



Eastern Michigan Writing Project

Family Literacy Initiative Workshop Offerings 2019-2020

Workshops for Families

Early-On Reading & Writing: A Workshop for K-2 Students and Their Families

This 90-minute workshop helps families explore some ways to support young budding writers. We will use picture books as a way to provide young writers with a comfortable framework for writing, to encourage them to follow their interests, and to provide very meaningful reading and writing connections.

Open to 25 families or 100 participants

Folders for each family are included.

Cost: \$450 + mileage for presenters, if applicable

Make Way for Writing: A Family Writing Workshop

The focus of this 90-minute workshop is to bring family members together to experience the joy of sharing and writing stories about growing up. Children, young people, and their parents will learn ways to call up significant memories, methods for getting writing started, and easy and practical techniques for helping each other as writers. We'll also discuss some ideas for sharing this writing and continuing family writing at home. This workshop can also be tailored for families of students in grades K-2.

Open to 25 families or 100 participants

Folders for each family are included.

Cost: \$450 + mileage for presenters, if applicable

Family Writing Fun Night

Facilitated by teacher consultants, this 90-minute workshop is designed to provide families with fun and engaging writing activities to enjoy and continue to benefit from at home. A sample of Family Writing Fun Night activities include: Writing in Secret Code, Your Life Sentence: Six Word Memoirs, Found Poetry, List Poems, and more.

Open to 25 families.

Folders filled with directions and extensions for each of these writing activities are included.

Cost: \$450 + mileage for presenters, if applicable

Writing Across Generations: A Workshop for Elementary Students and their Grandparents

This 90-minute workshop brings together children and their grandparents to share in the joy of relating and making memories through writing. Using picture books, drawing, and storytelling, workshop participants will create snapshots in writing of treasured childhood moments. This workshop can be adapted for specific holidays and events.

Open to 50 participants

Folders for each family are included.

Cost: \$450 + mileage for presenters, if applicable

Make Way for Writing: The Family Writing Project

Like the Family Writing Workshop, the Family Writing Project brings family members together to write and share stories about their communities and growing-up experiences. Whereas the Family Writing Workshop is a one-session workshop, the Family Writing Project is a series of four 90-minute sessions spread out over a five-week time period in which children and adults have the opportunity to brainstorm, write, collaborate, revise, edit, and publish their writing. At the final session, family members participate in a Celebration of Family Writing and learn practical tips about how to continue the family writing project at home.

Series of four 90-minute sessions
Open to 25 families or 100 participants
Folders and writer's notebooks are included.
Cost: \$1,700 + mileage for presenters, if applicable

Workshops for Teens

Writing Palooza

Facilitated by teacher consultants, this 90-minute workshop is designed to provide students with fun and engaging writing activities to enjoy and share with each other. A sample of activities for teens include: My Life in Seven Chapters/Seven Songs, A Very Short Story: Six Word Memoirs, Found Poetry, List Poems, and more.

Open to 25 families.
Folders filled with directions and extensions for each of these writing activities are included.
Cost: \$450 + mileage for presenters, if applicable

Preparing for High School Writing: A Workshop for Teens

Facilitated by writing instructors at EMU, this 90-minute workshop is designed for teens who wonder about what high school and college writing will be like and how they can get ready for it. We will discuss what it takes to be a successful writer by looking more closely at the writer's C.R.A.F.T. and exploring a variety of activities and genres.

Open to 25 students
Folders filled with ideas, writing activities, and resources are included.
Cost: \$450 + mileage for presenters, if applicable

Preparing for College Writing: A Workshop for Teens

Facilitated by writing instructors at EMU, this 90-minute workshop is designed for teens who wonder about what college writing will be like and how they can get ready for college writing. We will discuss what it takes to be a successful writer in college by looking more closely at the writer's CRAFT and exploring a variety of activities and genres. Parents of teens can also be invited to attend.

Open to 25 students.
Folders filled with ideas, writing activities, and resources are included.
Cost: \$450 + mileage for presenters, if applicable

Workshops for Parents

How to Help Your Child with Writing: A Workshop for Parents

This 90-minute workshop is for parents and caregivers who want to learn more about how to encourage their student writers in grades K – 12 at home. We'll explore family activities that promote writing as well as effective ways to respond to children about their writing.

Unlimited number of participants
Folders filled with ideas of how to encourage writing at home are included.
Cost: \$450 + mileage for presenters, if applicable

Supporting Middle-School Writers: A Workshop for Parents

This 90-minute workshop is for parents and caregivers who would like to learn more about how to encourage and support young teens as writers. We will explore a variety of activities that promote writing as well as effective ways to respond to adolescents about their writing.

Unlimited number of participants

Folders filled with ideas, writing activities, and resources are included.

Cost: \$450 + mileage for presenters, if applicable

How to Help Your Teen Prepare for College Writing: A Workshop for Parents

This 90-minute workshop is for parents and caregivers who would like to learn more about what teens can expect to write in college and how they can prepare for the writing experiences that they'll encounter there. We will explore a variety of activities that promote writing as well as effective ways to respond to adolescents about their writing.

Unlimited number of participants

Folders filled with ideas, writing activities, and resources are included.

Cost: \$450 + mileage for presenters, if applicable

*** Perfect Pairings ***

For elementary students and their families:

How to Help Your Child with Writing: A Workshop for Parents

Make Way for Writing: A Family Writing Workshop

Schedule both for a discounted price. Schools typically schedule the parent workshop two weeks prior to the family workshop.

For middle school students and their families:

Supporting Middle-School Writers: A Workshop for Parents

Preparing for High School Writing: A Workshop for Teens

Schedule both for a discounted price. Schools typically schedule these workshops to be held simultaneously.

For high school students and their families:

How to Help Your Teen Prepare for College Writing

Preparing for College Writing: A Workshop for Teens

Schedule both for a discounted price. Schools typically schedule these workshops to be held simultaneously.

For more information on scheduling and pricing, please contact Kimberly Pavlock, EMWP Director, at kpavlock@emich.edu.