



Richmond's 2021

Writer •!n• Residence

A series of free programs, workshops and conversations with celebrated writer, Sonya Lalli



Sonya Lalli is a romance and fiction author of Punjabi and Bengali heritage. Her books have been featured in *Entertainment Weekly*, *NPR*, *Washington Post*, *Glamour*, *Globe and Mail*, *CBC*, *Toronto Star* and more. Her debut novel, *The Matchmaker's List*, was a Target Diverse Book Club Pick and a Cityline Book Club Pick. Her fourth novel, *A Holly Jolly Diwali*, was released in October. Sonya's debut psychological thriller, *Are you Sara?*, will be published in summer 2022.

Programs

10th Annual Writer-in-Residence Welcome Program

Sat, Sep 25, 3:00-4:00pm
Richmond Public Library, Brighthouse Branch, 7700 Minoru Gate

Aspiring and emerging writers: Join writer-in-residence, Sonya Lalli, for a brief reading and Q&A. Come meet the residency's team and hear short creative work read out loud. Introduce yourself and share a poem, short story or essay. There will also be book signing. Registration is required for this event.

Richmond's Writer-in-Residence Closing Program with Sonya Lalli

Wed, Dec 1, 6:00-7:30pm. Ages 15+
Performance Hall, Richmond Cultural Centre, 7700 Minoru Gate

This in-person program will feature readings and remarks from Sonya and special guests, and offer a chance to connect with the author as well as other emerging literary artists and the service teams from the Richmond Public Library, Arts Services, and Seniors Services at the Minoru Centre for Active Living.

Workshops

Breaking Down Barriers Part 1: Standing Out and Getting Ahead on the Path to Publication

Sat, Oct 23, 1:00-2:30pm. Ages 15+
Richmond Public Library, Brighthouse Branch, 7700 Minoru Gate

Explore the publishing world by learning all about the traditional path to publication. This workshop will cover how to write a query letter and how to pitch yourself and your book. Specifically, this workshop will emphasize understanding genre, the market, and where you and your story fit in.

Breaking Down Barriers Part 2: The Arts of Authentic Storytelling

Sat, Oct 30, 1:00-2:30pm. Ages 15+
Richmond Public Library, Brighthouse Branch, 7700 Minoru Gate

Publishing your book means a story that stands out. As Sonya walks you through the publishing process, learn about expressing your story authentically through drawing on your real-life experiences to inform your writing.

Breaking Down Barriers Part 3: Editing, Revising and Inspiration

Sat, Nov 20, 1:00-2:30pm. Ages 15+
Online via Zoom

This online workshop will focus on editing, revising, and how we can read literature across genres and topics to help us think critically about our own writing. Group participation is encouraged.

Conversations

Public Reading and Q&A

Tue, Nov 2, 1:00-3:00pm. All ages
Seniors Centre at Minoru Centre for Active Living

No registration required.

Join the City of Richmond's Writer in Residence Sonya Lalli for an afternoon of readings and conversation followed by a Q&A session with the Minoru Writers Group. Sonya will read from her latest book, and address questions from aspiring writers about the world of publishing, writing and storytelling.

Writing

Writers' Circle

Sat, Nov 27, 1:00-2:30pm. Ages 15+
Online via Zoom

Participants will have the opportunity to read and workshop up to one page of their work-in-progress in a supportive, small-group online environment.

More Information

For further information on of the above programs, please visit richmond.ca/writerinresidence

Registration for all programs can be completed at yourlibrary.ca/events-calendar