# Writer • !n • Residence

Unique opportunities to engage with professional writer, Sally Stubbs. Registration opens September 26, 2015: 604-276-4300 or richmond.ca/register

#### Meet Sally Stubbs **Residency Launch Event!**

Friday, Sept 25 7:00-9:00 p.m. including reception Richmond Cultural Centre Performance Hall



culture days, ca Meet Richmond's fourth Writer-in-Residence, Sally CREATE, PARTICIPATE & SHARE September 25, 26, 27, 2015 playwright and arts

educator who also directs and loves to clown. Sally's plays have been produced, presented and studied in Canada as well as South Africa, Sweden and India in theatres, festivals, secondary and post-secondary classrooms and at International Conferences.

Enjoy short readings, hear about Sally's writing career and learn about the range of free public programs she will present during her two month residency at the Minoru precinct. This event will be followed by a short reception.

Sally's scripts include Centurions, And Bella Sang with Us, Herr Beckmann's People, Wreckage and Spinning You Home. Her current writing projects include *Our Ghosts*, based on the story of her mother and the father she never knew—a jet-fighter pilot who disappeared from the skies—and Polly and the Penthouse, a musical that is part local history and part coming-of-age-story. Next up, Sally heads to Newfoundland for a workshop to prepare for the 2016 world premiere of Centurions.

Selected honours include the Canada Peace Play Award, Enbridge Award (Established), Flying Start Award, 'Best of Alberta Shorts' (Calgary International Film Festival) and Prime Minister's Award (theatre education).

Seating limited. To R.S.V.P. before Sept 25, please call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/ register and quote #1170958.

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

# Writing Our Dreams

Writer-in-Residence, Sally Stubbs, will work with Richmond writers of different ages and writing experiences in three unique, but related, writing workshops. Each will be inspired by the theme of "dreams", e.g., night dreams, day dreams, dreams of the past, dreams of the future, dreams of fame and glory, dreams of escape and dreams of changing the world.

Interested participants will also be invited to collaborate on the creation of a work-in-process performance piece on **November 21** inspired by the writings developed in the workshops and presented to an audience as the residency's grand finale celebration.

# Writing Our Dreams-Older Adult

Minoru Place Activity Centre **Multipurpose Room 1** Three Wednesdays: Oct 21, 28 & Nov 4 1:00-2:30 p.m. OR Two Sundays: Nov 8 & 15 1:00-3:00 p.m.

In this three- or two-part workshop, participants will explore the subject of dreams, whatever that means to them. They will be asked to bring and share a significant artifact (e.g., a photograph, letter, document, poem, musical instrument, medal, song or pair of shoes) which, in some way, speaks to their dreams. These artifacts, guided writing exercises and related activities will become the inspiration for a short selection of personal writing which may, if desired, become part of an intergenerational presentation and celebration on November 21.

Note: For ages 55+

Maximum 16 participants. To register, please call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/register and quote #1171008 for Wed and #1171058 for Sun.

# Writing Our Dreams—Adults with Children 5 to 7 years old

Richmond Public Library-Brighouse Branch Community Place, 2nd floor Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Nov 2, 3 & 4 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Participants will come to the workshop with an idea for a character or story that is inspired by the theme of dreams. Together they will read and explore picture books and fairy tales, learn to make simple sock puppets and "act" with them to create characters. In the third session, parents and children will rehearse and perform their puppet plays for the group. Those who are interested, are invited and encouraged to become part of the larger celebration on the theme of dreams on November 21.

Maximum 12 participants. To register, please call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/register and auote #1171108.

# Writing Our Dreams-Youth

**Cultural Centre Performance Hall (main floor)** Saturday, Oct 3: 1:00-3:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct 10: 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Friday, Nov 6: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Aspiring young writers will be asked to bring a personal artifact to the first session that speaks to one of their dreams. Artifacts might include drawings, gifts received, awards won or even songs. Using their artifacts as inspiration, participants will take part in writing exercises and related activities including improvisation. From there, participants may elect to work on independent or collective writing projects, e.g. a small group might create a short dramatic piece, a song or a 30-second video. Participation in the collective presentation and celebration on November 21 is optional, but strongly encouraged.

**Note:** For ages 13 to 19. Sally requests that participants submit a short sample of their writing, maximum one page long, by September 27 to: artscentre@richmond.ca.

Maximum 10 participants. To register, please call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/register and quote #1171158.

Participants and guests are invited to a free grand finale event and reception on Saturday, Nov 21, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Richmond Cultural Centre Performance Hall.

# Manuscript Consultation—Adult

Richmond Public Library-Brighouse Branch 30-minute appointments on Nov 15 & 16 Submission deadline: 5:00 p.m., Oct 18

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 30-minute manuscript consultation with Sally Stubbs, Richmond's fourth Writer-In Residence.

Interested writers are invited to submit a sample of their writing by 5:00 pm, Oct 18, to Manuscript Consultation, Richmond Public Library, 7700 Minoru Gate (drop off at 2nd floor Ask Me Desk). Submissions must be a maximum of 2500 words, typed and double-spaced on letter-size paper. Please include your name, email and phone number on your submission.



## **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 can be found in the library's catalogue under Playwriting and Dreams.

#### **Books**

- The Art and Craft of Playwriting by Jeffrey Hatcher
- The Crafty art of Playmaking by Alan Ayckbourn
- Playwriting: the Structure of Action by Sam Smiley
- The Blunt playwright by Clem Martini
- The Writing Life by Annie Dillard
- Journey by Aaron Becker
- · Arthur's Dream Boat by Polly Dunbar
- Boy on the Brink by David McPhail
- Dreamcatcher by Audrey Osofsky
- Green Wilma by Tedd Arnold
- Hush Little Polar Bear by Jeff Mack
- Just a Dream by Chris Van Allsburg
- My Ballet Dream by Adele Geras
- Napi by Antonio Ramirez
- Oh So Tiny Bunny by David Kirk
- Old Bear by Kevin Henkes
- The Sandman: the Story of Sanderson Mansnoozie by William Joyce
- Scaredy Squirrel at Night by Melanie Watt

#### 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

#### 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)**

Connect to the world of storytelling and various elements of fiction, be introduced to basic brainstorming tools and learn to craft a plot.

9-10 yrs

Tuesdays, Sep 22–Dec 8: 3:30–4:30 p.m. \$95.40/ 12 sessions | Course #1116808

11-13 yrs

Tuesdays, Sep 22–Dec 8: 4:30–5:45 p.m. \$119.25/ 12 sessions | Course #1116908

# 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

1:00-3:00 p.m. | Free

# Writer •!n• Residence

The City of Richmond is pleased to welcome Sally Stubbs as writer-in-residence at the Minoru Place Activity Centre, Richmond Media Lab and Richmond Public Library.

Over the course of two months, Sally 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 25. Registration for workshops starts the next day!



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