

Thurber House Presents:

Writing Wizards

where students learn to...

Writing Wizards 2012

Write Discover Create



Does your child ever create a story from scratch, making up wild characters and fantastical places just for the fun of it? The **Thurber House Writing Wizards** workshops offer a unique opportunity for young

people to be with kids who have similar interests in self-expression through the written word. In these workshops, your son or daughter will be taught by teachers who are writers themselves, and who love nothing more than to encourage young people to stretch their creative writing muscles. Check out the lineup of workshops for 2012 and register today.

Writing Wizards workshops, for students in grades 2-8, will meet each Saturday from January 28 through February 25, 2012, and are limited to 15 students per workshop. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis and the **deadline for registration is Friday, January 13th.**

2/3 Graders

*Mad Scientists -
A Laboratory for
Story Creation*
with Sylvia Jackson
10:00 - 11:30 am



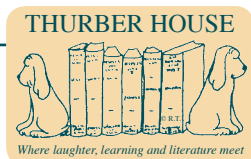
Think of creative writing as a science and you're in the lab, working on a groundbreaking project, something the world has long been waiting for. Can you imagine the outcome? But what if the experiment doesn't go as planned? Explore the worlds of science and science fiction, as you become the 'mad scientist' of your own tale.

Sylvia Jackson has been teaching children to write for over 30 years. She is currently a teacher at Indianola.

Animal Stories, from Aardvarks to Zebras
with Jan Williams
12:30 - 2:00 pm

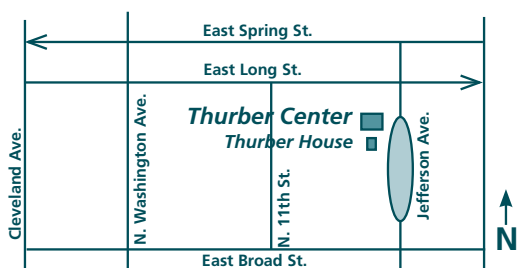
Using vivid language and details that engage all five senses, you'll write stories and poems about your favorite animals--real or imagined. Start with a family pet and work your way to a creature only you could have created. By the end of the workshop, you'll have made a virtual zoo that you can nurture long after the classes are over.

Jan Williams is a retired Columbus City Schools teacher and principal, and loves to work with aspiring young writers.



How to Find Us: All classes are held in the Thurber Center, 91 Jefferson Avenue. (Jefferson Avenue is one block west of where I-71 intersects with East Broad Street.)

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Put it in writing!

4/5 Graders

Enter the Exciting World of “Warriors”
with Linda Forte-Spearing
10:00 - Noon

“You cannot live with a paw in each world.” That’s the idea behind Erin Hunter’s wildly popular “Warrior” series about a domestic cat trying to survive in the wild. In this workshop, you’ll explore the Warriors world and create a story from an animal’s perspective.

Linda Forte-Spearing is a published author, a Thurber Summer Camp teacher, and chair of the 2012 Dublin Proud Writing Contest.



So You Want to Be a Writer!
with Paul Hammock
10:00 - Noon

Discover the basics of craft so you can tell that story that’s been brewing in your imagination. In this workshop, you’ll learn about techniques of narration and dialogue; character creation; even how to expand your vocabulary to use the best, most descriptive words. By the end of the workshop, you’ll know what makes a story a page-turner.

Retired Duxberry Park teacher, Paul Hammock is a frequent instructor at Thurber House.

Refund Policy

Full tuition, minus the \$8 registration fee, will be refunded only if a class is full or if Thurber House cancels a class. Tuition is 50% refundable for cancellations received by January 20.

After January 20 no refunds will be given.



6/7/8 Graders

The Amazing Writing Race
with Sarah Magill
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The popular TV show, *The Amazing Race* is being adapted in this class that will have you traveling to places near and far, using your powers of observation at a series of pit stops where clues will provide opportunities to write in a variety of genres including poetry, stories, even travel logs.

Sarah Magill is a journalist by trade and a children’s writer at heart. She has been published in national, regional, and local publications, and loves teaching at Thurber House.

Attack of the Killer Plot Device
with Kathy Matthews and Dan Mushalko
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Learn about the many times Earth has been invaded by outside threats. (What, you missed all the alien armies?!) Invaders can be large (*War of the Worlds*) or small (*Andromeda Strain*), shapeless (*The Blob*) or shambling (*World War Z*). Invasions can happen in worlds populated with dragons (*Dragonfall*) and orcs (*Lord of the Rings*), as well as ordinary humans. We’ll delve into these fascinating tales to figure out why we love them and how believable they are in terms of science and logic. Then you’ll work on your own invasion plot, making your amazing story as plausible—or fantastical—as these other well-known tales.

Kathy Matthews is a freelance writer and Dan Mushalko is general manager at WCBE radio. Together they are the dynamic duo of writing workshops.

Thurber House Writing Wizards Registration

Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes fill quickly, so get your registration to us as early as possible. Full payment must be received to confirm each registration. A check returned by the bank cancels registration.

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Student's Name: _____ Gender: ___M___F

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

We occasionally take photos to use on future brochures, website, blog and Facebook. We do not usually use children's names. **Do you permit your child to be photographed?** ___ Yes ___ No

Please select one 5-week workshop, held January 28 through February 25

___ Mad Scientists - Laboratory for Story Creation (2/3 graders; 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) \$80

___ Animal Stories, From Aardvark to Zebra (2/3 graders; 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.) \$80

___ Enter the Exciting World of "Warriors" (4/5 graders; 10:00 a.m. - Noon) \$90

___ So You Want to Be a Writer! (4/5 graders; 10:00 a.m. - Noon) \$90

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Please note: Prices above include an \$8 non-refundable registration fee. All payments will be processed after the January 13th deadline.

If paying by credit card, you may fax the registration form to (614) 280-3645. Registration may also be submitted through our website, www.thurberhouse.org. You can also mail the form to Thurber House Writing Wizards, 77 Jefferson Ave., Columbus, OH 43215. Completed registration form and payment must be received at Thurber House no later than Friday, January 13.

PAYMENT METHOD

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ (Add a one-time \$1.50 processing fee if paying with a credit card)

___ Check, payable to Thurber House

___ Visa/Mastercard/Discover #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature of Cardholder: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS

We encourage the involvement of children with special needs and do our best to ensure that our students with mobility challenges are accommodated. Please let us know of any special needs when you register so we can prepare prior to the start of the Writing Wizards program.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarships are generously provided in memory of the following Thurber House volunteers: Babette Lazarus Sirak, Norm & Ruth Spain, and Janet Hammock. **SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR HOW TO APPLY.**

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Financial Scholarships Available

We have a limited number of scholarships available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note - Students may receive one scholarship toward one Thurber Writing program in a calendar year. Full scholarships require verification of enrollment in a free school lunch program or a letter from a school official stating financial need and the \$8 non-refundable registration fee. Partial scholarships require verification of enrollment in a reduced school lunch program or a letter from a school official stating the need for partial financial assistance, and payment of half the tuition plus the \$8 non-refundable registration fee (\$40 for grades 2-3, \$45 for grades 4-8). Applications and fees must be received by Friday, January 13th and scholarship recipients will be notified by Friday, January 20th.

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Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Thurber House is a literary center and museum housed in the historic home of humorist, author, and *New Yorker* cartoonist James Thurber. Our mission is to celebrate the written word for the education and entertainment of the broadest possible audience and to continue Thurber's legacy of humor.

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