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### **Library Holds Fourth Annual Writers' Workshop March 4 - 12**

The fourth annual Writers' Workshop returns to North Regional Branch (855 McArthur Road) March 4 – 12 with two weekends of learning and networking for aspiring authors. This conference boasts three separate programs over two weekends.

- Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: a mini-conference with a faculty of seven authors who will present concurrent sessions on a variety of topics of interest to writers of fiction and poetry
- Sunday, March 5, 2-5 p.m.: a film deconstruction of *Shutter Island*
- Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, March 12, 2-5 p.m.: a two-day Master Class called Finding the Best Version of Your Story. A Two-Day Intensive Workshop on Writing a Novel with an Eye on the Prize led by Larry Brooks.

The workshop is free, but registration is required by calling 483-7727 ext. 1339. For more information and a schedule, visit

<http://cumberland.lib.nc.libguides.com/WritersWorkshop2017>.

Featured speaker Larry Brooks, is the author of three noted books on writing: *Story Engineering: Mastering the Six Core Competencies of Successful Writing* and *Story Physics: Harnessing the Underlying Forces of Storytelling*. His book with Michael Hauge, *Story Fix: Transform Your Novel from Broken to Brilliant*, was released this past October. He has written six novels, described as "psychological thrillers with a dark, edgy take on relationships," including *Darkness Bound*, *The Seminar*, *Bait and Switch* and *Whisper of the Seventh Thunder*.

The workshop also includes presentations by the following writers:

**Jerry Bradley** (On poetry)  
**Rachel Brune** (Writing fight scenes)  
**Robin Minnick** (On sharing your work)  
**Hoyle Purvis** (Worldbuilding)  
**J.D. Rhoades** (Fiction techniques)  
**Alice Osborn** (On poetry)  
**Dolly Dozier** (Writing for children)

All events are free. Participants will be dismissed from the Saturday programs to enjoy lunch at one of the local eateries, or you may choose to bring a bag lunch.

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