



For over 25 years, WWf(a)C has provided a safe, non-competitive environment for individuals to develop their writing skills, cultivate their creativity, and strengthen their voices. Our writers, whether first-timers or the more experienced, find community, connection, and meaningful conversation within our circles. We encourage writing as a process of self-discovery and self-expression—a celebration of the individual voice. Our classes provide a unique

setting in which honoring each other's words and learning to give and receive constructive feedback enrich participants' lives.

## Core Classes

In our **core classes**, facilitators offer writing prompts and resources, and encourage participants to choose and develop their own subject matter. Classes allow for personal writing time, sharing in large and small groups, guidance in giving and receiving useful, positive feedback, and opportunities to read aloud to an audience.

**Stay tuned for dates for the upcoming Winter Core Classes as well as the Winter/Spring Core Bundles!**

## Specialty Classes

Our **specialty classes** offer theme-based opportunities for writers and those wishing to explore other forms of creativity in addition to writing. Specialty Classes incorporate WWf(a)C circle practices into each session. Some adult classes are co-ed.

### **Building Blocks Intensive: Constructing a Compelling Narrative - \$55/Class**

**Facilitators: Tina Neyer and Annette Januzzi Wick**

**Sept 29-Nov 17, 9am-12:30pm**

An eight-week intensive study into the art of creating a story. Many of the principles presented are applicable to Fiction and Creative NonFiction. We will examine various elements of story to help participants increase their knowledge and expertise in the construction of a written story. Each class is designed with hands-on exercises to help the writer hone an existing manuscript and in the creation of new material. Open to anyone, ages 18+ who has previously attended at WWf(a)C Class.

## **YFLA 2017-18 – Young Feminist Leadership Academy**

**Facilitators: Meg Stentz and Liv Linn**

The Young Feminist Leadership Academy, **YFLA**, helps young women and trans youth develop into strong leaders and doers through a combination of writing and discussion, as well as group and individual projects. The four-month course is designed to support and inspire young people as they reach for their full potential as feminist leaders in today's society. The culmination of the YFLA course is the practicum. Participants will work to design a practicum project which draws on their leadership skills and reflects their passions.

**Retreat:** December 27-29 in Cincinnati

**Class 1:** Sunday, February 25, 1-4pm in Cincinnati

**Classes 2-6:** Sundays, March 4-April 8, 1-4pm, Virtual

**Graduation Retreat:** April 21, 1pm through April 22

(Overnight retreat at the WWf(a)C Writing Hall)

Please visit our website, [womenwriting.org](http://womenwriting.org), for detailed information and application process.

## **2018 Winter Retreat**

**Aging With Intention & Curiosity**

**January 21 – 24, 2018 - \$390**

**Facilitators: Diane Debevec and Janie Baer**

Join us for three days of writing, rest and renewal. Held at the lovely Transfiguration Spirituality Center in Glendale, with private rooms and baths, this retreat provides ample time to write, meditate, rest, dream, make art or play. Women Writing for (a) Change circle and small group practices will shape our time together. This is an opportunity to go deeply into your writing, to start something you've been imaging anew, or simply a time to invite writing as a way to reflect on this journey of aging. Open to women.

## **Featured Pieces by WWf(a)C Writers!**

Check out the poem *A Sunny Day* by Lucia Murdoch, a student in our Fall 2017 Girls Class! Simply click on "Our Writing," then "Featured Writing" on our website.

Like to see your writing featured? Just email [info@womenwriting.org](mailto:info@womenwriting.org) with your piece and a note about which class(es) you have taken.

## **Classes for Young Women**

YW programs are open to girls and teens in grades 4-12. Classes and camps use the art of writing and other arts to enhance self-esteem and build skills in creative self-expression. Programs are designed to help strengthen girls' authentic voices, develop their ability to speak out through writing and direct interaction, and deepen their belief in their own creative intelligence.

### **Girls Fall 2017 (Grades 4-7): Mothers & Daughters: Kindness Rocks – Seeking and Finding Kindness in our World - \$50 per Mother/Daughter pair**

**Facilitators: Janie Baer and Sally Schneider, Nov 19, 1-4pm**

Class begins in one large circle and then each pair will gather in small groups: mothers finding support with other mothers, girls learning from each other. We will then move to an art activity centered around our theme and end in the large circle. This class is a way for these pairs to explore creativity together.

Open to: Girls (Grades 4-7) and their mothers (or grandmothers, aunts, Big Sis or other adult women in the girls' lives)

## **Girl Scout Badge Program**

WWf(a)C offers programs for Girl Scout troops or individuals year round. Badge Programs for troops typically run 2 hours and cost \$100 for groups up to 20 girls. Individual programs focus on particular badges or themes and typically cost \$15 per girl. WWf(a)C can also tailor a program to suit the interests or needs of a troop. Contact WWf(a)C for information or to schedule a program: 513-272-1171 [info@womenwriting.org](mailto:info@womenwriting.org) / [www.womenwriting.org](http://www.womenwriting.org).

## **Community Programs and Events**

*Offered by WWf(a)C, partner organizations, and friends of WWf(a)C.*

**Stay tuned for upcoming offerings!**

Check out our website: [womenwriting.org](http://womenwriting.org) and follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/WWFAC](https://facebook.com/WWFAC) for information about our programs, writing prompts, inspiration, discussions, and much more!

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*Our mission is to nurture and celebrate the individual voice by facilitating supportive writing circles and by encouraging people to craft more conscious lives through the art of writing and the practices of community. For more information about our programs or our organization, visit [womenwriting.org](http://womenwriting.org) or call 513-272-1171.*

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