

Writing from Here: Youth Writing Mentorships Offered

What is a sense of place? Would you like to try your hand at writing poetry or stories that tap into nature, culture and history here in the watershed of the St. Croix River? “Place-based” writing is a wonderful way to spark ideas and express your voice.



LET'S DO IT!

If you have dreams of being a writer—or just love to play with words—here's your chance to get some friendly feedback and encouragement from an established writer. Meet-ups will be in person at your local public library for informal one-on-one sessions with author/poet Laurie Allmann. Each session will last approximately one hour, and individuals may sign up for ongoing sessions as space allows. This program will run through May, 2025.

Laurie Allmann is an Artist in Residence with the nonprofit **North Woods & Waters of the St. Croix Heritage Area**. She received a Minnesota Book Award for her creative nonfiction book, *Far from Tame: Reflections from the Heart of a Continent* (University of Minnesota Press) and a Gold Medal from the Midwest Independent Publisher's Association for her recent book of poetry, *An Hour from Now* (Nodin Press). She has been a naturalist and youth educator, a course instructor for The Loft Literary Center, and is a founding co-editor of Agate magazine. She has a special interest in place-based writing that is informed and inspired by the natural world.



Who may participate: Open to youth entering middle school (Grade 6) through senior high who live in the St. Croix Watershed counties of Chisago, Pine, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Isanti in Minnesota.

Cost: Free

How to sign up: Send an email to lallmann@northwoodsandwaters.org. Laurie will follow up with you to set a time, day, and public library branch that works for you!

Learn more about the Artist-in-Residence program at northwoodsandwaters.org/artist-residency.



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