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### Calling All Writers! Palmdale to Host Creative Writing Workshop

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale’s culture and recreation department is offering a four-week creative writing workshop beginning Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Palmdale Oasis Park Recreation Center, 3850 E. Ave. S in Palmdale.

The workshops will be held on consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 7 through Feb. 28 from 10 am to 12 noon. They will be presented by local poet, author, and teacher Anne Yale. Cost for the class is \$40.

Participants will have the opportunity to get ideas for starting new pieces or writing, receive feedback and editorial suggestions on works in progress, and get tips on preparing finished pieces for publication. No previous experience is necessary – the workshops are open to everyone from novice writers to experienced authors.

Participants will learn to tap into their own creativity, explore new ideas, develop strategies for producing effective prose or poetry, and receive individual feedback from other writers, as well as the instructor. Special attention will be given to narrative and descriptive techniques.

“Regardless of the level of expertise a writer has, or the particular genre an author chooses to work in, whether it be short stories, novels, memoir, personal narrative, fiction or non-fiction anyone can benefit from this workshop,” Yale said. “It’s a very helpful and constructive process. It gives writers the chance to try out new ideas,

get feedback, and entertain suggestions for further development in a safe and welcoming environment.”

Two other sessions will be held March 7 through March 28; and April 11 through May 2.

For more information, or to register for classes, please call or visit the recreation and culture office at 38260 10<sup>th</sup> Street East, 661/267-5611 Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6 pm, or visit us online at [www.cityofpalmdale.org/playpalmdale](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/playpalmdale).

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