

# THE YOUNG AUTHORS ACADEMY

presented by the Downtown Writers Center



A creative writing program  
for 6th – 12th graders,  
featuring courses in:

**Fiction**

**Poetry**

The YMCA's Downtown Writers Center  
340 Montgomery Street  
Syracuse, NY 13202



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Fall 2023  
Creative Writing Workshops  
for students grades 6-12

Saturdays | 10 weeks  
October 7 – December 16, 2023  
(No class on November 25th)  
12:00pm – 2:00pm Eastern

**FICTION & POETRY**

YMCA OF CENTRAL NEW YORK  
Downtown Branch  
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Young Authors Academy | FALL 2023 Program Information



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The Young Authors Academy is free to students in the Syracuse City School District and YMCA of Central New York family members (some restrictions do apply), \$100 for nonmembers with discounts for members for the 10-week session (needs-based financial assistance may also be available). Registration is required to reserve space.

**NOTE: In-person classes are accessible via Zoom.**

#### STUDENT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARENT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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#### COURSE SELECTION (Please Check One)

Note: Students may try different genres from session to session, but are asked to choose one focus per session.

**Saturdays | 10 weeks | 12:00pm – 2:00pm**

**Please select your preferred genre for this session, although there may be cross-genre instruction depending on enrollment:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Fiction

\_\_\_\_\_ Poetry

#### REGISTRATION FEES (Check One)

\_\_\_\_\_ **SCSD Student: No Fee**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YMCA of Central New York Member: No Fee**

No fee for one family member currently taking DWC courses. **Use code DWCFALL23.** Each YMCA of Central New York family membership is entitled to one free course per session.

\_\_\_\_\_ **National YMCA Members: \$120**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Non-Member: \$160**

**Y Members can register online at [ymcacny.org](http://ymcacny.org)**

**All checks are payable to YMCA of Central New York**

**Credit Card Payments are accepted with phone registrations. Please call Georgia Popoff at (315) 474-6851 x380 to pay by credit/debit card.**

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#### ABOUT THE YAA

The YAA is for students grades 6-12 with a passion for creative writing & related arts. Small group instruction in the literary arts is provided weekly by professional writers who are also experienced in teaching middle and high school students.

YAA students experience a safe, accepting & positive learning environment where they grow both artistically and personally, developing their talents and collaborating with peers who share their interest in the creative arts.

The program has been generously funded to include Y members and students in the Syracuse City School District at no cost (some restrictions do apply). The Downtown Writers Center, a program of the Arts Branch of the YMCA, strives to keep the cost for all others affordable. Need-based financial aid is available.

Classes during this session are in-person at the Downtown Branch, and are simultaneously accessible to all participants via Zoom.

Students receiving scholarships through the SCSD or Y membership are required to attend regularly. Poor attendance may result in removal from the program and inability to register for future YAA programming.