

THE YOUNG AUTHORS ACADEMY

PRESENTED BY
THE WRITERS VOICE
OF CNY

A CREATIVE WRITING
PROGRAM FOR WRITERS
GRADES 6 THROUGH 12



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REGISITER FOR OUR PROGRAM

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YOUNG AUTHORS ACADEMY | 2026 PROGRAM INFORMATION

THE WRITERS VOICE OF CNY PRESENTS



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2026 WINTER WORKSHOPS
WRITERS GRADES 6 THROUGH 12
SATURDAYS, 12 TO 2 PM

SHINDER THEATER
AT THE DOWNTOWN WRITERS CENTER

10 WEEKS, STARTING JANUARY 24



THE YOUNG AUTHORS ACADEMY

FICTION & POETRY WORKSHOPS

SATURDAYS, JANUARY 24 TO MARCH 28

The Young Authors Academy is free for any student in the Syracuse City School District or a YMCA of CNY member (some restrictions apply). \$100 for non-members, with some needs-based financial support available. Registration is required to reserve a space.

CLASSES ARE IN-PERSON AND STREAMED ONLINE

STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME
BIRTH DATE GENDER
ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP
SCHOOL GRADE
DISTRICT

PARENT INFORMATION

NAME
ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP
EMAIL
PHONE
SIGNATURE

COURSE SELECTION

Writers are free to try different genres, but please select one genre for each session.

FICTION _____
POETRY _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please check one of the following:

SCSD Student (no fee) _____
YMCA of CNY member (no fee) _____
Y-USA member (\$80) _____
Non-member (\$100) _____

Family membership is entitled to one free course each session. No fee for young writers when a family member is enrolled for a Writers Voice class. Use code DWCSUMMER25 for promo discount.

Y-members can register online at ymcacny.org or by phone. All checks payable to YMCA of CNY.

WHAT IS THE
**YOUNG
AUTHORS
ACADEMY?**

The Young Authors Academy is for teenagers who are on fire to write.

Small group writing workshops are provided by our writing instructors who also excel at working with middle and high schoolers. We value creating a safe, inclusive environment, where writers can grow artistically and personally, developing writing skills through creative prompts, reading aloud, and workshopping others' writing.

OUR WRITING INSTRUCTORS



**GEMMA
COOPER-NOVACK**



**OLIVIA
SILVER**