

Richmond's 2016

Writer •!n• Residence



Karen X. Tulchinsky

Karen X. Tulchinsky is an award-winning novelist and acclaimed screenwriter and director. She has also worked as a journalist and newspaper columnist and is passionate about teaching new and emerging writers the creative process and the craft of writing.

During her residency, Karen will work with writers of all ages and experience levels. She will direct her focus on in-class writing exercises, so that participants will leave the workshops with pages of new writing and have the basic skills they will need to continue working on their projects.

Karen was awarded the One Book One Vancouver Prize for *The Five Books of Moses Lapinsky*, which was also a Toronto Book Award Finalist and named One of the Top Ten Books About Toronto by the *Toronto Daily Star*. Karen is also the recipient to the Vancity Book Prize for her short story collection, *In Her Nature* and her novel *Love Ruins Everything* was named a Top Ten Book by the *Bay Area Reporter*.

Karen has also written several feature length screenplays currently in development and has written for numerous television series, including *The Bachelor Canada*, *First Dates*, *Robson Arms*, *The Guard*, *The Nature of Things*, *Timber Kings* and *Pyros*. She produced and directed a short film, *Ms. Thing*, which has been screened in over 50 film festivals internationally. Karen teaches creative writing at UBC Writing Centre and Langara College and is also a mentor at Vancouver Manuscript Intensive.

Free Events

Residency Launch: Meet Karen X. Tulchinsky

culturedays Friday, Sept. 30 • 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Richmond Cultural Centre
Performance Hall

Meet Richmond's fifth Writer-in-Residence, Karen X. Tulchinsky, an acclaimed novelist, screenwriter and director. Enjoy short readings from her award-winning novel and current work-in-progress. Learn about her writing career as a novelist and film/television writer and the wide range of free, public programs that she will present during her two month residency in the Minoru precinct. This event is part of Culture Days and will be followed by a reception.

Seating limited. RSVP by Sept 27. Course #1634888

Final Celebration

Sunday, Nov. 20 • 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Richmond Cultural Centre Performance Hall

Program participants and guests are invited to a celebratory performance event featuring works created by local participants during Karen's residency. The presentation will be followed by a short reception.

Seating limited. RSVP by Nov.16. Course #1634938

Mentorship Opportunities

Manuscript Consultations

Oct. 15 & Nov. 19 • 30-minute consultations
Submission deadline: Oct. 8, 5:00 pm

Whether you are an aspiring or well-seasoned author, feedback from a professional author is invaluable. Eight lucky local writers will be randomly selected for one-on-one manuscript consultations with Karen X. Tulchinsky.

Interested writers are invited to submit a sample of their writing (max 1000 words) via email to communityservices@richmond.ca.

Unique opportunities to engage with professional writer, Karen X. Tulchinsky. Workshop registration opens [October 1, 2016](https://richmond.ca/register): 604-276-4300, richmond.ca/register

Writing Workshops

Memories into Stories

Sundays, Oct. 16, 23 & 30 • 12:30 – 3:30 pm
Minoru Place Activity Centre, Multipurpose Room 1 and

Saturday, Nov. 12 • 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Richmond Public Library–Brighthouse Branch,
Community Place, 2nd floor

Do you have true stories you'd like to tell? Do you have family memories you'd like to put to paper, but you don't know where to start? In the first three sessions of this workshop, you will learn how to transform true stories from your own life and family history into fiction. The fourth session will focus on editing, rehearsal and presentation skills to help you present your work at the final celebration.

A sample of each participant's story will be published in a chapbook and they will have the opportunity to read their work at the Final Celebration on Nov.20.

For ages 55+. Max. 20 participants. Course #1628888.

The Cure for Writer's Block

Saturday, October 29 • 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Richmond Public Library–Brighthouse Branch
Community Place, 2nd floor

Have you ever tried to write and find yourself staring at the blank page or blank computer screen? Do you have a great idea for a story, poem or screenplay, but don't know where to start? Or do you get stuck once you've started writing?

This workshop will introduce new and emerging writers how to write a first draft, deal with writer's block and discover other basic tips and tools for writing fiction. For 18 yrs+. Max. 40 participants. Course #1646938

All Activities are FREE!
Pre-Registration is required.

Details at richmond.ca/artists/writerinresidence

The Art of Reading in Public

Saturday, October 29 • 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Richmond Public Library–Brighthouse Branch
Community Place, 2nd floor

Emerging and established writers will learn how to prepare to read on stage to create a memorable performance. Writers will learn how to edit text for the spoken word, rehearsal and presentation techniques and how to write an author biography.

For 18 yrs+. Max. 40 participants. Course #1646988.

Writing a Short Monologue

Saturday, Nov. 5, Sunday, Nov. 6 and
Sunday Nov. 13 • 12:30 – 3:30 pm
Richmond Culture Centre Boardroom

If you would like to learn how to tell a story for the stage, then this is the three-part workshop is for you. Participants will learn how to write a monologue using stories from their own lives. Through instruction and writing exercises, each participant will craft a single page to be read aloud. Using equipment at the Media Lab, participants will perform their short monologue on camera and create a short video to be screened at the Final Celebration on Nov. 20.

For 18 yrs+. Max. 12 participants. Course #1634088

Queer Stories: LGBTQ Creative Writing Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 12 • 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Richmond Public Library–Brighthouse Branch
Community Place, 2nd floor

Self-identified lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and queer writers will find a safe space for creative exploration. Karen is an award-winning lesbian author, who has written extensively about and for the LGBT community. Participants will learn new writing skills and have the opportunity to express themselves in a supportive environment.

For 18 yrs+. Max. 20 participants. Course #1646888

Resources for Writers

Richmond Public Library

These and other books can be found in the library's catalogue under **RPL Writer in Residence 2016**.

Books

- *The Five Books of Moses* by Karen X. Tulchinsky
- *Love Ruins Everything* by Karen X. Tulchinsky
- *Love and Other Ruins* by Karen X. Tulchinsky
- *Bird by Bird* by Anne Lamott
- *The Artists' Way* by Julia Cameron
- *The Art of Character* by David Corbett
- *Why We Write About Ourselves* edited by Meredith Maran
- *The Weekend Novelist* by Robert J. Ray
- *Manuscript Makeover* by Elizabeth Lyon
- *Fire up your Fiction* by Jodie Renner
- *Fiction Writing Master Class* by William Cane
- *The Plot Whisperer* by Martha Alderson

Audio Books

- *Story* by Robert McKee (Audio book only)

Websites

- karenxtulchinsky.com

Writer's Resources

- The Writer's Union of Canada, writersunion.ca
- B.C. Federation of Writers, bcwriters.ca
- The Writer's Guild of Canada, wgc.ca
- The Editor's Association of Canada, editors.ca
- Vancouver Manuscript Intensive, betsywarland.com
- The Vancouver International Writer's Festival, writersfest.bc.ca
- Surrey International Writer's Conference, siwc.ca
- The Jewish Book Festival, jccgv.com
- Langara College, Continuing Studies, langara.ca

Minoru Place Activity Centre

Minoru Amateur Writers – 55+

Join this group of avid readers and writers and share works and ideas to improve writing skills in a supportive environment. Meetings take place on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Minoru Place Activity Centre Facility Pass required. Free.



November is National Writing Month

Take the NaNoWriMo Challenge

November is National Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). NaNoWriMo is an annual month-long creative writing event that challenges participants to complete an entire novel in just 30 days!

The Richmond Public Library will be hosting NaNoWriMo writing workshops for kids, ages 9 to 12, every Tuesday in November from 4:00 – 5:00 pm at the Brighthouse Branch. They will also be offering write-in sessions throughout the month of November; participants of all ages are invited to drop in and write their novels in the library. For more information, visit yourlibrary.ca or go to campnanowrimo.org.

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The City of Richmond is pleased to welcome Karen X. Tulchinsky as Writer-in-Residence at the Minoru Place Activity Centre, Richmond Media Lab and Richmond Public Library.

Over the course of two months, Karen 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 Residency Launch Event on Friday, September 30. Registration for workshops starts the next day!

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October & November 2016

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