

## In-Residence Writers Imagine it, Write it, Publish it!

### When

- Summer 2022 Session: **July 7** to **August 18**, and **August 30**, 2022

### Number of Volunteers

- minimum 4; maximum 10

### Who should volunteer and why

- you enjoy creative writing and are eager to learn more
- you are collaborative and open to feedback
- you're ready to unleash your creativity
- you are ready to see the library as a place of both learning and creating
- see your work get published in the community
- earn community service hours

### You will commit to

- 1 hour Zoom call per week for 7 consecutive Thursdays to do writing exercises and share feedback on your works in progress (**July 7** to **Aug 18**)
- participate in the event to launch this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Writer's In-Residence anthology, '*Forest of Words*,' where you get to be the 'local author' (**Aug 30**)
- participate with your peers in a collaborative and supportive way
- be open to feedback
- write in the way that means the most to you

### What you will do (and what you will get out of it)

- write poems, stories or essays with help and feedback along the way
- in weekly sessions, collaborate and discuss work with other participants
- learn about editing cycles and benefit from feedback circles
- interact with a local author on a select week: benefit from their advice and feedback on your work
- receive a copy of the Anthology (put together using the library MakerSpace) at the end of the session
- attend the Book Launch Party and have the opportunity to read a selection from your work and interact with attendees
- be proud and boost your confidence

### How to apply (deadline: 6 pm, June 17, 2022)

- complete and return a [Volunteer Application](#)
- include a sample piece of your writing [In-Residence Writer's Submission](#)
- previous participants: simply advise Kate in Volunteer Services if interested (writing sample still required, but no application)

*In Residence Writers*  
*Create, Make, & Be Published!*

As part of the application process for the 2022 Summer *In-residence writer* program, (July 7 to August 18, and August 30, 2021) applicants must provide **a sample piece of their own writing** (poetry, story, essay, blog)

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Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Submit your piece here (300 - 500 words maximum). Attach separately if necessary.

What was your inspiration for this piece?

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## Volunteer Services

Application (minimum age of 14)

<b>Name:</b>	_____	Date:	_____
<b>Address:</b>	_____	Phone (Home):	_____
	_____	Phone (Cell):	_____
	_____	E-mail:	_____
<b>Birth Date:</b> ( <u>required</u> , for Library use only):	_____	Preferred method of contact:	_____

### Your Work Experience:

From-To: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

From-To: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

From-To: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Volunteer Experience:

From-To: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

From-To: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

From-To: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Education:

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Your Skills,  
Hobbies &  
Interests:

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What is your particular interest in volunteering at the Stratford Public Library?

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What are your preferences as it relates to volunteering your time?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular (monthly, weekly, or daily) | <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In Person                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtually  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Either in person or virtual         |                                     |

Preferred day(s): \_\_\_\_\_ morning, afternoon, evening: \_\_\_\_\_

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|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| During March Break? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | During Summer Months? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
|                     | <input type="checkbox"/> No  |                       | <input type="checkbox"/> No  |

I would consider volunteer roles that involve (check all that apply):

*Note: certain volunteer roles require background checks (n/a to teens)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> detail oriented tasks                    | <input type="checkbox"/> supporting program staff (adult, teen or children) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> creativity                               | <input type="checkbox"/> technology   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> one on one mentoring (adult or children) |   |

I am especially interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

What online platforms do you use currently, or might you be comfortable using? Please list.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Video Call:   | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media: | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other:        | _____ |

**References:** Please provide two references (i.e. previous agency where you volunteered, an employer or colleague; do not include relatives or friends).

Name	E-Mail	Phone	Relationship
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_____			

**Authorization for Collection of Personal Information**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize the Stratford Public Library to collect personal information appropriate to the volunteer position applied for concerning my employment history and volunteer experience, and to verify the character references I have supplied. I understand that any information obtained is kept confidential. I hereby certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge, and agree to keep the Library informed of any changes to same. I understand that any willful falsification of information may result in termination of my volunteer assignment.

I hereby authorize the above named referees to provide a reference in connection with this application, and release them from any liability in regard to the same.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your completed application to the Library, to the attention of Kate Schillings, either electronically at [kschillings@stratford.ca](mailto:kschillings@stratford.ca), in person, or via the library's external book-drop. Questions? Reach Kate at 519-271-0220, ext. 122.**

**Thank you for offering to volunteer, and please note the following proviso:**

Applications are accepted anytime with the understanding that they will be kept on file for one year pending available opportunities. While every effort is made to accommodate an applicant within this one-year period, an opportunity to volunteer cannot be guaranteed.

I have read and understand this proviso. Check here