Providing free help with writing of all kinds to members of Madison's local community since 1999

From CWA Writers

“Thanks to Community Writing Assistance, I can express myself with confidence. I no longer am afraid of sending an email or applying for a job I really want.”

“I think of my CWA instructor not just as a teacher, but as a valued reader and friend. She cares about my writing and helped me discover my own voice in the world.”

“When I first came to CWA I didn’t know whether I wrote well enough to return to school; I’d been at home for almost two decades raising my kids. Thanks to CWA, this fall I’m starting part-time at MATC.”

“Through this service I discovered that I actually like to write. I’ll be doing more of it in the future!”

From CWA Instructors

“My two years of work in CWA has been central in shaping my experience as a graduate student in the English department’s program in composition and rhetoric. I now have an expanded notion of what literacy is.”

“CWA has been one of the very best parts of my graduate education. It’s changed the way I think about and practice writing.”

“The writers I’ve met in CWA have challenged me to become not just a better writer, but a better person. I’m so grateful for this opportunity.”

Writing Projects Recently Seen in CWA Sessions:
- Essay for Street Pulse, a publication supporting Madison’s homeless community
- Project statement for a back-to-work program for recent parolees
- Grant proposal to beautify park grounds from a neighborhood association
- Chapters from a first novel
- Practice sentences (written by a woman learning to write in English)
- Publicity email for book group
- Historical essay about railroad construction in Madison
- College application essay
- Parental intent statement for adoption application
- Poetry collection
- College application essay
- Book report for fourth grade reading contest

One-to-One Tutoring in Two Locations
- South Madison Branch Library
- Madison Public Library-Main Branch
- Check writing.wisc.edu for more details.

Writing Workshops (in Madison and at public libraries around the state)

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