

Great writers
grow here.



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Writers House | Camden

Great writing may happen in
solitude—



—but great writers don't.

At the Rutgers-Camden Writers House, we know that writers of all abilities, levels, and interests need resources and community to grow. Aspiring novelists, budding scientists, neighborhood historians, and students transitioning to college writing all need a space where they can learn from their most valuable resources - one another. That's where we come in. We take the simplest of assets – a house – and make it a home for writing.

The mission.

By breathing new life into a historic building on Camden's Cooper Street, our programs celebrate and foster the practice of writing across diverse disciplines, communities, and media.



What does that mean? It means that emerging novelists, poets, and journalists regularly gather around the wisdom of Pulitzer Prize winners at our Writers in Camden reading and workshop series. Young writers learn to find joy in language through our after-school program residencies. A crew of sociologists, musicians,

teachers, historians, and doctors convenes on a Saturday to learn how to become audio storytellers. Veterans talk about the process of translating their wartime experiences into poetry and fiction, and young scientists explore the precision of language needed to communicate their experiments around the world.

“As a Camden city resident and writer...having the opportunity to take my work outside of my home and share it with other writers is truly a gift. I have been awakened in a way that has elevated my writing.”

Latasha Perry, Cooper Street participant

Youth Programs

Growing Great Writers. In partnership with Camden schools and community centers, the Writers House sends graduate student teaching artists to lead after-school creative writing clubs for students in grades 4-8. By reading and writing poetry, fiction, plays, and comics, young writers develop a sense of joy and confidence around writing.



High School Writers Conference. This annual event gathers high school writers for a day of workshops that explore how professionals ranging from novelists to ministers to attorneys use writing in their daily work.

Since 2008, the Writers in Camden series has brought acclaimed poets, novelists, and nonfiction writers to the Rutgers-Camden campus. Students and members of the public attend intimate evening readings and free writing workshops led by the likes of Okey Ndibe, Rick Moody, Jennifer Egan, and Lydia Millet. Our audience travels from as near as North Camden or as far as Princeton to take part in the warm community feeling this series exudes year after year. Writers in Camden has been supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Writers in Camden

One-time and continuing public programs have introduced participants to the world of podcasting and audio storytelling, featured the stories of recent combat veterans, and brought together scholars and creative writers who work on related subject matter. Our community workshop series, Cooper Street, brings affordable, short-form writing workshops on fiction, food, comics, and more to all interested writers, regardless of experience.

Public Programs

“By giving me the space to explore my interest in visual storytelling through the Writers House film series, [the Writers House allowed me] to form a community around filmmaking and talk with a variety of professors, students, and community members about why film matters to them and the sorts of stories that bring us together.”

Juliana Roth, MFA student



Support the Writers House.



Your gift will support the development of new programming, ensure that signature programs like our Writers in Camden series remain accessible to the community, and provide materials and staff to community engagement initiatives.



By giving to a young organization, you also have the opportunity to help shape our programming. Let us know your vision for what the Writers House can be to the southern New Jersey community.

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