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RESOURCES

GUIDE FOR

LITERARY ARTS

Artists Live In Hamilton

This list of professional development resources was created based on the [LivingArts Hamilton](#) Community Consultations and Interviews for Literary Arts in 2015. These online resources address the needs of writers and publishers living and practicing in the Hamilton region.

This is a “living document”; it is by no means exhaustive and we welcome you to contact the Hamilton Arts Council with any other additional resources that may be useful to the professional development of artists and arts workers in the fields of Literary Arts.

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ARTS FUNDING FOR WRITERS AND PUBLISHERS

[Canada Council for the Arts - Writing and Publishing](#)

- The Canada Council for the Art contributes to the advancement of Canadian literature, through its programs. It supports professional literary artists and arts organizations involved in fostering and promoting Canadian literary arts.
 - [Grants for Professional Writers: Creative Writing](#)
 - [Travel Grants for Professional Writers](#)
 - [Grants to Aboriginal Peoples: Creation Grants for Writers and Storytellers](#)
 - [Grants to Aboriginal Peoples: Publishers](#)

- [Spoken Word, Storytelling and Literary Performance](#)
- [Book Publishing Support: Emerging Publisher Grants](#)
- [Book Publishing Support: Author Promotion Tours](#)
- [Book Publishing Support: Art Books](#)
- [Book Publishing Support: Block Grants](#)
- [Book Publishing Support: Translation Grants](#)
- [International Translation Grants](#)
- [Grants to Literary and Art Magazines](#)
- [Grants for Literary Arts Promotion: Project Grants](#)
- [Literary Readings and Residencies Program: Literary Readings](#)
- [Literary Readings and Residencies Program: Residencies](#)
- [Artists and Community Collaboration Program \(ACCP\)](#)

[Ontario Arts Council - Literature](#)

- The Ontario Arts Council encourages the development, publication and presentation of new works of literary significance in the province. The OAC funds writers, storytellers and spoken-word artists in all forms (except drama, which is funded under Theatre Programs).
 - [Block Grants to Book Publishers](#)
 - [Literary Festivals and Organizations](#)
 - [Literary Festivals and Organizations Projects](#)
 - [Magazines - Operating](#)
 - [Magazines - Projects](#)
 - [Word of Mouth](#)
 - [Writers' Reserve](#)
 - [Writers' Works in Progress](#)
 - [Works in Progress - Comic Arts](#)
 - [Works in Progress - Northern Competition](#)

[Ontario Arts Council - Skills and Careers](#)

- OAC supports training and mentorship opportunities that advance the work and careers of individual artists and arts professionals.

[City of Hamilton: City Enrichment Fund](#)

- The Arts Program of the City Enrichment Fund provides opportunities for all the people of Hamilton to enjoy and actively participate in the arts while enhancing social, economic and cultural prosperity and building strength in the arts sector. As of October 2015, the following programs were open for applications:
 - [Arts Organizations](#) provide not-for-profit arts organizations with a stable funding base to enable them to further their mission.

- [Arts Festivals](#) enhance the ability of organizations to produce and present arts festivals that have high merit, strong impact and solid viability.
- [Capacity Building for Arts Organizations](#) aims to strengthen the relevance, responsiveness, effectiveness and resilience of organizations.
- [Creation and Presentation Grants for Arts Professionals](#) provide the opportunity for artists to create and to present a body of work that will build and/or strengthen their careers and/or enhance the creative profile of the City of Hamilton.

[Ontario Trillium Foundation](#)

- Supports eligible organizations through investments in community-based initiatives in various areas including arts and culture.

[Hamilton Community Foundation](#)

- Supporting all aspects of community life through grants and financing to a wide range of charitable organizations and initiatives including the [Creative Arts Fund](#).

[Incite Foundation for the Arts](#)

- A Hamilton area charitable foundation that supports program excellence and creativity in visual and performing arts organizations in the Hamilton Area

[CBC Literary Awards](#)

- The only literary competition that celebrates original, unpublished works of short fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction in Canada's two official languages, with prize money, publication, and broadcast.

LEGAL ISSUES FOR WRITERS

[Professional Writers Association of Canada](#)

- A not-for-profit that serves for the professional interest of non-fiction, freelance writers and advocates for Canadian writers to receive fair pay, contracts and treatment. Valuable resources include:
 - [What to Pay a Writer](#)
 - [Copyright Basics](#)
 - [Best Practices Guide](#)
 - [Contracts and Negotiation](#)

[Access Copyright \(access ©\)](#)

- The Canadian Copyright Licensing Agency offers legal protection and payment for registered Canadian writers whose published works have been reproduced by photocopying or other means.

[Copyright](#)

- Industry Canada's answers to frequently asked questions about Canadian copyright.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLISHING

[Association of Canadian Publishers](#)

- An annotated directory of Canadian publishers and Canadian affiliate publishing organizations, offering useful tips on how to get published, get distributed, and get noticed.

[Book Promoters Association of Canada \(BPAC\)](#)

- A national organization, with strong regional representations in Toronto and Vancouver, composed of in-house and freelance publicists, marketers, bookstore employees, sales representatives, and students—anyone actively involved in the promotion of books in Canada.

[Canadian Publishers' Council](#)

- Canada's main English-language book-publishing trade association offering valuable links about the industry and a FAQ on getting published.

[CanLit Publishers](#)

- A lengthy collection of excellent, descriptive links to publishers of Canadian literature, hosted by Canadian Literature: A Quarterly of Criticism and Review.

[Editors' Association of Canada](#)

- A national association to promote and maintain high standards of editing and publishing in Canada, offering professional development seminars, books on editing, job hotline, fee guidelines, self-test, and a national members' directory of both freelance and in-house editors.

[Electronic Publishing: Guide to Best Practices for Canadian Publishers](#)

- The National Library of Canada's introduction to the pros and cons of various approaches to electronic publishing, with links to creative, efficient examples and further online resources.

[Advice on How to Sell Poetry](#)

- A primer on preparing poems, finding markets, submitting to magazines, chapbook and book publishers, publication, payment, and writer's values.

ORGANIZATIONS FOR WRITERS

[The Writers Union of Canada](#)

- The Writers' Union of Canada advocates on behalf of all writers for a stronger literary culture. Provides a wide range of programs and resources including [workshops](#) and [articles](#) by union members and staff on professional development issues.

[The Book and Periodical Council of Canada: Professional Development Resources](#)

- The Book and Periodical Council is the umbrella organization for Canadian associations that are or whose members are primarily involved with the writing, editing, translating, publishing, producing, distributing, lending, marketing, reading and selling of written words. The BPC offers a range of [Programs and Services](#) for writers.

[Canadian Authors Association](#)

- Canada's national writing association of "Writers Helping Writers" (both beginning and established) through a network of friendly local branches offering contests, awards, publications, and an annual writers' conference.

[Canadian Association of Journalists](#)

- The national, bilingual voice of Canadian journalists that upholds the public's right to know and encourages, promotes, and stands for excellence in investigative journalism.

[Canada Chapter of the American Medical Writers Association](#)

- Tips and articles on becoming a (better) medical writer, Canadian Medical Communicator newsletter, professional conferences and events, networking and job opportunities, medical book discounts, virtual reference shelf, e-mail membership directory and discussion group.

[Canadian Romance Authors Network](#)

- An informal non-profit group of published Canadian authors promoting romance writing and providing career support, featuring information about romance writing today, a bulletin board, members' roster, romance-writing and book-ordering links.

[Canadian Science Writers Association](#)

- A national alliance of professional science communicators in all media involved in communicating Science and Technology to non-specialist audiences, offering Science Link newsletter articles, student science writing workshops, links, and awards.

[Canadian Writers' Contest Calendar](#)

- A print directory of more than 350 Canadian and international writing contests, produced by White Mountain Publications.

[Canadian Writers' Foundation](#)

- A registered charity that aims to help Canada's writers and welcomes referrals and donations.

[Canadian Children's Book Centre](#)

- A national non-profit organization and registered charity to promote, support, and encourage the reading, writing and illustrating of Canadian books for children and teens, offering news, books, sound tape and video catalogue, children's writing contest, newsletter, and related links.

[Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators, and Performers \(CANSCAIP\)](#)

- A group of professionals (writers, teachers, librarians) promoting the field of children's culture through Toronto monthly meetings, writing workshops, an art collection, newsletter, and the annual Packaging Your Imagination conference.

WRITING RESIDENCIES AND RETREATS

[Banff Centre for the Arts](#)

- Canada's only learning centre dedicated to the arts, leadership development, and mountain culture, providing a Writing and Publishing Program, Creative Nonfiction and Cultural Journalism Program, Leighton Studios writing retreats for creating new work, Banff Centre Press, Cascade online magazine, links, readings, writers' workshops, lectures, and conferences.

[Berton House Writers' Retreat](#)

- A retreat in Dawson City, Yukon, for professional Canadian writers who have published at least one book and are established in any creative literary discipline.

LITERARY REVIEWS AND CRITICISM

[Canadian Literary Magazines/Journals](#)

- An annotated set of links to key Canadian magazines publishing poetry, fiction, literary essays, and reviews, provided by the respected quarterly of criticism and reviews Canadian Literature.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ARTS

[Hamilton Arts Council \(Calls for Entry & Opportunities\)](#)

- Provides artists with information about current opportunities they can apply for both within Hamilton and further afield.

[Culture Works](#)

- A resource for cultural workers and employers. Most if not all of the jobs are within the arts sector

[Work In Culture](#)

- An organization that offers a range of training and tools that help arts and culture professionals develop the business skills to match their creative talents including:
 - [Learning Programs](#)
 - [Publication Resources](#)
 - [The Job Board](#)

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WHAT DO ARTISTS NEED?

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