

Donna Morrissey,

2012-2013 Writer-in-Residence @ the Library



The Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library is pleased to announce our 9th Writer in Residence at the Library, Donna Morrissey. Ms. Morrissey will be our Writer-in-Residence @ the library from September 2012 until February 2013.

Donna Morrissey is the award-winning author of *Kit's Law*, *Downhill Chance*, *What They Wanted*, *Sylvanus Now* and several screenplays. She recently published a children's book in January 2012, *Cross Katie Kross*, and this September 2012, *The Deception of Livy Higgs*. Morrissey grew up in The Beaches, a small fishing outpost in Newfoundland and now lives in Halifax. She studied at Memorial University in St. John's and lived in various parts of Canada before settling down in Halifax, where she now lives.

Ms. Morrissey has instructed numerous writing workshops and seminars over the years from Humber College's School for Writers, Creative Writing at Dalhousie University (Department of English), to several Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia professional workshops and community workshops too. Donna is a member of the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia.

Author Readings

- September 11, 7:00 pm - Antigonish Town & County Public Library
- September 20, 7:00 pm - Pictou Public Library
- September 27, 7:00 pm - New Glasgow Public Library
- November 22, 6:30 pm - Stellarton Public Library
- December 13, 6:30 pm - River John Public Library

Writing Workshops

Join us for series of sessions to develop your creative writing skills. These workshops are designed for beginning writers, and those wishing to enrich their writing skills or looking for inspiration/motivation or enjoy playing with words and developing right-brain thinking!

- please call the library to register, as seating is limited (. . .all programs are free!)

1. Setting

- Thursday October 4, 6-8pm - New Glasgow (752-8233)
- Thursday November 1, 6-8pm - Antigonish (863-4276)
- Thursday November 8, 6-8pm - Pictou (485-5021)
- Thursday November 15, 6-8pm - Westville (396-5022)

In this workshop, we'll discuss revealing character through setting, using setting to move a story forward, and choosing setting.

2. Sentence Structure

- Thursday November 29, 6-8pm - New Glasgow (752-8233)
- Thursday December 6, 6-8pm - Westville (396-5022)

In this workshop, we'll look at sentence structure – and how to find rhythm in language, and writing super great sentences and paragraphs.

3. Dialogue

- Thursday January 17, 6-8pm - Antigonish (863-4276)
- Thursday January 24, 6-8pm - Westville (396-5022)
- Thursday January 31, 6-8pm - Pictou (485-5021)
- Thursday February 7, 6-8pm - New Glasgow (752-8233)

In this workshop, we'll learn how to write effective dialogue, and how to utilize setting to show character.

4. Voice

- Saturday November 3, 10 am - 4pm - Antigonish (863-4276)
- Saturday November 17, 10 am - 4pm - Pictou (485-5021)
- Saturday December 1, 10 am - 4pm - New Glasgow (752-8233)

This workshop is about finding 'voice' and writing short story fiction from one's past – a fun and intriguing technique of combining truth with fiction to create short stories.

Mentoring sessions

If you are a writer, and have a manuscript that you'd like to have reviewed by our *Writer-in-Residence at the Library*, please contact Steve at Regional Library HQ (Programming Department) to arrange a mentoring appointment. . . 755-6031, or toll-free 1(866)779-7761.

