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Memphis author to host workshop for aspiring little writers

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THE Little Writers WORKSHOP

S A T JUNE 11, 2016

IRA SAMELSON BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
894 Isabelle St. | Memphis, TN 38122
Check-in: **9AM** Workshop: **9:30AM - 11:30AM**

This workshop is for children ages 7 - 12 who have expressed a desire to write stories and/or a book. The children will learn about the basics of writing, the publishing process and begin a writing project guided by published author Jae Henderson. Basic cost is **\$20 per child**.

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Author Jae Henderson wants to help children ages 7 -12 develop their writing abilities. On Saturday, June 11, she will host her first Little Writer's Workshop, where children can learn about the publishing process, the basic elements of writing a good story, and begin a writing project that just might be their future book.

Children need to have average writing skills to attend. Check-in for the Little Writers Workshop starts at 9 a.m. and instruction will be from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Ira Samelson Boys and Girls Club, 894 Isabelle St. Children must be registered to join in the fun.

Some may remember Henderson from her days as an on-air personality and talk show producer for WHRK/K97 radio station. She is a graduate of the University of Memphis with degrees in journalism and English. Before becoming an author, she served as a freelance writer for several local publications.

In 2011, the Memphis native released "Someday," the first book in her inspirational romance trilogy novel and followed it with "Someday, Too," and "Forever and a Day." The books, which entertainingly illustrate how single Christians can enjoy dating while upholding their religious values, were warmly received by readers.

This encouraged Henderson to continue to write. To date, she has self-published a total of four novels and two books of short stories. Her latest novel, "Husband Wanted," will be released later this month. The Memphis native is also the founder of the women's motivational website www.imagoodwoman.com.

Henderson first developed a love of writing as a youth and according to her, the seed for the workshop was planted over a year ago after meeting several young people who had questions about how to write a book.

"It's not uncommon for parents to introduce me to their children, because they want

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them to meet someone who has written a book. It reinforces that they can do it to," said the independent author. "Then, I began being contacted by several parents who wanted me to spend time with their children and speak to them about the writing process."

Henderson said she realized the demand was there and decided to organize the Little Writers Workshop. "I am looking forward to helping aspiring writers develop their craft," she said. "I'm grateful to the Ira Samelson Boys and Girls Club for their assistance."

The New Tri-State Defender has joined her effort as a sponsor of the Little Writer's Workshop. TSD CEO and Publisher Bernal Smith II said the workshop just made perfect sense.

"New age media outlets need writers and readers in order to thrive. If we encourage literacy early in a child's life, it will follow them well into adulthood," said Smith. "It's our pleasure to assist in something that helps young people become better writers and hopefully will help them stay busy and out of trouble this summer. I consider it a wonderful collaboration, and I'm happy that we could help."

The Little Writers Workshop has had a good response. One non-profit organization, Women. Identity. Purpose. (W.I.P), saw its value and is sponsoring five female students from Shelby County School's Caldwell-Guthrie Elementary.

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Cynthia Cj Jones · Solutions Specialist Advisor at FedEx

Thanks for mentioning the Women Identity Purpose's sponsorship of the five girls in this wonderful workshop! We believe we make a difference by changing lives, one woman at a time (in this case, making an impact through the children)!

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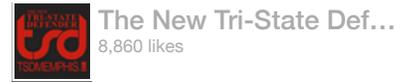
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