TO OUR FRIENDS

As I enter my seventh month at Writers & Books, I am mindful of the many ways in which Rochester’s reading, writing, and arts activism communities have extended an open hand. Thank you for your generosity in sharing observations, experiences, critique, ideas, and dreams.

Earlier this week, I was inspired by reading the words of our National Youth Poet Laureate Kara Jackson. What she says about poetry is, I believe, the real work of all literature: “Poetry provides the language necessary to construct the possible. In a time when fear is so frequent, we must name this fear in order to approach it. Poetry helps us envision and construct our wild dreams, our truthful tales, for this is the way our dreams can transform our fears.”

As we turn the page on 2019 and look ahead to a new year of programming, Writers & Books team will strive for imagination and catalyze the creative dialogue work that we can perform: enriching discourse, crescendo truths, advancing empathy, and nurturing possibility.

I’m pleased to share news of two series inspired by legacy programs. Wanda Schultzhub, who brilliantly created our Geneseo Reading Series for well over a decade, will host her final reading in January. Building on the rich history she and her predecessor M.J. Murphy built, in February, we are launching Literary Partners, an admission-free discussion read salon. Our goal is to bring together writers and readers from Rochester’s many neighborhoods, please read on to learn how you can participate. And take note of our Next Step Literary Series, a curationg of the Ladder Literary Conference, will return on February 22 for our kick-off workshop. A Sense of Place in Narrative Nonfiction, led by Michael J. McGandy.

With appreciation,

Michele Major
Executice Director
It’s time to start planning your next creative writing excursion at SUNY Geneseo! We have a wide variety of workshops, readings, and other events for writers of all levels. Here are some highlights of our Winter 2020 Youth Programs:

**January 19-23, 2020**
**Writers ROC — Ages: 10-12**
Fridays, January 3 - May 15, 3:45 pm - 5 pm
Staged readings at Writers & Books
Promising regional writers a rare opportunity to hear their work aloud and get the feedback they need to take their scripts to the next level of development.
Submit between January 1 – 31, 2020 at wab.org
For the first time, writers will be able to ask questions about their own guilt?

**January 20-24, 2020**
**FLAS! Fiction & Photography**
Monday - Friday, February 24 – 28, 9 am - 3 pm
Writers & Books
Free and open to the public
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returns home to the US and
melt into a war with Russia,
On Our Way Home from the Revolution
questions about her own guilt?

**January 20-24, 2020**
**Valentine’s Prelude**
Monday - Friday, February 17-21, 9 am - 3 pm
Staged readings at Writers & Books
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**February 17 – 22, 2020**
**Creative Writing at SUNY Geneseo**
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**February 19-20, 2020**
**YOUR BIRTHDAY**
Monday – Tuesday, February 18-19, 4 pm - 5:30 pm
Writers & Books
Free and open to the public
Lisa Buck

**February 20-21, 2020**
**Opportunity Spaces: Exploring the Flat Spots in Story**
Saturday, February 20, 10 am - 3 pm
Writers & Books
Free and open to the public

**February 24-27, 2020**
**One Million Albionists**
Wednesday, February 26 – Saturday, February 29, 10 am - 3 pm
Social Change Literary Series
Free and open to the public

**March 2-5, 2020**
**NIGHTS OF IMAGINATION**
Monday - Thursday, March 2-5, 3:45 pm - 5 pm
Writers & Books
Free and open to the public
Lisa Buck

**March 12-14, 2020**
**FLASH! Fiction & Photography**
Monday - Tuesday, March 16-17, 4 pm - 5:30 pm
Writers & Books
Free and open to the public

**March 24-28, 2020**
**No musicals, please. Maximum 2 scripts
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**April 4-5, 2020**
**National Playwriting Month at Writers & Books**
Monday – Tuesday, April 6-7, 4 pm - 5:30 pm
Writers & Books
Free and open to the public

**May 13-14, 2020**
**Valentine’s Prelude**
Monday – Tuesday, May 17-18, 4 pm - 5:30 pm
Writers & Books
Free and open to the public

**May 20-22, 2020**
**YOUR BIRTHDAY**
Monday – Tuesday, May 20-21, 4 pm - 5:30 pm
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**June 1-5, 2020**
**OPPORTUNITIES: Five Days of Writing, Storytelling & Performance**
Monday - Friday, June 1-5, 4 pm - 7 pm
Writers & Books
Free and open to the public
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Join our community. Make “somebody” today! www.writersandbooks.org/join