

Writer • In • Residence

Unique opportunities to engage with professional author, Caroline Adderson.
Registration opens **February 3, 2012**: 604-276-4300 or richmond.ca/register

Meet Caroline Adderson

Residency Launch Event!

Thursday, February 2, 2012

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. + reception

Minoru Place Activity Centre

Meet Richmond's first Writer-in-Residence, Caroline Adderson, the celebrated author of three novels (*A History of Forgetting*, *Sitting Practice*, *The Sky Is Falling*), two collections of short stories (*Bad Imaginings*, *Pleased To Meet You*), as well as books for young readers (*Very Serious Children*, *I, Bruno*, *Bruno For Real*, *Middle of Nowhere*, *Jasper John Dooley: Star of the Week*).

Enjoy short readings, hear about her writing career and learn about the range of free public programs she will present during her two months in residency at the Minoru precinct. This event will be followed by a short reception with light refreshments served.

Caroline's work has received numerous prize nominations including the International Dublin IMPAC Award, the Scotiabank Giller Prize longlist, the Governor General's Literary Award, the Rogers' Trust Fiction Prize, and two Commonwealth Writers' Prizes. A two-time BC Book Prize (Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize) and three-time CBC Literary Award winner, Caroline was also the recipient of the 2006 Marian Engel Award for mid-career achievement. Find out more at www.carolineadderson.com

Seating limited. To r.s.v.p. before February 2, please call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/register and quote #225701.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Workshops for ESL Writers

Richmond Public Library – Brighthouse Branch

Board Room, 2nd floor

Three Mondays: February 6, 13 & 20, 2012

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Joseph Conrad, Vladimir Nabokov, Ha Jin, Ravi Hage—all these writers have something in common. They write—or wrote—in a second language: English. If you love to write creatively but English is not your mother tongue, if you write stories in another language but want to try English, or if you are longing to write fiction but unsure of your language skills, this workshop is for you.

Drawing on over a dozen years experience teaching English as a Second Language and a decade of teaching creative writing, Writer-in-Residence Caroline Adderson will guide a group of ESL writers into fiction. Participants will study examples of work from writers of diverse cultural backgrounds writing in English, then use their own life stories, from childhood to the present, to move from memoir to fiction. The workshop will provide a supportive environment where concerns about language ability will be secondary to the writing process.

Note: Participants should have Upper Intermediate to Advanced English Language Skills and be 18 years of age or older.

A sample of your writing will be published in a chapbook edited by Caroline, and you will be invited to read your work in front of family and friends at a special public event at the Library's Kwok-Chu Lee Living Room on Thursday, March 29, 7:00–9:00.

Maximum 12 participants. To register, please call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/register and quote #225401.

Parent-Preschooler Writing Groups

Richmond Arts Centre

Fabric Arts Studio, 2nd floor

Two Sundays: February 26 & March 4, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

With four published children's books and three more on the way, Caroline Adderson is one of the few Canadian authors who writes for both adults and children. If you have a preschooler aged 4–6, you will not want to miss this opportunity to work together with Caroline to create your own family classic.

In Session One, you and your child will work together to write a story based on your own experiences.

In the following week, in Session Two, Kathryn Shoemaker—award-winning illustrator of more than 40 books for children—will join in to lead you through the process of illustrating your book. You will go home with a personal keepsake sure to delight every member of your family for years to come.

Maximum 10 children (age 4–6) with parent or caregiver. To register, please call 604-276-4300 or visit richmond.ca/register and quote #225751.

Manuscript Consultation

Minoru Place Activity Centre

One-hour appointments on February 27,

February 29 and March 4

Submission deadline: Monday, February 13, 2012

Whether you are an aspiring author or well-seasoned one, thoughtful and productive feedback from a professional author is invaluable. For much of her two-month residency, Caroline Adderson will review manuscripts from local writers and meet one-on-one with them to discuss their work.

Interested writers are invited to **submit a sample of writing** by 5:00 p.m, Monday, February 13, to Manuscript Consultation, Minoru Place Activity Centre, 7660 Minoru Gate (in front of the Library/Cultural Centre). Submissions must be a maximum of 2500 words, typed and double-spaced on letter-size paper.

On Monday, February 21, by random draw, 15 writers will be selected and contacted to book a one-hour manuscript consultation appointment with Caroline on February 27, 29 or March 4.



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 on creative writing are found in the catalogue under Creative Writing; Authorship Marketing; Authorship; Publishers and Publishing.

- *Becoming a Writer* by Dorothea Brande
- *The Art of Fiction: Notes on Craft for Young Writers* by John Gardner
- *A Passion for Narrative: A Guide for Writing Fiction* by Jack Hodgins
- *Writing Down the Bones* by Natalie Goldberg
- *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* by Stephen King
- *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life* by Anne Lamott
- *The Art of Fiction* by David Lodge
- *Reading Like a Writer: A Guide for People Who Love Books and for Those Who Want to Write Them* by Francine Prose
- *Thing Feigned or Imagined: The Craft in Fiction* by Fred Stenson
- *The Canadian Writer's Market*
- *The Writer's Handbook*

DVDs

- The Writing Process
- Story Writing

Programs

- Workshops for ESL Writers (Mon. Feb. 6, 13, 20 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Library Board Room)
- Richmond Public Library Book Clubs (www.yourlibrary.ca/bookclubsets)
- Teen Summer Reading Club
- Adult Summer Reading Club
- Summer Reading Club for Kids

Websites

- Richmond Library's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/yourlibraryRichmond)
- New books, DVDs and more (www.yourlibrary.ca/new)
- Fiction suggestions (www.yourlibrary.ca/goodbooks)
- Great Reads for Teens (www.yourlibrary.ca/teenreads)
- Homework Center – Writing Skills (www.yourlibrary.ca/writingskills)

Richmond Arts Centre

Presented in partnership with the Richmond Public Library–Brighthouse Branch, 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 (9–12 years)

Students are introduced to the world of storytelling and various elements of fiction. Basic tools for brainstorming and crafting plot are introduced.

Thursdays, Jan 26 – Mar 1: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
\$45/ 6 sessions | Course #218483

Thursdays, Apr 5 – May 24: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
\$60/ 8 sessions | Course #214486

CREATIVE WRITING (13–16 years)

Youth work through the fundamentals of story writing, including plot, character, and setting. Recommended for students interested in pursuing writing as a hobby or profession.

Thursdays, Jan 26 – Mar 1: 4:45 – 6:15 p.m.
\$67.50/ 8 sessions | Course #214512

Thursdays, Apr 5 - May 24: 4:45 – 6:15 p.m.
\$90/ 8 sessions | Course #214513

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
12:45 – 2:45 p.m. | Free

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The City of Richmond is pleased to welcome Caroline Adderson, writer-in-residence at

the Minoru Place Activity Centre, Richmond Arts Centre and Richmond Public Library.

Over the course of two months, Caroline 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 Thursday, February 2, 2012. Registration for workshops starts the next day!



Richmond Arts Centre



We acknowledge the support of the Canada Council for the Arts which last year invested \$24.3 million in writing and publishing throughout Canada.

Nous remercions de son soutien le Conseil des Arts du Canada, qui a investi 24,3 millions de dollars l'an dernier dans les lettres et l'édition à travers le Canada.



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writers and readers with author,*

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