

Ghost Girls Books

WORKSHOP OFFERINGS

Let author Karen Chilton inspire the writers in your school or community with her informative and motivational workshops. Karen's approach combines practical exercises and valuable information with humorous anecdotes and uplifting advice. Over the course of the past decade, Karen has shared her unique approach to both the art and the business of writing with countless aspiring authors. Her students include all interests, ages and abilities – from middle school to middle age, from weekend memoir hobbyist to serious budding novelist. An overview of Karen's basic workshop offerings is provided below, but if you don't see what you are looking for, be sure to ask. Karen is happy to tailor her teaching to the needs of your group!

Room of One's Own (Adults)

As Virginia Woolf knew, having a room of one's own in which to write is essential to any author, but in these busy times, finding the time and space to write productively – or at all – can be a challenge for anyone. Are you a full-time corporate employee longing to become a paperback writer? Or an overworked stay-at-home mother jotting down lines of poetry while the kids are napping? This course is especially designed for the busy adult seeking balance between responsibility and creativity. Learn how to make the most of minute windows-of-writing-opportunity. Discover exercises that break down writer's block in those moments when you have the time to write but lack the inspiration. Perhaps most importantly, make your talent and passion a priority in your life, and do it without compromising or shortchanging the other things and people in your life.

3 hour workshop, \$35 per participant. Not offered Spring/Summer 2010 due to Karen Chilton's writing schedule. Fall 2010 schedule of dates and locations will be available late summer.

Room of One's Own (Middle Grades and High School)

This is a version of the adult course of the same title, but tailored to the specific needs of students in the middle grades and/or high school. Now more than ever, young adults have a tremendous volume of responsibilities and activities competing for their time. Karen Chilton offers students exercises and advice that not only enable them to find time for writing of their own, but build skills and confidence in their work.

2 hour workshop, \$25 per student. 3 hour workshop, \$30 per student.

Scheduled by appointment.

Schools and/or nonprofit organizations serving at-risk populations may apply for free or reduced-cost workshops.

From Query to Contract

Have you finished your manuscript – be it a novel, short story, memoir or other project – but are stumped as to what to do next? This workshop provides an overview of the many avenues available to writers seeking to publish, as well as the tools needed to successfully get one's work in the door in the busy offices of agents, editors and publications. Learn how to write an effective query letter, synopsis, resume and other important introductory documents. Also, discover the pros and cons of non-traditional publishing options including small presses and self-publishing.

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Ghost Girls Book Club (Middle Grades and High School)

Have your existing book club read Ghost Girls Books, or form a Ghost Girls Book Club of your own – then enjoy having author Karen Chilton guide your book club discussion. Read one or both of the Ghost Girls Books, and select discussion options tailored to the desires of your club.

2-hour book club discussion, \$5 per participant.

Scheduled by appointment.

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Parent-Child Ghost Girls Book Club

Parents, take advantage of this opportunity to share a common interest with your teen. Karen Chilton's fans include a wide range of ages, and the varied themes and storylines in Ghost Girls Books appeal to a diverse audience. Have your existing parent-child book club read Ghost Girls Books, or form a Ghost Girls Book Club of your own – then enjoy having author Karen Chilton guide your book club discussion. Read one or both of the Ghost Girls Books, and select discussion options tailored to the desires of your club.

2-hour book club discussion, \$5 per participant.

Scheduled by appointment.

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All workshops require a minimum of 6 students. The suggested maximum number of students is 12. Larger groups may be broken down for back-to-back workshops.

For more information about any of the above programs, or to design a program tailored to the needs of your group, please send an email inquiry to susan@ghostgirlsbooks.com.