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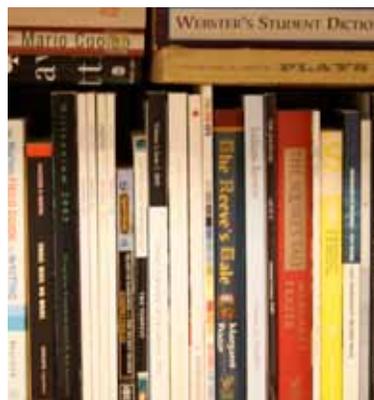
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## Literary Arts



## OVERVIEW



Writing as an art form develops best in a community. Students at ARGs share their work with peers, faculty, and professional authors in supportive and small groups. Our literary arts faculty remains active in the writing community. They hold MFAs in creative writing and have published in the field.



Our goals are to provide students with a supportive, cohesive literary community; to promote an understanding of craft; to provide opportunity for public presentation of original work; to publish a professional quality literary magazine comprised wholly of student work; to foster a love of reading; to be a visible presence in the community; and to provide opportunities for students to work closely with professional writers.



## CURRICULUM

Courses in the Literary Arts program move sequentially from Introduction to Creative Writing (where beginning students explore the writing process and the habits of a successful writer), through Genre Workshops (where students hone skills in specific types of writing such as poetry, fiction, or playwriting.)

## COURSES OFFERED

Print and Online Publication I, II  
(Literary Magazine and yearbook)  
Poetry I, II  
Fiction I, II  
Creative Nonfiction I & II  
Writing for the Stage I, II  
Thematic Studies Seminar  
(Reading for Writers) I, II  
Independent Projects Seminar  
Senior Project Seminar  
Visiting Writers Seminar

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Each year we host a **Writers' Festival** which includes readings and workshops by published authors, faculty, and students.

**Scholastic Art and Writing Awards** Our students consistently win regional and national awards.

In 2007-2008, we were the **Virginia State High School League Creative Writing Champs**. We will compete each year — your work could be included!

Our students have performed in the Petersburg Library's African-American Read-In, the Dinwiddie Celebration of Poetry Month, the Friends of Hopewell Library's monthly meetings, the Jamestown Celebration, NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month). We also hold monthly open mic readings at Minerva bookstore.

Our Literary Arts graduates attend universities such as George Mason University, University of Virginia, Harvard, Virginia Commonwealth University, Ithaca, Hollins, William and Mary, and more!