

## Why is Creative Writing Important?

Our schools are given the task of teaching the bones of writing to our students – English grammar, spelling, sentence structure, how to write a research paper. But what about the kind of writing that is written from the soul, and that speaks to the soul? What of creative writing? Short stories, poetry, personal essays, all have the power to change lives, both the writers' and the lives of those who read their work.

The Connection provides free, weekly creative writing workshops for teenagers. The goal is to



give teenagers a safe and effective avenue for self-expression, building self-esteem and writing skills while at the same time providing an opportunity to meet and interact with professional writers in our community.

The Connection is an affiliate of Art Without Limits, a Santa Barbara-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

If you are a youth-serving organization interested in offering an onsite workshop, or the teacher or parent of a teen interested in writing, contact us to sign up.



Young writers meet with best-selling author Sue Grafton in 2008

"We do not write because we want to; we write because we have to."

W. Somerset Maugham  
(1874 - 1965)

*A place to write, a place to express, a place to connect.*

# The Connection

Creative Writing Workshops  
for Young Writers



Only connect! That was the whole of her sermon.

Only connect the prose and the passion, and both will be exalted,

And human love will be seen at its height.

Live in fragments no longer.

Only connect...

E.M. Forster, Howards End

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# Art Without Limits

# Write, Express, Connect...

## What is The Connection?

Santa Barbara's only nonprofit creative writing program for young people. The Connection is a weekly workshop for teens who want to learn how to write creatively, whether it be fiction (novels, short stories, flash fiction), non-fiction (essays, journalistic writing) or poetry.

Taught by seasoned professional writers and teachers, each one-hour workshop offers instruction, time for writing, and feedback on each student's work. We'll also discuss how to create a writing career, and students will learn how to submit work to online and print magazines and news organizations.

We can tailor a workshop to a specific organization's needs and teach onsite. Just ask!



## What is the Cost and Where Are the Workshops Held?

The Connection is an affiliate of Art Without Limits, a nonprofit organization devoted to mentoring youngsters in the arts. Funding comes from foundations and individual donors, so the workshops are free to students.

The workshops are held at Santa Barbara Public Library branches and other locations where youth are served.



## Janice Rorick, Program Coordinator

Janice Rorick is a librarian who has been involved with young people and writing activities all of her professional career.

She recently retired as the Youth Services Librarian at the Santa Barbara Public Library System, where she spent the past 10 years developing programs and working with youth, parents, organizations and schools from Carpinteria to Solvang.



## Marcia Meier, Creative Director

Marcia Meier is an award-winning writer, teacher, published poet and author of two books, including her latest, *Navigating the Rough Waters of Today's Publishing World*, *Critical Advice for Writers From Industry Insiders* (Quill Driver Books, 2010).

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## How Do I Sign Up?

Call us or download the current schedule and registration form from our website:

[www.marciameier.com/the-connection](http://www.marciameier.com/the-connection).