

# 2026 Concord Free Public Library Writer-in-Residence Application

Thank you for your interest in the Writer-in-Residence Program at the Concord Free Public Library. Concord's literary heritage is an important part of the town's history, and this residency gives a contemporary voice the change to build upon that heritage and shape it for future generations. CFPL's W-I-R Program is open to applications from all avenues of writing. The program seeks to celebrate and share diverse voices, and the chosen resident is tasked with designing and leading programs to bring their own viewpoint into the cultural forefront of the Concord community.

The W-I-R Program provides private office space (in a newly-renovated area of the building) in which the Resident can write, hold office hours, or attend to other activities within the scope of the residency. The entire library facility - as well as public locations throughout Concord and surrounding communities - are also available as you seek to connect with the community. During the 6-month program, the W-I-R will be expected to create an original piece of work as well as conduct writing programs and workshops for the Library community.

The residency will take place from January-June of 2027. A stipend of \$10,000 will be offered with the expectation that the W-I-R will create a schedule that meets their own needs as well as those of the library, offering flexibility to create programming and social opportunities for the CFPL community as well as time to write while on site. The W-I-R committee and library staff will be available to assist the Resident with getting accustomed to the area and working on the logistical elements of event planning as well as brainstorming ideas and promotional opportunities.

We welcome applicants outside of the Concord area, but at this time cannot provide living accommodations or transportation. Applicants must be at least 18 years old as of the first day of the residency period. This application form will be open for submissions from June 15-July 15, 2026.

If you have questions, please contact: Madeline Klein (mklein@minlib.net)

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\* Indicates required question

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### Tell Us About Yourself

Please answer the following questions to tell us more about your writing background and goals.

- 6. Why are you applying to the Concord Free Public Library Writer-In-Residence program? \*

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- 7. Tell us about your life as a writer. What led to you being a writer and what keeps you writing today? \*

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- 8. What unique skills or qualifications would you bring to this Residency? \*

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9. Have you participated in other writing residencies? If so, please list them with dates. \*

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10. If chosen for this residency, what would be your plan for the first two weeks in the role? What would you want to achieve, learn, and do to ensure a successful tenure? \*

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11. Success in this residency means connecting with the community in which we serve, which includes Concord as well as surrounding communities. Please describe how you would make this connection, including some programs or outreach initiatives you would enjoy leading. \*

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12. Please describe the writing project that would be your primary focus during the Residency. \*

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13. Is there anything else you'd like to share about yourself? \*

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### Writing Sample

Your writing sample can be any genre or style of writing that is your own original work. If you choose, you may also include a description or statement outlining what piece of writing you have chosen and why (this description does not count against your page limit).

Your writing sample should consist of no more than two (2) pieces of writing with a combined total of no more than ten (10) pages. Combining pieces into a single document is not required but is greatly appreciated if possible. All writing samples must be in pdf format.

14. Writing Sample(s) (maximum 2) \*

Files submitted:

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