
THE YOU ARE WRITE HERE ROUNDUP

July 2026

Hello You Are Write Here community,

Can you believe how much we've been up to? Whether you've been with us from the beginning or just joined the group, thank you for helping make this community such a welcoming space for writers, readers, poets, playwrights, journal keepers, spoken word artists, and creative souls.

Thank you for showing up for one another.

COMMUNITY CORNER

This group belongs to YOU!

Have a Zoom open mic? Post it!

Hosting a workshop, lecture, writing class, panel discussion, book launch, or literary event?
Share it!

Know about grants, calls for submissions, festivals, residencies, or creative opportunities? We'd love for you to post those too.

The more we share, the more we all grow.

WE'RE HYBRID, by design

Whether you enjoy connecting from your couch with a cup of tea or meeting fellow creatives face to face, we've got you covered.

We're proud to offer both virtual and in person opportunities.

WHAT YOUR ADVISORY TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING ON



Here's a peek behind the curtain...

- Established our Fourth Thursday Virtual Writing Sprints. Prompts are 🔥
- We're continuing our Virtual Book Club:

7/26 6pm Jazz Toni Morrison

- We want to hear from you

Survey

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HqenGngzkh8COOT97NIYRI5YaL1KPaVLKWOJPdQQjgg/edit?usp=drivesdk>

- Expanded our Facebook presence by creating our You Are Write Here Events page.
- Created and updated our Linktree.

<https://linktr.ee/youarewritehere>

- We finally launched our Instagram page.

Yes... we know... it's about time. 😊

MONTHLY WRITING PROMPT + SUBMISSIONS

Each month we offer a prompt for reflection, creativity, and shared writing.

JULY PROMPT:

CROSSINGS

We cross bridges every day, often without noticing: roads, hallways, routines, conversations, rituals.

Write about one crossing that changed you. Start with the ordinary details-the light, the sounds around you, what was in your hands, what your body remembers.

Then let the crossing become something larger: What did it bring you closer to? What did it ask you to leave behind?

Stay grounded in concrete and sensory details-trust the small particulars to lead you toward larger truths. ~Richard Blanco

There is no required form. Poetry, prose, fragments, journal entries, dialogue, memory work all welcome.

Please submit to shared drive

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11Nwx5x8CjcOMimguSwYUrF8LyvgQYdXB>

COMING UP!

Urban Winery Social

Sip & Word Game Night

Tuesday, July 8

2315 Stewart Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Come unwind, laugh, sip, play, and connect with fellow creatives. Bring a friend or two.

😊 We'd love to see you there!

Featured Poet Event

Public Lecture with **Nikky Finney**

Saturday, July 18

12-1 PM

Join **Burnaway Art Writing Incubator** for a special literary gathering featuring acclaimed poet and writer Nikky Finney. This public lecture invites writers, artists, and poetry lovers into a conversation about language, craft, imagination, and the power of the written word.

<https://luma.com/yi9zbub2>

Creative Writing Salon

Friday, July 24

6:30 -8:00PM

Old Parish House (near UMD)

Instructor: Cortland Jones

Join us for an evening of creativity, conversation, and writing in community. Bring your notebook, laptop, journal, or whatever.

Virtual Writing Sprint

Thursday, July 30

7pm

Via zoom

WE'RE GROWING... AND WE NEED YOU!

We're looking for a few new Advisory Team members.

Help us plan events. •Welcome new members. •Share ideas. •Build partnerships. •Support writers.

Help us dream even bigger.

Many hands really do make light work, and fresh ideas help communities flourish.

Complete form by 7/11

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-O1qsKqEcQiH0BMr1txcWuU4aaphmCq6ls3LuKmcxwZX0vA/viewform>

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY: VOLUNTEER + FESTIVAL

Poet Life Fest 2026

July 20–26

Washington, DC

A weeklong celebration of poetry, arts, culture, wellness, entrepreneurship, and community.

Opportunities include:

• Volunteering • Performing • Vendor

If you cannot participate, sharing this with someone else would still be deeply appreciated.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volunteer-poet-life-fest-the-poets-homecoming-tickets-1993211562439>

Festival Information:

<https://www.thepoetlife.com/festival>

Volunteer Application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpxYpvMWryUPbvuelbqiCFYKpec_fBcFm7WI2GB1aqWddlcA/viewform

Here's to many more pages, poems, friendships, and unforgettable moments together.

Keep writing. Keep sharing. Keep showing up.

We're so glad you're here. ❤️

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Linktree <https://linktr.ee/youarewritehere>

PEOPLE OF THE FUTURE!

D.C. Arts Center reading with Makalani Bandele, Leslie Younge and Michelle Evans on July 26 at 3:00 PM. (and I'll have a surprise guest with me)