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Writing Wizards

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Write Discover Create

Grab your favorite notebook and thinking cap and join us for our 2020 Writing Wizards. No matter the class, you will be challenged to write outside the box, use your imagination, expand your horizons, and have fun creating new things!

Writing Wizards workshops, for students in grades 2-8, will meet each Saturday from February 8 through March 7, 2020, 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 24th**.

2/3 Graders

I Met a Monster!
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

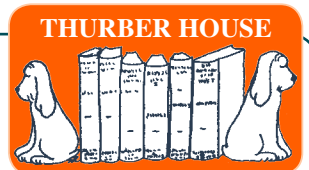
Ever wanted to meet a monster? Some are scary, but not all monsters are bad. You will imagine your own monster, silly or scary, write about it, draw it, and more. Maybe they are friends with Mike and Sulley? It's up to you in this class!

Dr. Jerome Stueart is a fantasy and science fiction writer who has been teaching creative writing workshops for more than twenty years.

Adventure Time
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

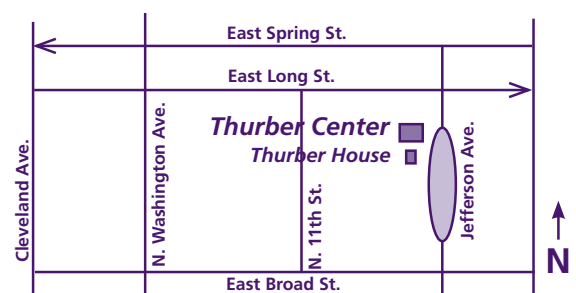
This is not your average writing class, this is an adventure class! What would it be like to be stranded on a desert island, or locked inside a Target store? What if you were a superhero in charge of saving the world? Each class will be filled with creative activities and fun games to get your writing juices flowing and fill your notebook with stories.

Andra Gillum is the author of the children's book series, *Doggy Drama*. She also writes a periodic column for the *Columbus Dispatch*.



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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4/5 Graders

Writer's Tool Box 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Have you ever read a book that was so good, you could not put it down? How do writers DO that? Learn the tools you need to build your own un-put-down-able story—from characters to plot and everything in between.

Jody Casella is the author of the acclaimed YA novel, *Thin Space*, and a former high school English teacher.

Get a Clue! 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

You will need to put on your detective hat as you learn the ins and outs of a good caper story. You will uncover culprits to crimes, create your own missions, write suspenseful stories, and in the end, try an “escape room” challenge!

Stacy Fabbre is the illustrator of several picture books including *The Fate of the Frog* and is an aspiring writer.



6/7/8 Graders

My Voice Matters 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Writing is a powerful tool for making your voice heard. You'll learn the art of opinion writing and how to write persuasive pieces about any topic. When you finish, you'll have an opinion piece that is ready to share with the world.

Linda Baird worked for a youth leadership program that introduced young people to city leaders and let them share their ideas about how to improve the city.

Tell Your Story 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Everybody has a story to tell. In this memoir-writing class, you'll have the space to explore true (or mostly-true) tales from your own life and learn how to re-craft them into thoughtful written pieces. You're the only narrator who's truly up for the job!

Casey Briand is a former English and Creative Writing teacher who believes that storytelling is a way for us to make sense of the world around us.

Refund Policy: Full tuition, minus the \$10 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 24.

After January 24 no refunds will be given.

Thurber House Writing Wizards Registration

Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes fill quickly, so get your registration in 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: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Guardian: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

We occasionally take photos to use on future brochures, website, and social media. We do not use children's names.

Do you permit your child to be photographed? Yes No

Please select one 5-week workshop, held February 8 through March 7.

I Met a Monster! (2/3 graders; 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) \$110

Adventure Time (2/3 graders; 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.) \$110

Writer's Tool Box (4/5 graders; 10:00 a.m. - Noon) \$125

Get a Clue! (4/5 graders; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.) \$125

My Voice Matters (6/7/8 graders; 10:00 a.m. - Noon) \$125

Tell Your Story (6/7/8 graders; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.) \$125

Please note: Prices above include a \$10 non-refundable registration fee.

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 24.

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: _____

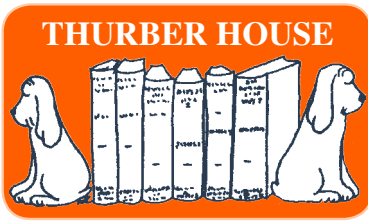
Signature of Cardholder: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS

We encourage the involvement of children with special needs and do our best to ensure that 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 full and partial scholarships available. Students who have not received a scholarship in 2019 will be given preference.

Deadline to apply is Friday, January 17 and you will be notified by Friday, January 24.

With your registration, please include the items below to be considered for a scholarship:

- \$10 registration fee
- verification of enrollment in the school's free or reduced lunch program or a letter from the school stating financial need
- half of the tuition ONLY if you are applying for a partial scholarship (\$55 for 2/3 grade, \$62.50 for 4-8 grade)

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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 James Thurber's legacy.

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