from yareview.net (Young Adult Review Network)

The process of writing is quite solitary, but the process of finding an audience for your writing requires reaching out - convincing someone else that what you have written is worth reading. Here are a few tips and resources to help you improve your writing, discover your voice and find an audience.

Ask and Learn

- Most authors have websites with email addresses. Many authors, especially those who write for children and teens, respond personally. Ask how they started to publish their writing, where they get their ideas, how to solve a particular problem in your own writing, if they offer writing workshops for young people. In the Washington area, you can find many children’s authors on the website for the Children's Book Guild of Washington, D.C. (www.childrensbookguild.org), as well as advice for aspiring authors and illustrators.

Submissions to Magazines and Contests

- **The Apprentice Writer**: Publishes fiction, poetry, personal essay, memoir, and photography. Grades 9-12.
- **B’nai Brith International**
  - [http://www.bnaibrith.org/diverse-minds-rules.html#details](http://www.bnaibrith.org/diverse-minds-rules.html#details) - Diverse Minds Writing Contest Grades 9-12
- **Cicada**: Submissions, tips and resources. Ages 14 and up.
  - [http://www.cicadamag.com](http://www.cicadamag.com)
- **Creative Kids**: National magazine. Ages 8-16.
  - [http://www.ckmagazine.org](http://www.ckmagazine.org)
- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Festival**
- **Imagine**: Information and inspiration to make the most of your pre-college years. Grades 7-12.
  - [http://cty.jhu.edu/imagine/](http://cty.jhu.edu/imagine/)
- **New Moon**: Ad-free magazine for girls. Ages 8 and up.
  - [http://newmoon.com/](http://newmoon.com/)
- **One Teen Story**: Literary magazine for young adult readers of all ages.
  - [http://www.oneteenstory.com](http://www.oneteenstory.com)
- **Potluck**: Diverse collection of creative media. All ages.
  - [http://www.potluckmag.com](http://www.potluckmag.com)
- **Skipping Stones**: Ad-free, international, nonprofit magazine. Submissions & contests. Ages 7-17.
  - [http://www.skippingstones.org/index.html](http://www.skippingstones.org/index.html)
- **Stone Soup**: Print magazine written and illustrated by young writers and artists. Ages 8-13.
  - [http://www.stonesoup.com](http://www.stonesoup.com)
  - [http://www.teenink.com](http://www.teenink.com)
  - [http://www.writingconference.com/writer%27s.htm](http://www.writingconference.com/writer%27s.htm)
- **YARN**: Literary journal by and for young adult readers.
  - [http://www.yareview.net](http://www.yareview.net)
  - [http://www.yareview.net/meet-the-editors](http://www.yareview.net/meet-the-editors) - Find out about YARN's young editors and interns.
Oodles of Ideas

- **Montgomery County Public Libraries Teen Advisory Group (TAG):**
  - [http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/teensite/tag](http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/teensite/tag)
- **Teen Writers Club**
  - [http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/teensite/teenwriting](http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/teensite/teenwriting)
- **Friends of the Library Montgomery County Student Board Member:** Open to incoming 11th graders.
  - [https://www.folmc.org/about/student-representative/](https://www.folmc.org/about/student-representative/)
- **Local Book Festivals:** Gaithersburg Book Festival, Bethesda Literary Festival, VA Book (Charlottesville), National Book Festival, Baltimore Book Festival, College Park Book Festival, F. Scott Fitzgerald Festival.
- **Young Authors Guide:** Contests, magazines, tips.
  - [http://www.newpages.com/pgguides/young_authors_guide.htm](http://www.newpages.com/pgguides/young_authors_guide.htm)
- **Pencil Tips Writing Workshop:** Writing tips, resources, strategies, practice activities.
  - [http://www.penciltipswritingworkshop.blogspot.com/p/writing-activities.html](http://www.penciltipswritingworkshop.blogspot.com/p/writing-activities.html)
- **Noodle Tools:** Online opportunities for young writers.
  - [http://www.noodletools.com/students/](http://www.noodletools.com/students/)
- **This is Not a Writing Manual:** A young adult writing memoir by Kerri Majors, YARN founder/editor.
  - [http://www.kerrimajors.com](http://www.kerrimajors.com)
- **Hunger Mountain:** Vermont College of Fine Arts Journal of the Arts.
  - [http://hungermtn.org/contests/](http://hungermtn.org/contests/)
- **StudioPAUSE:** Creative workshops in Arlington; founded by Sushmita Mazumdar.
  - [http://www.studiopause.com](http://www.studiopause.com)

Programs/Classes for Young Writers

- **Duke University Young Writers’ Camp**
- **Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY):** Preparing students to make significant contributions. Open to all grades. Resources, programs, courses, Imagine Magazine (see above).
  - [cty.jhu.edu](http://cty.jhu.edu)
- **Summer Writing Programs**
- **Susquehanna University Summer Advanced Writers Workshop**
  - [https://www.susqu.edu/academics/summer-high-school-programs/writers-workshop](https://www.susqu.edu/academics/summer-high-school-programs/writers-workshop)
- **The Writer's Center:** Workshops, classes, poetry journal (Poet Lore).
  - [http://www.writer.org](http://www.writer.org)
  - [http://www.writer.org/program/calendar](http://www.writer.org/program/calendar)
- **Writopia:** Creative writing workshops. Ages 6-18.

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