

## Creative Writing Summer 2026

Monday, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Aliante Library

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This course will encourage the participants to find their voice in the writing of personal narratives, poems, and general short stories of fiction and non-fiction. Our focus will be on developing ideas and concepts that emphasize the expression of thoughts, feelings and emotions versus having the writer simply convey information.

To this end, we will explore various ways to expand and improve the efforts of the writer. These will include various exercises, such as providing writing prompts, providing photographic inspiration, and other concrete methods designed to explore the creativity of the writer.

We will also discuss various building blocks of a story, e.g. creating “a hook,” to intrigue the reader, scene creation, writing to evoke emotion in the reader, using dialogue in character development, creating an outline, etc.

Each week, we will provide the participants an opportunity to orally to present an original writing to the class so that the writer can get feedback and enjoy the benefits of class discussion. Writers inspire writers.