

Application Form

Lawrence Student Writers Workshop July 10–28, 2017*
at the Lawrence History Center

Name _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Current school _____

Room # _____ Grade in Sept. 2017 5 6 7

LSWW local school contact _____

- Make a copy of a favorite piece of writing you did in school—or write a short piece on any topic.
- Answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper:
 1. What are some of your special interests or hobbies?
 2. What topics do you like to write about?
 3. What stories, books, poems, or works of art do you most enjoy or admire?
- Submit your writing sample, your answers to the three questions, and this application form to the LSWW local school contact listed above.

Application deadline: May 19, 2017

Permission of Parent or Guardian

I give my child, _____,
permission to participate in the Lawrence Student
Writers Workshop at the **Lawrence History Center**.

Name of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

*Participants must attend all three weeks of the program.



An LSWW writing leader and student teach visitors about historic fire-fighting equipment.

Summer 2017 Program Schedule

The 2017 Lawrence Student Writers Workshop will take place at the **Lawrence History Center** from Monday, July 10, to Friday, July 28.

Classes are held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Roundtrip bus transportation is provided at no cost to students.

The student workshop runs in conjunction with the ABL Writing Workshop for Teachers, offering numerous opportunities for students and teachers to share writing and codevelop curricula for the upcoming school year.

For more information

Please contact Susan Grabski, LHC executive director, at 978-686-9230 or director@lawrencehistory.org.

"I never knew how important Lawrence is... now I know the history of the place I am growing up in. I believe the history has made me what I am today."

—David, 5th-grader, Rising Loaves, 2015



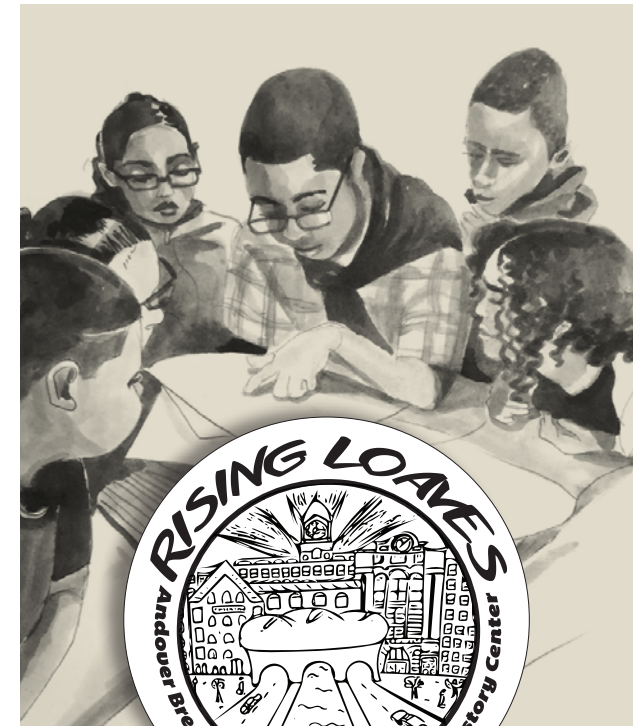
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Andover Bread Loaf

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Immigrant City Archives



LSWW students create a human statue in Lawrence's downtown historic district.

What is the Lawrence Student Writers Workshop all about?

An intensive three-week summer program, the Lawrence Student Writers Workshop (LSWW) is designed to help middle school students learn to write more expressively and discover the joys and rewards of writing in all its forms. Students also participate in multimedia projects that involve art, music, theatre, photography, and more.

During the course of this unique program, all students become more competent and confident writers, artists, and communicators. This year's theme: **Healthy Me, Healthy Lawrence.**

Free bus transportation is provided to and from the **Lawrence History Center**, where the workshop is run in collaboration with Andover Bread Loaf (ABL), a Phillips Academy outreach program. "Rising Loaves" is the nickname for this middle school program.

Who can participate?

Lawrence students entering grades 5 through 7 are encouraged to apply.

"Students should use writing as a way to think and give shape to their own ideas and concerns."

—Nancie Atwell

Renowned writer, teacher, and author of *In The Middle*

What happens at the workshop?

Students learn and engage in various forms of writing, including poetry, narrative, and memoirs. As part of an enthusiastic community of writers, they will work individually and in groups to:

- **Create** a student anthology
- **Learn** how to create spoken word and performance poetry
- **Interact** with historical objects and documents in the LHC archive
- **Experience** place-based learning in the Essex Company complex and on walking tours in the downtown and North Canal historic districts
- **Engage** in arts and multimedia projects
- **Prepare** a final exhibition to present their work in a community forum

Time also is allotted for lunch, drama, and a variety of special activities.

Who leads the workshop?

Talented writers from local high schools and colleges are trained to serve as writing leaders and mentors, providing individual assistance and encouragement to student writers. Many writing leaders work with teachers in elementary, middle, and high school classrooms during the school year.

The LSWW also features guest writers and workshops led by award-winning writers and teachers of writing.

"When you learn more about where you live, you feel like you belong there."

—Francine, 5th-grader, Rising Loaves, 2015



To learn more about their city as well as valuable research skills, LSWW students explore archival documents together.

How much does the workshop cost?

The workshop is free of charge. All LSWW costs and fees—including tuition, field trip transportation, writing and art supplies, lunch, and entertainment—are covered by the Lawrence History Center and contributions from individuals, foundations, and the summer food program through Lawrence Public Schools.

Program awards and recognition

The LSWW has been featured in numerous local articles and broadcasts and was the subject of a national PBS television broadcast.

ABL also has received several awards, including a National Council of Teachers of English award as a Center of Excellence in the Language Arts, and has been recognized in letters of commendation from esteemed educator Theodore Sizer and South African anti-apartheid activist Walter Sisulu.

"Lawrence means everything to me—from the fall of the Pemberton Mill in 1860 to the old papoose [fire pumper] before the fire department was created. What I like about Lawrence is the feeling it gives me. My family lives in Lawrence."

—Mark, 6th-grader, Rising Loaves, 2015