

Richmond's 2023

# Writer •!n• Residence



A series of free events and writing workshops with acclaimed BC-based author **Audrey Thomas**.

## **FREE Writer-In-Residence Opening Event**

Saturday, September 23  
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.  
Richmond Cultural Centre, Atrium

## **FREE Writer-In-Residence Closing Event**

Tuesday, November 28  
6:00–7:30 p.m.  
Richmond Cultural Centre, Performance Hall

## **Free Workshops**

*All workshops require registration.*

### **Memoir Writing: Everyone Has A Story**

3 sessions:  
Wednesdays, October 4, 11 & 18  
2:00–4:00 p.m.

**19+ years**  
Richmond Public Library Brighthouse Branch  
**AND**

3 sessions:  
Mondays, November 6, 20, & 27  
6:00–8:00 p.m.

**16+ years**  
Richmond Cultural Centre Annex

Our memories are a bit like a junk drawer, full of odds and ends, in which we toss things that might be useful someday, or that we just can't quite throw away. Over three immersive sessions, participants embark on a journey of self-discovery, exploring the depths of your memories to craft compelling narratives. Audrey encourages participants to open up that drawer and create a story, a story about yourself as the main character, but also about family, friends, people and places you have come in contact with. Through exercises, prompts, and group discussions, you'll sharpen your writing skills and gain insight into the art of memoir writing.

### **Flash Fiction: A Very Short Story**

3 sessions:  
Wednesdays, October 4, 11 & 18  
4:30–6:00 p.m.

**13–18 years**  
Richmond Public Library Brighthouse Branch  
Stories can be found anywhere and through the simplest moment or object. Explore the captivating world of flash fiction in three sessions, pushing your creativity with word limits from 500 to 150 words. Stretch your storytelling abilities with writing prompts, master brevity, and unleash your imagination in this empowering experience.

### **All in the Family: Writing About Relationships**

2 sessions: Sundays, November 5 & 19  
2:30–4:30 p.m.

**19+ years**  
Richmond Public Library Brighthouse Branch  
Discover the profound art of writing about family relationships in this interactive workshop series. In these two engaging sessions, participants will delve into the importance of paying attention to the world around them, fostering keen observation skills. Participants will be encouraged to explore their surroundings, taking notes on significant moments and encounters. Join in on

inspiring discussions and readings, and collectively reflect the intricacies of family dynamics and connections through writing.

### **Writing Circle for Teens**

Thursday, October 26  
1:00–2:30 p.m.

**13–18 years**  
Richmond Cultural Centre Annex

Thursday, November 2, 2023  
4:00–5:30 p.m.

**13–18 years**  
Richmond Cultural Centre Annex  
Bring in a family snapshot. Exchange snapshots and study the one you are given to inspire your writing. What do you see? This is about observation and inspiration.

## **Conversations & Mentorship**

Multiple Sessions and Dates  
Schedule announced during workshops  
Open to all workshop participants

All workshop participants are invited to join Audrey Thomas for an individual 30 minute conversation to receive personalized feedback. Writers of all ages and levels welcome. The schedule will be announced during workshops to participants. Please note that Audrey will read a maximum of three pages of your work. Whether you're an avid reader or aspiring writer, Audrey will provide her best possible answers to your questions about your work. Pre-registration is required; email [writerinresidence@richmond.ca](mailto:writerinresidence@richmond.ca) to secure your spot.



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