a replay with REMOVE in the subject line to: mwc@midwestwritingcenter.org

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