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## Minnetonka/Hopkins Events Calendar: Oct. 5-12

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### **'Novel writing for teenagers' workshop offered over MEA break**

A "novel writing for teenagers" workshop will be during MEA break. The two-day class will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, and 1-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Mainstreet.

The class will help teens improve their novel writing skills through hands-on writing exercises and lectures. On Thursday, students will learn how to develop a story idea, character and outline and get started on a manuscript. On Friday, students will learn about editing, proofreading and publishing options.

The instructor is Rachel Anderson, a Minnetonka resident who co-founded local publishing company Sigma's Bookshelf with her teenage son. The company exclusively publishes the work of teenage authors, ages 13 to 19, at no cost and also pays them royalties. Twelve books have been published, out of more than 60 submitted manuscripts, since the company launched in 2016.

"Those turned down have shared common issues: lack of a storyline that moves, undeveloped characters, bad grammar, et cetera," Anderson said.

The workshop costs \$50. Register at [sigmasbookshelf.com](http://sigmasbookshelf.com).