



Miami-Dade Public Library System
Young Adult Writer-in-Residence: Young Adult Fiction
September – November 2012

The Miami-Dade Public Library System is proud to announce its **2012 Young Adult Writer-in-Residence** program funded through a grant from the James L. Knight Foundation. We are seeking a dynamic and engaging Young Adult author who will encourage local teens, 12-18, in the creative writing process. The three month residency will run from September – November 2012.

Project Focus:

- **Mentor Program for 20 teens:**
 - Assist in the selection of 20 teens who will be mentees.
 - Develop and present workshops for teens to help them develop their writing skills.
 - Manage an online presence (blog, email, etc.) for feedback during the residency.
- **Open Forum:**
 - Teens, who are not part of the Mentoring Program, may submit short stories, poems, plays and novels online to the writer-in-residence who will provide professional feedback via e-mail.
 - The writer-in-residence will also facilitate a blog, opening each session with a topic for discussion, and will conduct programs- open to all teens- on writing and publishing.
 - The writer-in-residence will conduct a series of four workshops for teens at various branches. The workshops will focus on the writing process, from idea to publication, and will be open to the public.

Expectations:

The writer-in-residence will commit to investing 20 hours per week in the above areas, leaving additional time for work on a personal project. The writer-in-residence will also be expected to provide input on a print publication of the teens' works and participate in a final celebration at the conclusion of the program. The writer-in-residence will be provided an office at the Main library, a laptop and will be expected to travel to various branch libraries.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must have published at least two young adult fiction books.
- Experience in teaching, writing, mentoring or as a manuscript evaluator or editor.
- Subject to an official background check.
- Must be a U.S citizen or U.S. resident.

Application must include:

- Resume (please include a list of literary publications and experience in conducting writing courses, workshops, editing, etc.)
- A statement of personal mentoring philosophy.
- A description of a personal writing project that may be worked on during the residency.
- A 2-3minute video introducing yourself to the teens that may be participating in the program. (If selected, video may be used for promotion of program) Video should be posted to YouTube as private. Submit the link for viewing.

Honorarium: \$10,500 for three month term (additional funds for housing and transportation provided).

Application Deadline: Friday, March 16, 2012

Applications must be submitted by e-mail to writerinresidence@mdpls.org

Please contact Cynthia Bermudez at 305.667-6121 with any questions about the application process. To learn more about the Miami-Dade Public Library System, please visit www.mdpls.org.