Paid Illustrators Needed for Mystery Novel Writing Workshop at Westlake Middle School

About Chapter 510

Chapter 510 is a made-in-Oakland youth writing and publishing center.

Our teaching artists and volunteers work side-by-side with educators to provide a safe space and supportive community for young people ages 6-18 to bravely write.

Our vision is that every young person in Oakland learns to write with confidence and joy.
About the Workshop
From October through May, we will welcome ten 6th grade scholars to write a mystery novel with us, each to be published as single-author titles. The workshop will be held at Westlake Middle School in our Chapter 510 Writers’ Room on Wednesdays from 4:15pm–5:45pm. Author and Teaching Artist Tiffany Golden will teach narrative and guide students through planning, writing, and revising their own novels. We will be participating in National Novel Writing Month in January to help students brave the blank page!

During the workshop, each student will be paired with a local author as their editorial mentor and assigned to a professional illustrator (YOU) who will bring their book to life.

Illustrator’s role
We are looking for artists to design covers and do spot illustrations for our youth-written novels penned during this workshop.

Illustrators must be able to commit to meeting with a young writer on zoom two times during the workshop; Wednesday Feb 9 and Wednesday April 20, 4:45pm–5:45pm, then once the workshop is over, work to bring their book(s) to life. We will then take students' stories and your illustrations and have the books professionally designed and printed for publication to be released at a book fair and reading. We require you to attend our book fair celebration, which will be held in Fall 2022 (date TBD). These youth imprints will be sold in our store, local bookstores, and will be in circulation in our Oakland Public Libraries.

Illustrations required:
3-4 simple spot illustrations (black and white)
1 simple cover illustration (color required, lettering optional)

Book specs:
Vertically-oriented, 5” x 7.5”

Compensation
We will pay illustrators $500 per book. If you are interested in bringing our student's books to life

How To Apply
Email margie_chartdiet@chapter510.org with a cover letter and a link to your work or attached work samples.