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# Youth Writing Festival

For Writers in Grades 6 - 12



Featuring creative writing workshops  
with authors  
**FRANK MURPHY &  
NICOLE M. WOLVERTON**

**PLUS FUN WRITING STATIONS - BOOKS FOR SALE  
SNACKS PROVIDED - PRIZES - AUTHOR BOOK SIGNINGS**

**April 26, 2025 ~ 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM**



**Register by April 22, 2025**

**At West Chester University  
Graduate Center**

**1160 McDermott Drive, West Chester PA**

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# Festival Schedule

**12:30 – 12:45 Sign In & Opening Activity**

**12:45 – 12:50 Welcome**

**12:55 – 1:40 Session 1 Writers' Crafts with Frank Murphy  
author of *A Friend Like You*, *Heroic Heart*, & other works**

Frank Murphy will discuss and share how to inject more voice into your writing, from poetry to narratives to essays to emails. It's all about writers' crafts. You'll learn how to treat a sentence like a director with a movie scene. You'll learn about how songwriters grab and keep your attention. You'll walk away with easy-to-use techniques to make your writing voice more powerful and memorable.

**1:45 – 2:30 Session 2 Mastering Monsters with Nicole M. Wolverton  
author of *A Misfortune of Lake Monsters***

Monsters are more than the "bad guy" in any story. Driving plot forward in horror and other supernatural stories requires a monster that is strange and terrifying, yet unexpectedly sympathetic. Learn how to create multi-dimensional monsters—whether creature or human—that go beyond the typical "villain" to add depth and complexity to your creative work.

**2:30 – 2:55 Snacks, Book Signing, & Book Shopping (Thank you Dana at Looker Books!)**

**2:55 – 3:40 Writing Stations**

Explore a variety of writing stations to collect ideas, develop writing pieces, and learn new techniques. Have time to collaborate with peers and write!

**3:45 – 4:00 Debrief Activity, Prize Drawing, & Book Shopping**