Writing Your Own Story

Presenter, Kaitlyn Pezza
Bloomfield Public Library
90 Broad Street, 2nd Floor Boardroom
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
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Presenter’s biography:

With a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from The New School, a Master of Science in English Education from The City University of New York, and undergraduate degrees in both Advertising and English from Florida State University, Caitlyn has dedicated herself to inspiring others through the gift of creative writing and progressive education. She has been teaching students of all ages for over 10 years while she also engaged in the roles of English Department Head, Assistant Principal, and Director of Admissions and Outreach at private schools in both Manhattan and New Jersey. Her poetry can be found in The Best American Poetry, Able Muse, The Southeast Review, Espresso Ink, and NPR online.

Workshop description:

This workshop, Caitlyn will share tools to inspire students to write their own tales of wonder and imagination. All myths, both ancient and modern, follow the same underlying structure. Pezza will share the ideas of two authors: Dr. Joseph Campbell of “The Hero’s Journey”, who gives us a window into our own lives’ adventures; and Dr. Jean Houston’s own novel “The Wizard of Us” tells us we are both the story and the storyteller. Tutors learn to look into their own stories and plot them along the journey, and then use the same tools to draw their students out and teach them to write their own tales. This is a great way to get your students writing.