

# Winter 2012 Writing Workshops

Join us for series of sessions to develop your creative writing skills!

- Antigonish Town & County Public Library (863-4276)
- please call the library to register, as seating is limited (…all programs are free)

## 1. Researching & Writing History

Tuesday January 10, 6:00pm-8:00pm

In this workshop, we'll discuss information gathering, primary & secondary sources, source reliability and accuracy, where to look, images, and making history interesting.

## 2. What's your story? … writing your own memoirs

Tuesday January 17, 6:00pm-8:00pm

In this workshop, we'll discuss information gathering, where to start, why write your memoirs, your audience, whether or not to publish, dealing with difficult memories, honesty vs. the rosy glow of the past...

## 3. Tomorrow's History... journalism

Tuesday January 24, 6:00pm-8:00pm

In this workshop, we'll cover various news media, news-gathering, the 'hook', accuracy, 5 W's, attributing sources, CP and other styles, writing news releases and reports, submitting stories to newspapers & other periodicals.

## 4. Tell me what you really think...sharing your opinions, effectively.

Tuesday January 31, 6:00pm-8:00pm

This workshop should prepare you to write effective letters, columns and persuasive pieces. Topics will include identifying your opinion, developing a logical explanation for it, backing it up with solid information, being courteous, and standing by your statements.

## 5. Do it Write: …editing is more than fixing mistakes

Tuesday February 28, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

In this workshop we'll cover the wonders of editing! We will brutally critique a piece of writing (from the workshop leader/Writer-in-Res) to make it better – as well as correcting spelling, punctuation, and grammar mistakes. We'll discuss tools of the trade, when to hire a professional editor, rejecting your own work, and editing tips too. ... *Challenge: if you're brave enough, bring in your own piece to practice with.*

## Write ON! … R U stuck?

Tuesday March 6, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

*Argh!... Writer's Block...* In this workshop we'll have a discussion how to defeat the infamous Writer's Block and overcoming obstacles to writing. Bring your project, your poetry, short story, memoir or other piece of writing that may be holding you hostage.

## Write ON! … getting published

Tuesday March 13, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

*So... how do you do that? ...* In this workshop, we'll discuss the commercial publishing industry, self-publishing, and vanity press. Query letters, contracts, marketing, royalties, SASE, rejection letters and other topics too.

## Write ON! … Now that you are a writer,

Tuesday March 20, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

*It can be lonely at your desk, staring down a deadline...* In this workshop, we'll talk about the community of writers, staying connected, writers' unions and organizations, opportunities for education and advancement, and the advantages & disadvantages of social media.

## Mentoring sessions

If you are a writer, and have a manuscript that you'd like to have reviewed by our *Writer-in-Residence at the Library*, in Antigonish County, please contact Elizabeth at the Antigonish Library (863-4276) or Steve at the Regional Library HQ Programming Department (755-6031, or toll-free 1(866)779-7761) to arrange a mentoring appointment...in person, by phone or by e-mail!