Mark Your Calendars...

▶ Write to Learn – February 16 –18
Are you going to Write to Learn? GWP Director Nancy Singer and other GWP TCs will be there. We’d love to connect with you! Email Katie O’Daniels at katherineodaniels@umsl.edu or find us at the Missouri Writing Projects Network table during the conference.

▶ Digital Learning Day – February 23
Co-sponsored by NWP & NCTE, Digital Learning Day is a way to actively spread innovative practices and ensure that all youth have access to high-quality digital learning opportunities no matter where they live. Visit http://www.digitallearningday.org/ to learn more, access resources & lessons, and add your classroom/school to the map.

▶ Middle School Youth Writing Festival (South) – March 3
GWP is hosting a spring Youth Writing Festival at Riverbend School in Pacific, MO on Friday, March 3. The registration brochure and the online registration link can be found on the GWP Website. Registration is open now and will remain open until February 21 (or until full). Don’t miss out on this great learning opportunity! If you don’t teach middle school, then please pass this information on to your middle school colleagues.

▶ GWP Cooks at Ronald McDonald House – March 24
Join GWP TCs to cook and write with guests at the Ronald McDonald House. Click here for more information or to sign-up. What better way to welcome spring?

▶ Blurring the Lines: Cross Content Learning – various spring dates
GWP invites all TCs to grab a cross-content colleague and participate in our Blurring the Lines series of museum-centered learning opportunities this spring. GWP will sponsor each pair to attend one event of their choice in exchange for sharing their teaching ideas at the GWP Cross-Content Roundtable on May 11 from 5:00 – 8:00. See full flier at the end of the newsletter for dates and registration information. Get your team together today—spaces are limited!

The OneCity Stories Project Needs You!

GWP is thrilled to announce our OneCity Stories High School Writing Program this summer, June 12 – 30, at UMSL at Grand Center. More info coming soon on how to get your students involved.

Right now we are seeking TCs who have experience and/or a passion for journalism, radio broadcasting, and filmmaking. We are looking for a minimum commitment of 2 planning days (this Spring) and 3 instructional days during the summer, but are also seeking TCs willing to devote more (or less) time to this new initiative. Stipends will be paid commensurate with level of involvement in the program. Please contact Cathy Griner at cgriner8@sbcglobal.net (314-849-2314) to learn more.
Teachers as Writers

- Listen to Your Mother
  Submissions for *Listen to Your Mother* are due February 17. Pieces should be 3-5 minutes when read aloud (about two pages). Click [here](#) for more information.

- Write Across Missouri
  Ever wanted to be part of an extended writing marathon? Join Ozarks Writing Project co-director Cathie English this summer to read and write your way across Missouri. Click [here](#) for more info.

- GWP Monthly Writer’s Group
  **When**: Last Tuesday of the month at 4:30
  **Where**: Fergie’s Bar & Restaurant
  Click [here](#) for more information.

Join the GWP Yearbook

We are creating a ‘TC yearbook’ for the GWP webpage to make our work more visible in the area and to help us stay connected. At the minimum, we would like to have your name, picture, current educational status, and school (if applicable). Additional information is optional. It’s easy! Just fill out this [form](#).

Spotlight on...

...Future GWP Teacher Consultants!

The 2017 Summer Institute runs June 5 – 29. Applications are still being accepted. Encourage your colleagues to apply! Click [here](#) for the flier.

Educator Innovator

Powered by NWP, Educator Innovator is a growing community of educators, partners and supporters devoted to creative and connected learning. It provides an online "meet-up" for educators who are re-imagining learning. Upcoming (free!) webinars include:

- Engaging Teens as Change Makers – 2/7/17
- The First 100 Days with #2nextprez – 2/9/17
- How Do We Tell Our Stories in the Digital Age? – 2/10/17

Youth Publishing Opportunities


2017 NCTE Achievement Award in Writing. Juniors in the current academic school year are nominated by teacher. Submission deadline is Feb. 24. Find out more by visiting [http://www.ncte.org/awards/student/aa](http://www.ncte.org/awards/student/aa)


Did you know:

- GWP’s first Summer Institute was held in 1978?
- The SI is for teachers in grades PK – post high school in all content areas?
- The SI can be taken for graduate credit through the College of Education or the English department?
- GWP has had over 250 teacher-writers join our network since 2000?

Stay Connected!