

## Free Writing Classes

Classes are limited; registration is required starting 9/29. Call or visit the individual library to register.

### ***The Writing Life for Teens (grades 6-12)***

**Monday, October 17, 6:30-8:30 pm**

at the **Savage Library**

13090 Alabama Ave. S., 952.707.1770

How do you get the story in your head onto the page? Teens (in grades 6-12) will learn how and where to start your narrative and how to best capture life's defining moments. Class time will be divided between discussion and writing exercises.

Instructor Kate St. Vincent Vogl is the author of *Lost & Found: A Memoir of Mothers* and teaches creative writing at the Loft and elsewhere.

### ***Beginning Memoir: Finding Your Story***

**Thursday, October 27, 6:30-8:30 pm**

at the **Shakopee Library**

235 Lewis St. S., 952.233.9590

Do you have a memory that shimmers in your mind? Using prompts and free-writing we'll get them on paper. We'll discuss the basics of memoir and details that bring them to life. You'll leave this class with at least three works-in-progress and ideas for more.

Instructor Angela Foster is a poet and memoirist who teaches at the Loft and elsewhere.

### ***Making It Real***

**Wednesday, November 2, 6:30-8:30 pm**

at the **Prior Lake Library**

16210 Eagle Creek Ave. SE, 952.447.3375

We'll analyze techniques used by great writers in developing prose, whether memoir or fiction, long form or short. Harness these storytelling mechanisms, no matter what your medium. The class contains lecture, discussion, and writing exercises.

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## Free Writing Classes, Cont.

### ***The Creative Process***

**Wednesday, November 16, 6:30-8:30 pm**

at the **Savage Library**

13090 Alabama Ave. S., 952.707.1770

Getting words on the page is essential, but there's a lot more to writing. Find out what the six stages in the creative process are and what you need to do to complete these steps. The class includes writing exercises.

Instructor Rosanne Bane is a creativity coach and teaching artist who teaches at the Loft and the University of St Thomas.

### ***Getting Started***

**Thursday, November 17, 6:30-8:30 pm**

at the **Shakopee Library**

235 Lewis St. S., 952.233.9590

Do you have great ideas for stories, articles, or maybe even a book? Learn techniques to get those ideas out of your head and onto the page. We'll practice ways of kick-starting the writing process, you'll complete an interest inventory and learn habits that will sustain your writing. The class includes writing exercises.

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### ***Why Is It So Hard to Write Even When I Want To?***

**Tuesday, November 29, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

at the **Prior Lake Library**

16210 Eagle Creek Ave. SE, 952.447.3375

Why do nearly all writers have an embrace/avoid, push/pull relationship with writing? It's not because we're lazy, undisciplined or lack ambition or intelligence. It's because we don't have a brain, we have a brain *system*. Learn what's going on in your brain when you want to write, but can't or don't. Learn what you can do to move through resistance and into the writing you want to do. The class includes writing exercises.

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# Author Visits

## Monica Ferris



Thursday, October 13 at 7 pm  
at the Shakopee Library  
235 Lewis St. S.,  
phone 952.233.9590

Local and national best-selling author Mary Monica Pulver writes the "Needlecraft Mysteries" as Monica Ferris and has also co-written the "Sister Frevisse Medieval Mysteries" as Margaret Frazer. Her latest book in the "Needlecraft Mysteries" series, *Buttons and Bones*, features amateur needle-working sleuth Betsey Devonshire in a mystery set at a north woods lake cabin.

## Brian Freeman

Tuesday, October 25 at 7 pm  
at the New Prague Library  
400 E. Main St.,  
phone 952.758.2391



Brian Freeman is the author of numerous best-selling psychological suspense novels that have been translated into 20 languages. His book *The Burying Place* was a finalist for the Best Novel of the Year award from the International Thriller Writers. His latest book, *The Bone House*, is set in Door County, Wisconsin.

## Stanley Gordon West

Tuesday, November 1 at 7 pm  
at the Savage Library  
13090 Alabama Ave S.,  
phone 952.707.1770



Stanley Gordon West is the author of *Until They Bring the Streetcars Back*, *Blind Your Ponies*, *Amos*, *Finding Laura Buggs*, *Growing an Inch*, and *Sweet Shattered Dreams*. His novels are set in post-WWII Minnesota and Montana.

## Peter Geye

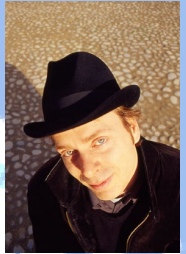
Monday, November 7 at 7 pm  
at the Prior Lake Library  
16210 Eagle Creek Ave. SE,  
phone 952.447.3375



*Safe From the Sea*, Peter Geye's debut novel, recounts the struggles of a father and son to reconcile while reliving a horrific shipwreck that the father survived years earlier. It won a 2010 Indie Lit Best Literary Fiction Award and was a Women's National Book Association "National Reading Group Month" selection.

## Eric Dregni

Thursday, November 10 at 7 pm  
at the Savage Library  
13090 Alabama Ave. S.,  
phone 952.707.1770



Eric Dregni will give a slide presentation and talk for his newest book, *Vikings in the Attic*, in which he explores the significance of often bizarre Midwestern historic sites, tales and traditions associated with Scandinavian immigrants. His other titles include *Never Trust a Thin Cook*, *In Cod We Trust*, *Minnesota Marvels*, *Midwest Marvels*, and *Weird Minnesota*.

For more information about any of these programs, please contact the individual libraries. Books will be available for sale and signing at each presentation.



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