



December 2020

Dear Friend,

I hope this finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. Over the past challenging months, the future of greater Rochester and its citizens has been in the thoughts of Writers & Books' staff and board members as we consider the power of the written word to make meaning and foster understanding. Like you, we believe that reading and writing are essential to healthy discourse, critical thought, personal creativity, and building a compassionate society.

**Please consider making a gift by December 31, 2020, and keep our work going strong.**

Since March, while our doors at 740 University Avenue have remained closed, we successfully have adapted authors' visits, workshops, and SummerWrite reading and writing camps to take place in virtual space. In the year ahead, your generosity will bolster these efforts and allow us to continue engaging readers and writers from greater Rochester and all around the nation, whether in person or virtually.

**With your help, Writers & Books will carry on striving to democratize access to programs and opportunities,** offering dozens of admission-free events, guaranteeing scholarship support for adult and youth classes, and expanding our community alliances.

**Please browse Page Two of this letter to see what our friends helped us achieve this year, and to acquaint yourself with our Sustaining Membership,** an opportunity to deepen your commitment to the communities Writers & Books serves while enjoying Turning Pages salons and other benefits.

Thank you for your faith in Writers & Books. I am excited to see what we will accomplish together in the year ahead!

With great appreciation and warm wishes,

Alison Meyers  
Executive Director

**PS:** 10% of gifts at the \$250-plus level will be earmarked to rebuild our Adult Scholarship Fund.

Please mail the form below with your gift to Writers & Books at **740 University Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607**, or donate online through our secure portal at **<https://wab.org/product/donation/>**.

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<p><b>Yes! I/we wish to support Writers &amp; Books in building community through the shared experience of literature.</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000   <input type="checkbox"/> \$500   <input type="checkbox"/> \$250   <input type="checkbox"/> \$100   <input type="checkbox"/> \$50   <input type="checkbox"/> Other Amt \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Gift                      <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Gift</p> <p>First and Last Names(s)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Optional: Please indicate that my gift is <input type="checkbox"/> in memory of _____ in honor of</p> <p>_____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/we wish to remain anonymous.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/we have included Writers &amp; Books in my will.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/we would like to learn more about making a gift through my estate.</p>	<p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p><b>PAYMENT OPTIONS</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed, payable to Writers &amp; Books</p> <p>Please charge my credit card <input type="checkbox"/> Visa   <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard   <input type="checkbox"/> AmEx</p> <p>Credit Card# _____</p> <p>CVC code (required) _____ Expiration Date _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p>
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## WRITERS & BOOKS 2020

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

**SummerWrite** reading and writing enrichment camps for K – 12

**Write On for Homeschoolers and Remote Learners**

**Applied Theater/Literary Arts After-School Initiative** for underserved teens, in partnership with Cameron Community Ministries

**Fun with Fiction Writing Circle**

**Junior Apprenticeships** for underserved teens, a Summer Youth Employment Program

**One Million Abolitionists:** In partnership with Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives, distribute copies of *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave* to young people throughout the Rochester area

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIFELONG LEARNERS

**Ampersand Books,** Writers & Books' indie bookstore centering social justice topics, small presses, emerging and marginalized voices, literary prize winners, and local authors and publishers

**Writing Workshops for Lifelong Learners** at all levels of experience

**Visiting Authors Reading-with-Conversation Series**

**Tuesdays with BOA Editions Reading-with-Conversation Series**

**Literary Partners Reading Series** showcasing local writers

**Writers & Books Artist Residency: *Place Projectors* by Annalisa Barron**

**Gell: A Finger Lake Creative Retreat (Naples, NY)** writing residencies

**Programming Partnerships** with AARP New York, Cave Canem Foundation, Geva Theatre Center, and Rochester Academy of Medicine

### SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS

**Reading Circle** **\$250 - 499**

- Discounts on fees and admission for adult and youth workshops and events
- 10% discount on purchases from Ampersand Books
- Invitations to Sustaining Members-only events
- Members-only access to quiet writing spaces
- Membership in **Turning Pages Readers Circle**
- Complimentary \$50-level Individual Membership to donate or share with a friend

**Writing Circle** **\$500 - 749**

**Reading Circle Benefits PLUS:**

One complimentary ticket to The Big Read VIP Reception (or similar event)

**Literary Circle** **\$750 - 999**

**Writing Circle Benefits PLUS:**

Two complimentary tickets to The Big Read VIP Reception (or similar event)

**Authors Circle** **\$1,000 - 4,999**

**Literary Circle Benefits PLUS:**

50% discount on a one-day retreat at Gleason Lodge at Gell (subject to availability)

**Publishers Circle** **\$5,000 - 9,999**

**Literary Circle Benefits PLUS:**

Complimentary one-day retreat at Gleason Lodge at Gell (subject to availability)

**Founders Circle** **\$10,000 +**

**Literary Circle Benefits PLUS:**

Complimentary two-day retreat at Gleason Lodge at Gell (subject to availability)