



## **2018 Youth & Homeschool Brochure**

### **Location:**

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### **Online:**

**<http://www.alexandrawriters.org/what-we-offer/courses/>**

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## YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

### Annual Youth Membership

Youth Program Director: Kim Firmston

September-June

Member Price: \$40

Non-Member Price: \$40

The Alexandra Writers' Centre offers a group of programs designed to build the Calgary youth writing community, encourage exploration and education in the writing arts, and build a home for young writers to explore and share their craft, gain leadership skills, and have fun with others who love words as much as they do.

The Youth Membership includes the Reality is Optional Kids' Writing Club, the Rogue Poets' Poetry Club, the Dungeons & Dragons group, Random Movie Night, and discounts on our other youth programs.

### Pen & Panel Comic Creation Club

Sebastien Ringuette and Em Williamson

First & Third Thursdays | 5:00-6:30PM

Member Price: \$75

September-June

Non-Member Price: \$95

Play drawing games, improve your art style, learn to make comics both online and on paper and pitch ideas, plus lots more! Hang out with like-minded artists and comic writers. Work on individual projects or collaborate. Focus on topics that will help you expand your skill set. Ages 12 and up.

### Media Club

Kim Firmston

Fourth Thursdays | 5:00-6:30PM

Member Price: \$40

September-May

Non-Member Price: \$50

Want to play with both writing and technology? This new club will involve both. We'll try movie making, pod casting, music video creation, stop motion animation, and much more. Short projects just for fun. Let's see what we can make!

## Novelmancers

Kim Firmston

Second Thursdays | 5:00-6:30PM

Member Price: \$40

September-June

Non-Member Price: \$50

Join others hard core youth writers on the epic journey through large and lengthy project. Projects can include Novels, Graphic Novels, Long Non-Fiction projects, and Poetry Collections. Each meeting will include a discussion/education topic, and the ability to have your writing critiqued by the instructors and the group.

## HOME SCHOOL WRITING

### Understanding & Creating Comics (Elementary/Junior High)

Sebastien Ringuette

Wednesdays | 10:30 AM - 12 PM

Member Price: \$180

January 24, 2018 | 8 classes

Non-Member Price: \$225

Do you love to draw? Do you love to write? Enter the world of comics and you won't have to choose between the two! Comics, or 'Sequential Art', is the quintessential amalgamation of drawing and writing that doesn't require you to be a master of either. Learn how to create your own comics from start to finish, including everything from character design to pacing, story structure to script-writing. Develop and discover your inner comedian, the artistic styles of a cartoonist, and how to love your own work. Learn how to self-publish your own work and how to bring them to the world. Cartooning is a world of trial and error, so expect to spent as much time writing and drawing as possible. (Occasionally, we pause to breathe.)

Semester: Winter

Level: Elementary and Junior High

Note: No class on March 14

### Focus on Non-Fiction Writing

Kim Firmston

Wednesdays | 1 PM - 2:30 PM

Member Price: \$180

January 24, 2018 | 8 classes

Non-Member Price: \$225

Learn the basics of academic essays, personal essays, and how to transfer your non-fiction writing to other formats such as advertising, travel writing, journalism, and personal response to text.

Semester: Winter

Level: Junior and Senior High School

Note: No class on March 14

## Plays and Oral Storytelling for Grades 1-5

Kim Firmston

Mondays | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Member Price: \$135

February 5, 2018 | 6 classes

Non-Member Price: \$170

Tell a story, create a play, act it all out! In this fun, on-your-feet class, the story arc comes to life and characters leap off the page.

Level: Elementary Grades; Beginning Writers

Note: No class on February 19 for Family Day

## Plays and Scripting for Grades 6-12

Kim Firmston

Mondays | 1 PM - 2:30 PM

Member Price: \$135

February 5, 2018 | 6 classes

Non-Member Price: \$170

Tell a story, create a script, turn it into a play, and act it out! In this fun, on-your-feet class, students make their own characters, learn script format, dialogue, and how to turn their ideas into a solid production.

Level: Intermediate Writers

Note: No class on February 19 for Family Day

## Writing for Beginner Elementary Writers

Kim Firmston

Mondays | 10:30 AM - 12 PM

Member Price: \$135

April 9, 2018 | 6 classes

Non-Member Price: \$170

Students will learn the basics of sentence structure, spelling, and grammar. They will enjoy learning story structure and creative writing, while having fun using a variety of mediums and media. Storytelling, poetry, advertising, scripts, and a variety of other writing styles will be introduced in an entertaining way.

Semester: Spring

Level: Elementary Grades; Beginning Writers

## Writing for Confident Elementary Writers

Kim Firmston

Mondays | 1 PM - 2:30 PM

Member Price: \$135

April 9, 2018 | 6 classes

Non-Member Price: \$170

Students will review the basics of sentence structure, spelling, and grammar, then move on to tenses, point of view, and description. They will cover basic creative writing, poetry, essays, and articles, as well as advertising, scripts, and a variety of other writing styles. Different mediums and media help introduce concepts in an entertaining way.

Semester: Spring

Level: Elementary Grades; Confident Writers

## Taking Your Comics to the Next Page for Grades 4 & Up

Sebastien Ringuette

Wednesdays | 10:20 AM - 12 PM

Member Price: \$180

April 11, 2018 | 8 classes

Non-Member Price: \$225

For students already in the thick of making their own comics and comfortable with the basics, but for whom the ideas of 'polishing', 'distributing', and 'publishing' remain cloudy and out of reach. In this class, young cartoonists will work directly with a veteran web cartoonist with 10 years' experience. Students will bring their work to class with the intention of sharing, refining, receiving guidance, solidifying their presentation, and taking the first steps on the road to putting their work into the world. This is a program for budding cartoonists who know what they want to make, and want it to be the best it can be.

Semester: Spring

Level: Grades 4-12

## Creative Writing and Poetry for Junior & Senior High School

Kim Firmston

Wednesdays | 1 PM - 2:30 PM

Member Price: \$180

April 11, 2018 | 8 classes

Non-Member Price: \$225

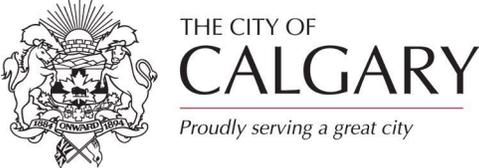
Get those creative juices flowing in this colourful class where we explore wonderful words used to create tantalizing text, suspenseful scripts, and perilous poetry. It's a journey not to be missed!

Semester: Spring

Level: Junior and Senior High School

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