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***The Worcester Public Library Hosts Writing Workshop  
From Stage to Page with Author Lisa Kramer***

Worcester, MA – The Worcester Public Library will host a 3-week writing workshop series, *From Stage to Page: Using Creative Dramatics to Inspire Writing* with author Lisa Kramer, MFA, PhD, beginning Tuesday, July 12. The series, designed for ages 18 and over, will lead participants through a sequence of activities to help them step outside of their comfort zone, exercise their minds, and explore their writing in a new way.

Each session will focus on specific writing issues. Session 1 will be held on Tuesday, July 12 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. During this first week, participants will learn story structure and the creation of atmosphere and location. For Session 2, on Tuesday, July 19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., participants will learn character development. Finally, during Session 3, on Tuesday, July 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the focus will be on the development of authentic sounding dialogue. Each session is a stand-alone workshop, but participants are encouraged to build on their work from week to week, and share discoveries along the way.

Kramer is the facilitator of the workshop, which will take place in the Main Library's Saxe Room. She currently serves as a theatre director and teaching artists, and is the author of the young adult novel *P.O.W.E.R.* (Word Hermit Press), and an upcoming book called *Inclusive Theatre and Community Based Learning* (Palgrave/Macmillan).

The workshops are part of the Summer Reading Program at the Worcester Public Library. The theme for the 2016 program is "Wellness, Fitness, and Sports" - with loads of free programs being offered through August 20 at the Main Library and all branches. Participants are eligible for prizes for reading and participating in programs. All ages are invited to sign up for summer reading at [mywpl.org](http://mywpl.org) or at any library location until August 20.

For more information contact Linnea Sheldon, Community Relations and Communications Manager, at 508-799-1654 or [lsheldon@mywpl.org](mailto:lsheldon@mywpl.org). Check [mywpl.org](http://mywpl.org) for updates on the Summer Reading program, and for a complete listing of all programs please visit:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=WPL&setRef=new>

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