**OneCity Stories: Multi-media Composing for St. Louis Youth**

St. Louis has long established itself as a segmented city of neighborhoods used to define the identity of its residents. These neighborhoods feed into local school districts and as a result young people often grow up only really knowing St. Louis within these invisible borders. GWP believes it is imperative to bring these young people together in order to break this cycle. In launching OneCity Stories, we seek to connect students from across our city and support them in sharing their unique perspectives and experiences. We know they are passionate, creative, and have the drive to make positive change in our community. GWP will provide them with the tools—the pen, the microphone, the camera, the stage, the inspiration, and the space—to shape the future of St. Louis. OneCity Stories program participants will create and publish multimedia projects with the support of professionals in the journalism, film, and radio broadcasting fields, as well as build relationships with a community of fellow writers.

Please share this exciting opportunity with the young writers you know (grades 9-12). You can print the flier attached to this newsletter to hang in your school or classroom. There are also bookmarks that can be printed and handed directly to students. Students should visit onecitystories.org for more information and application materials. This opportunity is open to all and we need a blend of students to make it a success. Please share far and wide!

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**Blurring the Lines: Cross-Content Learning**

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 II from 5:00–8:00.

- **April 8** – Climate Science Workshop at Missouri Botanical Garden
- **April 22** – Civil Rights in St. Louis at Missouri History Museum
- **April 29** – STEM Innovation Workshop at St. Louis Science Center

Click [here](#) for session information and to register your team. Space is limited...don’t delay!

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**Camp NaNoWriMo**

To extend and build upon National Novel Writing Month (November), GWP will host Camp NaNoWriMo “Write-Ins” at various St. Louis locations in both April and July. We welcome youth writers and their teachers or parents to drop in and write with us anytime between 1:00 – 4:00. Writers can tackle any project they’d like, including new novel drafts, revision, poetry, scripts, and short stories. This event is free and open to all. April dates are listed below:

- **April 1**—St. Louis Zoo
- **April 8**—St. Louis Art Museum
- **April 22**—Laumeier Sculpture Park
- **April 29**—Missouri Botanical Garden

Please share the flier attached to this newsletter with your students and colleagues. Contact Cathy Griner at cgriner8@sbcglobal.net with questions.
**Stay Connected!**

**Writing Opportunities for Teachers and Students**

- **Slice of Life Story Challenge**
  Link up with Two Writing Teachers and join their 10th Annual Slice of Life Story Challenge. Push yourself to post a snippet of your daily life every day for the month of March and become eligible to earn prizes. You could also push your students to write daily for the month. [https://twowritingteachers.org/2017/01/22/solscyear10/](https://twowritingteachers.org/2017/01/22/solscyear10/)

- **The Global Student News Network**
  The GSNN features multimedia projects from students around the world on a different topic each month. Consider posting one of your students’ stories to the hashtag #GSNN to help them have a chance to be featured. Check out [http://gsnn.weebly.com/](http://gsnn.weebly.com/) to see this month’s topic and find out more details.

- **The Kate Chopin Defiance Award**
  The Defiance Award recognizes the contributions of an individual who thinks, acts, or creates in an innovative way. One $100 prize will be awarded to a high-school student from the St. Louis area. Letters of nomination should be submitted to Dr. Kathleen Nigro at nigrok@umsl.edu by April 3. More details can be found [here](http://gsnn.weebly.com/).

**GWP Monthly Writer’s Group**

When: Last Tuesday of the month at 4:30  
Where: Fergie’s Bar & Restaurant

Click [here](http://gsnn.weebly.com/) for more information.

**GWP Cooks @ RMHC**

On March 24, join GWP TCs to cook and write with guests at the Ronald McDonald House. Click [here](http://gsnn.weebly.com/) for more information or to sign-up. What better way to welcome spring?

**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](http://gsnn.weebly.com/).

**Spotlight on...**

**...TCs who inspire their students!**

- **Elizabeth Yee** sponsors the student-produced literary magazine at Villa Duchesne High School. Their publication was one of only 24 out of 334 entries to win the highest award from the 2016 Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines (PRESLM).

K-Word, the Kirkwood slam poetry team, won 1st place in the VerbQuake Youth Poetry Slam competition. Two students also qualified to represent St. Louis at the national slam competition, Brave New Voices, this summer. **Dominic Pioter** is their coach.

**Kimberly Gutchewsky**’s student, Journey Smith from Ladue Horton-Watkins High School, won a Silver Key award for her dramatic script in the Scholastic Writing Awards Contest.

Do you know a GWP TC who should be spotlighted? Send info to Katie O’Daniels.