



HUNTER WRITERS CENTRE

Hunter Writers Centre Schools Program

Additional Services

As well as our general writing workshops we offer a range of other services directly related to creative writing.

Mentoring

Mentoring is a professional consulting relationship between a writer and an experienced professional aimed at developing and improving a script or a text. The Hunter Writer Centre's basic mentoring service includes a reading of the student's work, one face-to-face meeting and a two page written appraisal on the specific areas agreed upon. More intensive mentoring is available upon request. Whether the student chooses a short or ongoing mentorship, the HWC will first identify the key concerns of the student, show him/her how to prepare for a mentor relationship, set goals and establish a mentorship agreement.

How to critique work

Critiquing and assessing work in a group situation is a specific process that needs to be supportive, productive and non-threatening for all participants. The HWC can present a short talk on establishing an effective critiquing method for groups of students. This one or two hour lecture includes: developing critical frameworks and critical insight; how to approach a manuscript; what to look for in the first reading of a work; how to respond to the text both in terms of content and technique; fostering a respectful group environment; and methods of communication.

Assessing and preparing a work for publication

This is a lecture for students interested in submitting work either for publication or for competitions. Topics considered include: understanding the market place; the different stages of preparing a manuscript for publication; professional assessment resources; accepted industry layouts for submission; assessing when the work is ready for submission. In relation to competitions we consider formatting, specific competitions for young writers and copyright issues.

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