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## Lethbridge Public Library 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Writer in Residence

The Lethbridge Public Library invites applications for the position of Writer in Residence for Fall 2019, as part of the Library's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

The residency is designed to champion the joy of reading, foster an understanding of the craft of writing and offer library patrons the chance to connect with and learn from a published author. The Writer in Residence will act as a mentor to writers in the community by reviewing manuscripts through individual consultations, and delivery of writing programs and workshops, public readings. The creative writing portion of the residency will be done at the Main Branch of the Lethbridge Public Library

### Description of the Position and Timelines

This program will take place over a three month term beginning late September 2019, and will include a minimum of five public workshops/programs as well as one-on-one consultations by appointment. The author will be expected to serve as Writer in Residence 12 hours per week, for 12 weeks. The author will use this time to engage with the community as well as work on their own writing at the Library. The residency will begin with a kick-off at event at The Word on the Street Festival on Saturday, September 21, 2019.

### Qualifications:

- Applicants must have been published professionally, in any genre of fiction, short stories, poetry, drama, children's literature, or non-fiction written for the general public.
- Professional teaching or public speaking experience
- Comfortable and willing to engage with the public one-on-one and in group settings
- Active participant in the writing community
- Must reside in Canada. Please note, no travel or accommodation costs will be paid.
- Actively working on a new writing project intended for publication
- Available for The Word on the Street Festival on Saturday September 21, 2019

### Applications must include:

- a letter outlining suitability for the position
- a literary resume
- one letter of reference
- proposals for public programs to be offered in the library during the residency
- writing samples: published book and/or 15-20 pages of work-in-progress

The Writer in Residence will receive a fee of \$5,000 for the three-month duration of the program upon the completion of their term. The successful candidate will be selected by a committee. All applicants will be notified once the committee has made its selection. Please submit applications to [elisabeth.hegerat@lethlib.ca](mailto:elisabeth.hegerat@lethlib.ca) by 4:00 pm on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> with the subject line "Writer in Residence application."