

EVENTS PROGRAMS

STORIES THAT CHANGE US

Oct -
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2024



Centre for Stories acknowledges and celebrates the traditional custodians, knowledge-keepers and first storytellers of where we work in Boorloo on Whadjuk Noongar boodjar. Always was, always will be.

About Us

Founded by John and Caroline Wood in 2015, Centre for Stories is a vibrant, inclusive literary arts and cultural organisation that uses storytelling to grow skills and confidence, inspire understanding and promote community cohesion.

With a focus on cultural diversity, we create opportunities for storytellers and writers who are underrepresented in Western Australia's creative sector. In sharing their stories with arts and community audiences through writing and storytelling workshops, panel conversations and other events, we drive social change and social justice.



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First Nations Write Night

Our monthly First Nations Write Night is an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to come together to develop their writing alongside one another. Writers can get some solid work done in quiet or receive prompts to spark new ideas and practice different forms. All writing styles are welcome – poetry, fiction, memoir, screenplays, etc. Snacks, tea and coffee are provided.

-  CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATES
-  5:30PM - 7:30PM
-  FREE
-  CASEY MULDER & LUISA MITCHELL
-  CENTRE FOR STORIES, 100
ABERDEEN ST NORTHBRIDGE WA
-  IN-PERSON




Write Night

Do you struggle to carve out distraction free writing time? Are you looking for a safe group environment to work on your writing? Would you like to meet other writers in your community? Then this group is for you! Over two forty-minute writing blocks we provide time and prompts for those who need them to work on your creative projects.

-  EVERY SECOND TUESDAY
-  6:00PM - 8:00PM
-  \$5
-  CHRIS KARSTEN
-  CENTRE FOR STORIES, 100
ABERDEEN ST NORTHBRIDGE WA
-  IN-PERSON

Ink & Echo Poetry Meetup

Your monthly Saturday evening sanctuary for poetic exploration and expression! Half workshop and half reading, this two-hour-long event facilitated by SoulReserve (author of Lakesong) is designed to enrich your technical craft while offering a stage for your voice to be heard. For poets of all levels, each month features a unique theme, inspiring you to dive deeper into different facets of poetry. To discover the monthly theme, head to the Centre for Stories website.

-  CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATES
-  5:00PM - 7:30PM
-  PAY-WHAT-YOU-FEEL STARTING
AT \$15
-  SOULRESERVE (LAKSHMI KANCHI)
-  CENTRE FOR STORIES, 100
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Queer Story Nights







Welcome to Queer Story Nights! This is a space for the LGBTQIA+ community to share and craft stories. Every month, group members will have the opportunity to learn the craft of oral storytelling and work on their writing, with feedback and guidance from two facilitators to work towards publishing or recording your stories. Cheese, crackers and drinks provided.

-  CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATES
-  5:30PM - 7:00PM
-  PAY-WHAT-YOU-FEEL STARTING AT \$15
-  MIM KEMPSON & JAY ANDERSON
-  CENTRE FOR STORIES, 100 ABERDEEN ST NORTHBRIDGE WA
-  IN-PERSON

Slam Poetry with Manveen Kohli

If you are a lover of Slam Poetry or simply curious about this art form, this workshop might be for you! During this two-hour session you will explore a range of poetic techniques, performance tips, and gain feedback from fellow poets. You will also be provided with the opportunity to rehearse your piece in front of, (perhaps your first) live audience!

Manveen Kaur Kohli is a British-Indian currently residing in Perth. She has performed her poetry at various events including, Neon Readings, Perth Poetry Festival, and Woman Scream. Manveen was a finalist in the Australian Poetry Slam (APS) state finals in 2020 and 2021. Her debut poetry collection, 'We need to talk' was released in May last year. Manveen currently works as a psychologist at a high school. Her passion for Psychology and Poetry stem from a mutual goal: to make a difference and empower people.







-  CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATES
-  4:00PM - 6:00PM
-  PAY-WHAT-YOU-FEEL STARTING AT \$15
-  MANVEEN KOHLI
-  CENTRE FOR STORIES, 100 ABERDEEN ST NORTHBRIDGE WA
-  IN-PERSON



Feminisms of Our Mothers + WRITING WORKSHOP WITH SAADIA AHMED

Join Saadia Ahmed in Feminisms of Our Mothers, a workshop dedicated to writing about maternal figures in your life who inspired your feminist practice. Saadia will share her own story of connection to feminism and the special women in her life before leading a creative non-fiction workshop.

The workshop will conclude with a first draft of a creative non-fiction piece dedicated to the special mother or maternal figure in your life.







-  WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2ND
-  5:00PM - 7:00PM
-  PAY-WHAT-YOU-FEEL STARTING AT \$15
-  SAADIA AHMED
-  CENTRE FOR STORIES, 100 ABERDEEN ST NORTHBRIDGE WA
-  IN-PERSON

Off-Tangent + FOLKLORE AND GHOST STORIES WORKSHOP

Join us for an engaging workshop with author Raf Gonzalez.







With Halloween just around the corner, this workshop's theme is Folklore and Ghost Stories. Create spooky characters, take inspiration from legendary folklore from around the world, and come up with a scary story or poem. An extra challenge is the Campfire Challenge, where all participants must read out their stories and/or poems in the dark...

Suitable for writers of all levels and backgrounds, particularly those interested in the genres of sci-fi, fantasy, and horror.

-  THURSDAY OCTOBER 24TH
-  5:30PM - 8:30PM
-  PAY-WHAT-YOU-FEEL STARTING AT \$15
-  RAF GONZALEZ
-  CENTRE FOR STORIES, 100 ABERDEEN ST NORTHBRIDGE WA
-  HYBRID (IN-PERSON & ONLINE)

Backyard Truth Telling in Walyalup







In partnership with City of Fremantle and as part of their Truth Telling Program, Centre for Stories is running three Backyard Truth Telling events around Walyalup/Fremantle backyards. Speakers will share personal reflections on the dark history of colonisation while reimagining brighter futures where Australians can walk together as one. Join us to listen to stories and yarn with your neighbours in Walyalup. Light grazing food and drinks will be available.

-  SATURDAYS OCT 19TH, 26TH
-  5:00PM - 7:00PM
-  CHECK COF WEBSITE
-  RON BRADFIELD
-  CHECK CITY OF FREMANTLE WEBSITE TO RSVP
-  IN-PERSON



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-  RON BRADFIELD
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-  IN-PERSON







Mastering Creative Research with Ana Brawls + FROM DESIGN TO SERENDIPITY

Join our free workshop with Ana Brawls about harnessing the power of research to boost your creative work, from designing your research plan to embracing the serendipity of unexpected discoveries.

Ana Brawls was the recipient of the Neilma Sidney Literary Travel Fund from Writers Victoria and The Myer Foundation earlier this year. In preparing for her next manuscript, Ana chose to research on location in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo visiting Libraries, Museums and Institutes preserving heritage and culture. During the workshop she will use her writing process and research to demonstrate how to:

- Prepare and design research for creative work
- Methods for collating information
- Apply the findings into your work
- Lessons learned and the serendipity in coming across information
- Practice: Designing research to suit your work

This workshop is best suited to writers planning or interested in using research to develop their creative work. It is suited to writers who haven't researched or would like to see other ways to approach research.

-  FRIDAY NOV 29TH
-  6:30PM - 8:30PM
-  FREE
-  ANA BRAWLS
-  CENTRE FOR STORIES, 100 ABERDEEN ST NORTHBRIDGE WA
-  IN-PERSON



Do you know about our writing programs?

All Write

Funded by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and Centre for Stories' Founders Circle, All Write offers a series of opportunities for diverse writers, including hot desks, events, residencies, publications, networking, and exchanges.

- *Early Career Fellowship* – Awarded to writers who have completed a manuscript of fiction or non-fiction, the Early Career Fellowship includes a full manuscript assessment, reader feedback, access to workshops, a desk at Centre for Stories, and a weekend retreat in Margaret River. *Applications are currently open and will close on 28 October 2024.*
- *Hot Desk Fellowship* – Fellows receive a stipend and a desk at Centre for Stories, plus access to Centre for Stories events, library resources and networks. Fellows are also profiled on Centre for Stories' website and social media. *Applications re-open in February 2025.*

Word Up & Write Up: Youth Storytelling

Word Up and Write Up are Centre for Stories' signature youth oral storytelling and creative writing programs. We believe that storytelling empowers young people to be the best versions of themselves. Our workshops are designed to support young people to improve literacy, build confidence, and embrace creativity. We do this by providing young people with the skills and platform to share true stories about who they are and what matters to them. Centre for Stories works primarily with young people aged 12-18 from under-resourced communities and culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds. *Contact Nadia Heisler Walpole to find out more and bring Word Up or Write Up to your students: nadia@centreforstories.com*

First Nations Writers WA Program

Founded by Noongar writers Casey Mulder and Luisa Mitchell, and made possible with generous support from Spinifex Foundation, this writing group is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers of all writing levels living in Boorloo/Perth, and more broadly, Western Australia. The program is free and includes monthly write night events at Centre for Stories, other networking and writing workshop events, publication opportunities, and individual writing feedback and career guidance. *Contact Centre for Stories to learn more.*



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The Spark Program

The Spark is a multimodal program that will ignite development, support and confidence for young storytellers between the ages of 13-24. Thanks to the generous support of the Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries, The Spark was created so that we can continue with our commitment to foster growth in our community of young creatives. This program will run from October 2024 through to July 2025 and will offer a series of free opportunities to those keen in exploring their creative passions - we'll offer mentoring and publication opportunities, as well as workshops on filmmaking, playwriting, zine making, comic creation, podcasting, storytelling performance, and much more.



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We have over 3000 books with a focus on diverse authors available to borrow.

Explore the collection at our library in Northbridge or via the online catalogue on our website.

Our beautiful heritage-listed venue is available to hire!

Explore the different spaces, including kitchen and outdoor courtyard, at centreforstories.com.

We teach people the skills of storytelling in group workshops for community organisations, corporates, schools and more! Head to our Services page to find out more. **You can learn the fundamentals of storytelling from the comfort of your own home** – join award-winning author Sisonke Msimang – join award-winning author Sisonke Msimang in her online, self-paced Art of Storytelling course! Available to purchase for \$165.

