

Writer • In • Residence

Unique opportunities to engage with professional author, Mark Leiren-Young.
Registration opens **September 27, 2014**: 604-276-4300 or richmond.ca/register

Meet Mark Leiren-Young

Residency Launch Event!

Friday, Sept 26

7:00–9:00 p.m. including reception

Richmond Cultural Centre Performance Hall



Meet Richmond's third
Writer-in-Residence,
Mark Leiren-Young,
the celebrated author

of *Never Shoot a Stampede Queen* (Heritage House, 2009) which won the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour and was subsequently turned into a touring theatrical production.

Enjoy short readings, hear about his writing career and learn about the range of free public programs he will present during his two months in residency at the Minoru precinct. This event will be followed by a short reception with light refreshments served.

Mark is a journalist, screenwriter, playwright, and occasional performer in the comedy duo Local Anxiety. His news and feature writing, humour pieces, reviews and columns have appeared in a host of publications including *Time*, *Maclean's* and *The Utne Reader*. As a contributor to *The Georgia Straight* since the mid-1980s, he has profiled dozens of celebrities including William Shatner, Salman Rushdie, Emily Blunt and Terry Gilliam. His memoir, *Free Magic Secrets Revealed* (Harbour Publishing) was published in 2013.

Seating limited. To R.S.V.P. before Sept 26, please call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/register and quote #653858.

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Manuscript Consultation—Adult

Minoru Place Activity Centre

45-minute appointments on Nov 19 & 22

Submission deadline: **Wednesday, Oct 22, 2014**

Whether an aspiring or well-seasoned author, feedback from a professional author is invaluable. By random draw, eight lucky local writers will be selected to book a 45-minute manuscript consultation with Mark Leiren-Young, Richmond's third Writer-In Residence.

Interested writers are invited to submit a sample of their writing by 5:00 pm, Wednesday October 22, to Manuscript Consultation, Minoru Place Activity Centre, 7660 Minoru Gate (in front of the Library/Cultural Centre.) Submissions must be a maximum of 2500 words, typed and double-spaced on letter-size paper.

Telling Your Story—Older Adult

Minoru Place Activity Centre

Multipurpose Room 2/3

Three Tuesdays: Oct 14, 28 & Nov 4

3:15–5:15 p.m.

This three-part workshop will explore different approaches to remembering and sharing stories including writing, oral storytelling and visual storytelling. Selected stories will be featured online after the residency period. Participants who wish to participate in an intergenerational approach to telling stories are invited to continue their process by working with youth in the Media Lab as part of Words Online—Youth program.

Note: For ages 55+ years

Maximum 15 participants. To register, please call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/register and quote #658008.

Participants and guests are invited to a free multimedia story event and reception on Wed, Nov 26, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Richmond Cultural Centre Performance Hall.

Telling Your Story—ESL Adult

Richmond Public Library—Brighthouse Branch

Community Place, 2nd floor

Three Tuesdays: Oct 14, 21 & 28

7:00–9:00 p.m.

This three-part workshop will explore different approaches to remembering and sharing stories including writing, oral storytelling and visual storytelling. Stories will be featured online after the residency period.

Note: Participants should have Upper Intermediate to Advanced English Language Skills and be 18 years of age or older.

Maximum 15 participants. To register, please call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/register and quote #653958.

Samples of writing will be published in a chapbook edited by Mark, and participants and guests are invited to a free reading event at the Library's Kwok-Chu Lee Living Room on Tues, Nov 18, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Writing as a Career—Youth

Richmond Media Lab (main floor, Cultural Centre)

Wednesday, Nov 19: 4:00–6:00 p.m.

This single three-hour workshop will speak directly to emerging young writers who are considering a career in writing. Mark will review both the options everyone knows and the ones that hardly anyone has heard of. Participants will learn the “real secrets” of writing for a living.

Note: For ages 13 to 17 years.

Maximum 15 participants. To register, please call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/register and quote #654108.

Words Online—Adult

Richmond Public Library—Brighthouse Branch

Community Place, 2nd floor

Tuesday, Oct 7: 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Blogging, podcasting, YouTube, social media and anti-social media. This single three-hour workshop will explore the myriad opportunities there are now to share stories, and discuss what kinds of stories are best (or conversely inappropriate) to tell and the various ways they can be told.

Maximum 35 participants. To register, please call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/register and quote #653908.

Words Online—Youth

Richmond Media Lab (main floor, Cultural Centre)

Three Wednesdays: Oct 29, Nov 5 & 12

4:00–6:00 p.m.

This three-part workshop is about developing interview techniques, capturing stories on screen and creating a well-honed video piece. Participants will learn about new online opportunities and produce recorded stories as shared by participants of the Telling Your Story—Older Adults program.

Note: For ages 13 to 17 years.

Maximum 10 participants. To register, please call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/register and quote #654008.

Participants and guests are invited to a free multimedia story event and reception on Wed, Nov 26, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Richmond Cultural Centre Performance Hall.



Resources for Writers

All year round, writers can find useful information, programs and more at the Richmond Public Library, Richmond Arts Centre and Minoru Place Activity Centre:

Richmond Public Library

These and other books on creative writing are found in the catalogue under Creative Writing, Authorship Marketing, Authorship, Publishers, Digital Storytelling and Publishing.

Books

- *Just Write: Here's How* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Write a Novel and Get it Published* by Nigel Watts
- *Spilling Ink: a Young Writer's Handbook* by Anne Mazer and Ellen Potter
- *Kicking in the Wall: A Year of Writing Exercises, Prompts and Quotes to Help You Break Through Your Blocks and Reach Your Writing Goals* by Barbara Ambercrombie
- *Digital Storytelling: Capturing Lives, Creating Community* by Joe Lambert
- *Manuscript makeover: Revision Techniques No Fiction Writer Can Afford to Ignore* by Elizabeth Lyon
- *Old Friend From Far Away: the Practice of Writing Memoir* by Natalie Goldberg
- *Building Great Sentences: Exploring the Writer's Craft* by Brooks Landon
- *Publish Your Book: Proven Success Tips, Strategies, and Resources for Enterprising Authors* by Patricia L. Fry

E-Books

- *The Art of War for Writers: Fiction Writing Strategies, Tactics, and Exercises* by James Scott Bell
- *Your Creative Writing Masterclass: Advice from the Best on Writing Successful Novels, Screenplays and Short Stories* by Jurgen Wolff

DVDs

- The Writing Process
- Story Writing

Websites

- Shelley's Book Reviews (tinyurl.com/cbstfmq)
- Wendy's book suggestions (tinyurl.com/purjaah)
- Great Reads for Teens (yourlibrary.ca/gr)

Richmond Arts Centre

These creative writing classes are especially for young aspiring authors. To register, call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/register and quote Course #.

CREATIVE WRITING (Preteens)

Led by a published author, the world of storytelling and various elements of fiction are introduced along with basic tools for brainstorming and crafting a plot.

9–10 yrs
Tuesdays, Sep 30–Nov 25: 3:30–4:30 p.m.
\$60.40/ 8 sessions | Course #657908

11–13 yrs
Tuesdays, Sep 30–Nov 25: 4:30–5:45 p.m.
\$75.50/ 12 sessions | Course #657909

CREATIVE WRITING–WRITING FOR COMICS (Youth)

Learn how to write comics just like the pros in this fun class that features lessons on storytelling, witty and thrilling dialogue and pacing and storyboarding.

13–17 yrs
Thursdays, Sep 25–Nov 13: 3:45–5:45 p.m.
\$120.80/ 8 sessions | Course #657558

CREATIVE WRITING–FICTION WORKSHOP (Adults)

Guided by a professional writer, writing enthusiasts take projects to the next level in this workshop-based course that focuses on finishing works to a publishable level.

17+ yrs
Tuesdays, Sep 30–Nov 24: 6:30–8:00 p.m.
\$93/ 8 sessions | Course #657858

Minoru Place Activity Centre

MINORU AMATEUR WRITERS (55+)

Join this group of avid readers and writers who meet to discuss ways to improve writing skills. Minoru Place Activity Centre Facility Pass required.

Meetings are on first and third Tuesday of every month
12:45–2:45 p.m. | Free

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The City of Richmond is pleased to welcome Mark Leiren-Young as writer-in-residence at

the Minoru Place Activity Centre, Richmond Media Lab and Richmond Public Library.

Over the course of two months, Mark will provide advice to emerging writers through one-on-one consultations as well as lead public interactive workshops. Don't miss the opportunity to hear all about them at the special Launch Event on Friday, September 26. Registration for workshops starts the next day!



Richmond Arts Centre



We acknowledge the support of the Canada Council for the Arts, which last year invested \$157 million to bring the arts to Canadians throughout the country.

Nous remercions le Conseil des arts du Canada de son soutien. L'an dernier, le Conseil a investi 157 millions de dollars pour mettre de l'art dans la vie des Canadiennes et des Canadiens de tout le pays.



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writers and readers with author,*

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