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## **Writer in Residence programs are online through St. Albert Public Library**

ST. ALBERT, AB – Area writers concerned that library closures would impact their ability to access writer in residence services need worry no more – regional Writer in Residence Conni Massing is taking her services online with weekly writing sessions, and workshops with St. Albert Public Library.

The online version of the Writer in Residence program begins May 12 when Massing kicks off a series of weekly Literary Jam Sessions. Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., area writers are invited to tune in online for inspiring prompts followed by focused writing time. Literary Jam Sessions will run weekly through to June 30 and will occasionally feature guest authors sharing tips from their creative practices. Class size is restricted to 15 participants per week.

On Thursday, June 4 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Massing will host Online Memoir Writing: Exploring Your Past Through a Visual Lens, which invites those interested in writing memoir to open up a world of memories using a single photograph from their past. Massing will provide writing prompts to inspire participants to look at their lives from different angles to triggering insights and ideas. Participants will need a device with a microphone, speakers, camera, and a high-speed internet connection.

On Thursday, June 18 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, join guest author Laurel Deedrick-Mayne for Letter-writing in Challenging Times, a hands on writing workshop exploring the value of letter writing and journal keeping. Deedrick-Mayne is the author of “A Wake for the Dreamland,” an award-winning novel inspired, in part, by wartime letters. Participants will need a device with a microphone, speakers, camera, and a high-speed internet connection.

Find more information on each of these free writer in residence programs at [sapl.ca](http://sapl.ca). Space is limited and participants are required to register in advance in order to receive online access information.

St. Albert and area writers are also invited to book free one on one writing consultations with Conni Massing, to be held by email, phone or online, depending on their preference – email [regionalwir@gmail.com](mailto:regionalwir@gmail.com) to set up an appointment today.

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