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### **Write Your Life: A Memoir Writing Workshop**

**A Bronx Writers Center Workshop at the Mott Haven Library on Saturday, April 30, 2:30pm**

(Bronx, NY – April 22, 2011) The Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center presents **"Write Your Life: A Memoir Writing Workshop"**, one of a series of free writing workshops for aspiring writers, from 2:30-4:00pm at the Mott Haven Branch of the New York Public Library at 321 East 140th Street at Alexander Avenue. Admission is free. All are welcome.

Writer Mary Roma will present this free hands-on workshop for aspiring writers who are working on writing their life story (or just part of it). Learn techniques for recreating memories, writing for all senses and publishing your book. Ms. Roma will demystify the publishing process and take questions from the audience. Bring a notebook, a pen and your journal for this hands-on session. A brief Q & A will follow the workshop.

**Mary Roma** teaches writing at Empire State College and at New York University. Her writing has appeared in *PLANET* magazine and she's assisted in the English translation of *Ground Zero, The Day the World Changed* by Japanese photographer Yasuhide JoJu. She has an MA in English and American Literature from NYU and an MFA in Creative Writing from Bard College. She has been a mentor with Girls Write Now for the past three years and also co-taught the GWN College Essay Writing Workshop and Memoir Workshop. She has lived in New York City most of her life.

"Write Your Life: Free Memoir Writing Workshop" is one of a series of free workshops for writers produced by the Bronx Writers Center and presented on the third Friday of each month (through August 19th) at Barnes & Noble at Bay Plaza in the Co-op City section of the Bronx. This April 30th workshop was specially arranged as part of BCA's Culture Trolley Saturdays/Artists Studio Tours (visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) for details).

**Upcoming BWC Workshops at Barnes & Noble** at Bay Plaza are: an encore of "Write Your Life: Free Memoir Writing Workshop" on May 20th; "Re-Write it Right: Free Revision Workshop" on June 17th; "Vampires, Zombies and Magical Beings: Free Fantasy Writing Workshop" on July 15th and "First Lines: Free Workshop to Help You Get Started Writing" on August 19th.

**For additional information** on this workshop or other events presented by the Bronx Writers Center, call 718-931-9500 x21, e-mail [bronxwriters@bronxarts.org](mailto:bronxwriters@bronxarts.org), or visit the Bronx Writers Center's web pages at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org)

**Directions:** The **Mott Haven Branch of the New York Public Library** is located at 321 East 140th Street at Alexander Avenue. It is easily accessible by public transportation. By subway, take the 4, 5, or 6 train to Third Avenue; by bus, take the BX 15, 21, 33 or 41 to Third Avenue. For additional directions and information, call 718-665-4878. **Barnes & Noble at Bay Plaza** is located at 290 Baychester Avenue in the Co-op City section of the Bronx. To find out about other literary activities at the store, please call 718-862-3945 or visit [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) (click on "Stores and Events").

**The Bronx Writers Center** promotes and supports the writing community, the development of writers and the audience for literature and reading in the Bronx. Through our reading series and open mics, free creative writing workshops, seminars, fellowships, competitions, and the Bronx WritersCorps program, BWC reaches writers of all ages, backgrounds and disciplines. Over the years, BWC has presented one of the most diverse and exciting reading series in New York City, featuring emerging talents from the Bronx as well as renowned writers from around the country.

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