

LITERARY ARTS RESOURCES

The following contains links to literary arts organizations that provide resources for readers, writers and authors of a wide variety of genres and interests and stages.

Book Clubs, Groups and Readings

- [Annie Bloom's Books](#). Neighborhood independent bookstore with regular readings and events.
- [Book Club Meetups](#). A wide assortment of meetup groups throughout Portland for readers in a variety of genres from the classics to sci-fi, from traditional to weird and everything in between.
- [Broadway Books](#). Locally owned, independent bookstore. Brings together authors and readers in an interactive environment and supports local authors.
- [Friends of Mystery](#). Promotes educational study in all realms of "mystery" such as fiction, true crime, how mysteries are solved, and many other aspects. Sponsors public meetings called Bloody Thursdays and local reading groups; publishes The Blood-Letter newsletter; gives an annual award for best mystery by a Pacific Northwest author.
- [Friends of William Stafford](#). Non-profit, education based organization that shares the work of William Stafford and furthers the spirit of his teaching.
- [Literary Arts](#). Nonprofit literary center which sponsors a variety of literary programs including: Portland Arts & Lectures; Oregon Book Awards & Fellowships for writers and independent publishers; Writers in the Schools creative writing workshops in public high schools; Wordstock: Portland's Book Festival, and Delve, which hosts guided discussion groups around great works of literature.
- Library programs and events, including author lectures and discussion groups:
 - [Beaverton City Library](#)
 - [Camas Regional Library](#)
 - [Clackamas County Library](#)
 - [Fort Vancouver Regional Library](#)
 - [Hillsboro Libraries](#)
 - [Multnomah County Libraries](#)
 - [Washington County Libraries](#)



- [NW Book Festival](#). A free outdoor book fair representing all genres; held annually in July.
- [Oregon Poetry Association](#). An organization of poetry lovers who enjoy writing, sharing and learning about all forms of poetry through meetings, workshops and critique groups.
- [Powell's City of Books](#). Portland's iconic independent bookstore. Sponsors a reading series featuring authors from all over the world several nights a week at several locations.
- [Reading Frenzy](#). Small, specialty bookshop/gallery/event devoted to supporting independent/alternative media and culture.
- [Soapstone](#). Provides grants to support ad hoc events and short-term study groups that introduce or offer the opportunity to delve into the work of women writers. All events and study groups are open to the public; events are free, study groups have a small fee.
- [Wordstock](#). A Festival of readers and authors featuring author speakers, workshops and a book fair; held annually in November. Sponsored by Literary Arts.

Writing Organizations and Resources

- [9 Bridges](#). Meetup Group. Offers positive, supportive critique groups that help people improve their writing skills; hosts monthly workshops on the craft and business of writing and partners with other organizations to bring discounts and/or free admissions to members for conferences, events and services.
- [Attic Institute](#). A writing center for independent writers. It is a private literary studio and a school for creativity as well as a think tank about the relationship between writers and civic life and a writers' community focused on the process of making new art. Offers workshops, individual consult groups and programs.
- [Independent Publishing Resource Center](#). A center where local artists create and publish their own artwork, writing, zines, books, websites, comics and graphic novels. Provides artistic services through membership, use of the Center, workshops and outreach programs.
- [Mountain Writers Series](#). Offers a variety of writing and reading workshops, classes and literary events by some of the region's finest writers and teachers.
- [Oregon Poetry Association](#). An organization of poetry lovers who enjoy writing, sharing and learning about all forms of poetry through meetings, workshops and critique groups.
- [Oregon Writers Colony](#). Offers support to writers, from novices to published authors. Members benefit from classes, inspiration from teachers and colleagues, and access to Colonyhouse, a lovely writing retreat on the Oregon Coast.
- [PDX Writers](#). Facilitates workshops and retreats that generate great writing and offers a wide variety of prompt-driven workshops for new and seasoned writers.
- [Portland Women Writers](#). Offers writing workshops that give women the opportunity to share stories in a fun, transformational, and vibrant community; for beginning and seasoned writers and for women of all ages and backgrounds.

- [Power of the Pen](#). Meetups to discuss projects - imagined, pending, in progress, successes! Networks with other writers in the Vancouver area to share best practices, techniques, motivation, helpful books and tools, and sessions focusing on technique or specific aspect of writing.
- [The Guttery](#). An invitation-only critique group of writers dedicated to learning and sharing the art and craft of writing. Membership includes poets, memoirists, short story writers, and novelists who meet regularly to discuss the original work of two of their members.
- [Willamette Writers](#). An organization of Writers of all genres and at all stages of their careers who come to meetings, annual conference, and workshops to connect with their community, hone their craft, publish their work and advance their careers.
- [Write Around Portland](#). Holds free writing workshops for adults and youth in hospitals, schools, treatment centers, correctional facilities, homeless shelters, low income housing residences and other social service agencies.
- [Writing Meetups](#). A wide assortment of Meetup groups throughout the Portland for authors, writers, bloggers and poets of all interests and abilities, including critique groups.
- [Writers Mill](#). A group of around 40 local writers of fiction, non-fiction, memoir, poetry, screenplays and even songs. Sponsors regular meetings and talks with speakers, competitions and writing exercises and publishes journals.

Community Education and Parks and Rec Classes

- [Clackamas Community College](#)
- [Clark County Community College](#)
- [Hillsboro Parks and Recreation](#)
- [Portland Community College](#)
- [Portland Parks and Recreation](#)
- [Tualatin Valley Parks and Recreation](#)

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