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Esteemed writers teach classes at new center

Three Riverdale writers have joined together with the Riverdale YM-YWHA to launch The Writer's Center, with workshops beginning in mid-March.

From novices to veterans, the new center will host three workshops, each taught by a recipient of the **Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Recognizes Its Own (BRIO) award.**

Local poet and teacher of The Writer's Center poetry class, **Sarah Stern**, said the goal is to create a writing community in Riverdale.

"All of us won BRIOs and we just thought, what a shame that there's no place to come to in Riverdale to build a writing community," she said.

Bruce Tallerman will teach Elements of Fiction Writing on Mondays beginning March 12, at 7 p.m. Mr. Tallerman has been published in many literary magazines including *Paterson Review* and *Southern Anthology* and taught fiction at the Gotham Writers' Workshop and at Riverdale Community Center.

Ms. Stern will teach How to Make a Poem on Tuesdays beginning March 13, at 7 p.m. Ms. Stern's first book of poetry *Another Word for Love* was published by Finishing Line Press last year. Ms. Stern's poetry has appeared in a number of literary magazines and anthologies including *Epiphany* and *Verse Daily*, and she received honorable mention awards from Anna Davidson Rosenberg Awards and *Lilith Magazine's* Poetry Prize.

Amy Gottlieb will teach Writing a Spiritual Memoir on Wednesdays beginning March 28, at 7 p.m. Ms. Gottlieb's work has appeared in *Lilith Magazine*, *Puerto del Sol*, *Nashim*, *Zeek* and *Other Voices*. The Bronx Writers Center awarded her a poetry residency and she won an honorable mention from the Ellen LaForge Poetry Prize.

Each workshop costs \$180 for 10 sessions; \$150 for Y members.

For more information or to register, go to www.riverdaley.org or call 718-548-8200. ■