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## CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP @ STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Teen writers will have the chance to hone their skills and ignite their creativity in an upcoming workshop at Stratford Public Library. Award-winning children and teen local author, Marthe Jocelyn, will host the session on February 16.

The hands-on workshop for teen writers will focus on the creative writing process. Jocelyn will help young writers work through many of the challenges authors experience, including working around writer's block, character development, and setting realistic goals. Participants are invited to bring a piece they are working on, or a character they are looking to explore and together the group work to move them forward. As part of the workshop, writers will be given hands-on writing exercises, an opportunity to read aloud, and to boost creativity in their writing.

Jocelyn says "Kids spend a lot of time writing and reading as part of school. When they have a chance to express themselves creatively, it can be unexpected and rewarding."

Jocelyn is the author of 18 children's books and 9 novels for young adults.

The upcoming writing workshop will take place at the Stratford Public Library (19 St. Andrew Street) on Saturday, February 16, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. The program is free, but pre-registration is required. Call 519-271-0220 x131 or email shengeveld@stratford.ca for more information or to register.

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