



**From an interview with Suzanne Collins, author of the Hunger Games trilogy:**

**What advice do you give to young writers?**

"A lot of people tell writers to write about what they know. And that's good advice because it gives you lots of things to draw on. But I always like to add that they should write about things that they love. And by that, I mean things that fascinate or excite them personally."

-Suzanne Collins

#### Staff Notes

**Sara Marquardt:** "I am looking forward to my first year as a camp instructor. What an honor! I have been an English teacher and publications advisor (8 years newspaper, 7 years yearbook) for the past 15 years, with writing as a major passion of mine. I love to write poetry, short stories, and novels in my free time. I've had many poems and short stories published in various journals and had my first and only book published a few years ago. I always have a writing project in the works; it completes me as a person, as hokey as that sounds. Every stage of writing energizes me and I'm excited to teach you what I know and help you become energized as well!"

**LeeAnn Morrill,** "This is my second year with the academy and we have some exciting new experiences planned. I can't wait to see you at camp!"

**Lisa Hutchinson,** "I am thrilled to come back this year to help facilitate my second writer's camp. To watch a diverse group of young people evolve into a community of writers, in such a short amount of time, is truly inspiring. I have been teaching English, journalism and public speaking for 14 years and my passion is to teach students how to express themselves in a variety of ways. I hope to encourage young authors to seek feedback from their coaches and peers in order to build self-confidence and to appreciate the emotional impact their words can have on a variety of audiences."!

The Fox Valley Writing Project at UW-Oshkosh, dedicated to improving writing instruction and students' writing skills, has been training teachers to advance writing instruction for over 25 years.

## Fox Valley Writing Project

# Future Author Academy

For Students Entering Grades Six through Twelve

**"Legend: Fantasy to Reality"**



**Monday – Thursday**

**June 15 – 18**

**June 22 – 25**

1:00 – 4:30

8 days of camp at

Oshkosh North High



FOX VALLEY  
**Writing Project**

**Camp includes:**

- ❖ A published author instructor
- ❖ A poetry reading
- ❖ An Oshkosh Urban Legend Tour
- ❖ Legendary Song Poetry writing
- ❖ Revision strategies
- ❖ Peer response groups
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- ❖ Desktop publishing

**Student Reactions:**

I like the "time to write...write"  
write..."

I like "just getting together  
with others who love to write."

**Parent Reactions:**

"The focus on writing techniques  
truly helped my daughter  
become a better writer."

"The support and encouragement  
from the staff made him more  
confident as a writer."

**Student Writing**

*Unseen*

-Zoe Bossert

What has society taught it's up and coming  
generations?

That we've got macho "men" to represent,  
with skimpy skirts to chant their pointless rhymes.

We've got ball catching boys  
to tackle the world's problems  
but where are the

Arts?

They're capturing beauty and working in  
shadows.

Up on stages in front of familiar  
faces,

waiting for the day where they  
can  
chase,  
their,  
dreams.

Others will continue to be  
Blind.  
Deaf.

To the fact that we are out here,  
waiting to make them  
speechless.

But don't worry,  
we have our defensive line  
to make their cavemen grunts,  
and scare away our worries.

So sit,  
eat your nachos,  
go cheer on the team.  
Because the spotlight is on  
them.

And we are going  
unseen.

**Registration**

**Register online:**

<http://goo.gl/C8N945>

**Tuition:**

**Early registration - \$150**

(Paid by May 5)

**After May 5 - \$175**

**Enclose check payable to:**

Fox Valley Writing Project  
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**Scholarship:**

Limited scholarship available.  
Contact LeeAnn Morrill for details.

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