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Milton Public Library

Dr. Herb Voigt Memorial Writer in Residence Application

About the Writer in Residence Program

The Milton Public Library Writer in Residence (WIR) program was established to honor and memorialize a long time Library supporter, Dr. Herbert Voigt. Serving as both a Library Trustee and a Director of the Library Foundation, Dr. Voigt championed library services and in particular the providing a space to explore creativity.

The WIR is an aspiring or published writer who furthers the Library's fundamental mission by using their time to create an original piece of work and sharing their expertise through creating and offering library programming.

Library Mission

The mission of the Milton Public Library is to promote the love of reading, to make accessible the diversity of human culture and learning, to be a resource for the community's research and information needs and to do all of this in a way that returns value for the community's investment.

The Milton Public Library enriches the community by connecting people to the world of ideas, information, and imagination to support their work, education, personal growth and enjoyment.

Eligibility Requirements

- Author residing in Milton, MA or neighboring area (Milton resident preferred)
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Published writer preferred
- Experience with facilitating or teaching preferably in a public setting

Position Expectations

- Completion of an original piece of work while in residence
- Provide up to 4 – 6 public programs; these can be a combination of original programming and partnership with the Library on existing programs
- Provide scheduled availability to give guidance to other aspiring local writers
- Work as a consultant with the Milton Reads Committee
- Participate in promotional engagements for the Milton Public Library as related to the WIR program

MPL Will Provide

- This is a one year residency, from July through June
- \$6000 annual stipend, broken into quarterly payments
- The MPL will endeavor to provide a quiet workspace when requested, but the author is not required to write solely at the MPL
- Public profile page on the MPL website
- Assistance with program planning and coordination

Application

Deadline for applications is July 15, 2024.

Entrants must submit to miltonpresumes@gmail.com :

- A resume/CV/biography
- A letter of interest
- A sample of their work
- A statement about what kind of programming they will provide
- A statement on the work that they plan to do at the Library
- A statement on how will this work promote the Library's Mission