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**“First Lines: Starting Your Writing Project” – A Free Writing Workshop  
A Bronx Writers Center Workshop at Barnes & Noble Bay Plaza  
Friday, August 19, 7:00pm**

(Bronx, NY – August 1, 2011) Presented by the Bronx Council on the Arts’ Bronx Writers Center, **“First Lines: Starting Your Writing Project”** is a free writing workshop for aspiring writers who have a great idea for a novel, a children's book, a script or a memoir, but are having trouble getting started.

The workshop will be held at Barnes & Noble at Bay Plaza on Friday, August 19, 2011, from 7:00-9:00pm. Learn techniques for writing in 15-minute bursts, scheduling and using "creative cat toys." Q & A follows. Bring a notebook, a pen and an idea and resolve to get started. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Maria Romano, Director of the Bronx Writers Center (BWC), will host and facilitate the workshop. She will demystify the publishing process and take questions from the audience. Ms. Romano is a writer with more than 10 years experience in the publishing industry.

“First Lines: Starting Your Writing Project” is final summer workshop for writers produced by the Bronx Writers Center. For additional information on this workshop or other Bronx Writers Center events, 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) where BWC’s 2011-2012 writing workshop schedule will be posted shortly.

**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**, a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts, 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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