Writing Prompts Using Art
Presenter, Kathryn Waggener McGuire
Bloomfield Public Library
90 Broad Street, 2nd Floor Boardroom
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 1:00-2:30 pm

Presenter’s biography:

Kathryn Waggener McGuire is a painter, art historian, museum educator, and host of the Montclair Figure Drawing Group. She moved to Montclair, New Jersey after working with special exhibitions in the education department of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and completed her master’s degree in Museum Education and Historical Research at Teachers College, Columbia University. She has since written about and curated shows by American Artist A.B. Jackson, and focused on developing programs for museum audiences with Alzheimer’s and dementia.

Most recently, Kathryn served as Co-Director of Studio Montclair Inc’s “Incubator for Emerging Artists,” teaching artists professional practice in selecting artwork for well-curated exhibitions; writing label copy; composing and distributing press releases; refining bio’s and artist statements; and installation. While conducting studio tours and meeting artists in northern New Jersey, she was astounded at the amount of high-quality artists with large collections of artwork, stunted by a lack of scholarly, for-profit exhibition venues or gallery opportunities, thus inspiring her to open Clerestory Fine Art, which will debut in Spring 2019.

Workshop description:

Kathryn Waggener McGuire will conduct a literacy workshop leading participants through a guided discussion about several works of art, and then practice writing and discussing prompts tutors can use with students of different levels of speaking and reading abilities. We will discuss ways to incorporate poetry, descriptive writing, and cognitive connections between viewer experience and language.