

# Associates of the Boston Public Library Children's Writer-in-Residence Program 2010-2011

## Objectives

*The Writer-in-Residence program, funded by the Associates of the Boston Public Library, is intended to:*

- Provide an emerging children's writer with the financial and administrative support needed to complete one literary work (defined as fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or illustration combined with any of the latter, or a script);
- Promote the awareness of young readers, families and teachers of the Boston Public Library and its resources, by establishing a living link between Library and the community;
- Draw attention to the importance of writers and writing in our culture, as well as the many free educational opportunities offered by the Boston Public Library.

## Criteria for Eligibility

- U.S. Citizenship
- English fluency
- Active engagement in work as a writer, whether full or part-time, or as an avocation or profession
- Submission of an application, proposal, letter of intent, recommendations and a writing sample by the required deadline
- No more than three previously published works of children's literature
- Works proposed that are already under contract with a publisher will not be eligible

## Benefits of Residency

- Access to and use of the Central Library's special and circulating collections
- A stipend of \$20,000, payable monthly over a nine-month period
- Use of office space, a computer, copying and fax machines (no clerical help)
- Provision of a forum for the presentation/promotion of finished work
- Opportunities to establish connections with writers, publishers, artists and the community at large through participation in and attendance of Library readings, colloquia, lectures and conferences

## Terms of Residency

- In residence in the Boston Public Library in Copley Square, Boston, for twenty hours per week from September 1, 2010 to June 1, 2011
- Completion and public presentation of a submission-ready manuscript at the end of the nine month period
- Acknowledgement of the Associates of the Boston Public Library in all work created during the residency

## Application Process

A writer applying for the residency must submit an application (see attached) by April first of the year in which he/she wishes to have a residency. This must be accompanied by a proposal (not to exceed five typewritten, double spaced standard pages) describing the work to be undertaken during the residency; a letter indicating how the completed work relates to the Library's collections; recommendations from three relevant sources; and a writing sample directly related to the proposed work (not to exceed fifteen double spaced standard pages).

Please include two copies of the proposal and writing sample: one proposal and sample should include your name at the top of every page, the other proposal and writing sample must contain NO identifying biographical information. Please DO NOT staple the proposal and writing sample lacking biographical information.

If applications include illustrations, please include two copies of each reproduction.

All materials must be typewritten on standard weight 8½ x 11 white paper. With the exception of the proposal and writing sample with no identifying biographical information, the applicant's name must appear at the top of every page.

For written confirmation that all application materials have been received by the Associates office, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with your application. Inquiries concerning applications in process will not be answered. Once they have been submitted, applications may not be altered by either candidates or Associates staff. No materials will be returned.

**Application Deadline: April 1, 2010\***

\*Please note that late applications will not be considered.

Notification Deadline: June 1, 2010

Residency Period: September 1, 2010 – June 1, 2011

**Selection**

Applications will be evaluated by a panel of judges composed of writers, librarians, booksellers, publishers, editors, book designers, teachers, and citizens representing different areas of the world of children's literature. The candidate chosen to be the Children's Writer-in-Residence will be notified by June first of the year in which the residency is to begin.

# Children's Writer-in-Residence Competition 2010-2011 • Application Form

## 1. Name

Title (check one)     Dr.     Mr.     Mrs.     Ms.     Prof.

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Home e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Occupation

Position/title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

3. Title of Proposed Project \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Synopsis of proposed project (20 lines)

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5. Attached detailed description of proposal (not to exceed 5 typewritten, double-spaced 8½ x 11 pages)

6. Professional Experience (list chronologically; please list all book publications)

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7. Educational Experience (list degrees and dates conferred)

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8. References (Please indicate the names, titles and occupations of the three individuals who will be sending SEPARATELY letters of recommendation on your behalf. These letters should evaluate your work as a writer, rather than assessing your character.)

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**9. Application Checklist**

- Completed, signed and dated application form
- Detailed proposal (two copies: one including personal identifying information, the other without identification)
- Writing sample (two copies: one including personal identifying information, the other without identification)
- Stamped, self-addressed card or envelope for notification of receipt of the application

**10. How did you learn about the Associates of the Boston Public Library's writer-in-residence program? (check all that apply)**

- Associates of the Boston Public Library website
- BPL website
- Mediabistro.com
- Craig's List
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Confirmation**

All information included in this application is true, to the best of my knowledge. All writing submitted for evaluation is

original. If chosen to be the Children's Writer-in-Residence at the Boston Public Library, I agree to fulfill the obligations specified by the Associates of the Boston Public Library, as part of this position.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***All application materials, including letters of recommendation, should be MAILED to:***

Children's Writer-in-Residence Program  
Associates of the Boston Public Library  
700 Boylston Street  
Boston, MA 02116

**Faxed, e-mailed and hand delivered applications will NOT be accepted. All materials must be postmarked by April 1, 2010. No materials will be returned.**