



# You're invited — A Summer of Events with Clarion West!

## Writing Sessions, WorldCon Parties, & More!

The Six-Week Workshop is virtual this year, but you can still join us for oodles of writing community events: virtual, hybrid in Seattle, Indianapolis & Brooklyn, and in-person in Seattle!

Events are hosted by organizational partners, alumni, friends, and supporters of Clarion West. Be sure to **RSVP online** for most events to get updates and announcements. Find the full list at [www.clarionwest.org/upcoming-events](http://www.clarionwest.org/upcoming-events).

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All are invited to participate in online Write-a-thon writing sessions, bonus Q&A sessions with Clarion West instructors, and weekly writing prompts shadowing the Six-Week Workshop! Visit [www.clarionwest.org/writeathon](http://www.clarionwest.org/writeathon) to learn more.

# Summer of Science Fiction & Fantasy

## Six-Week Workshop Instructor Events & Graduation

### June 25: **Alumni Reading** || **Virtual**

An unconventional kick-off to an unconventional summer! For our first summer reading and conversation, we will be featuring recent Clarion West graduates Yvette Lisa Ndlovu (CW '22), F.E. Choe (CW '23), Jason A. Bartles (CW '23), and Chris Yin (CW '24). Each will read from a recent work and then answer a few questions moderated by the Clarion West workshop team. You will be able to submit additional questions in the webinar.

**Time:** 5:00 - 6:30 pm PDT

**Location:** Zoom — [RSVP for link](#)

### July 1: **Maurice Broaddus in Conversation with Cadwell Turnbull** || **Hybrid**

The second summer reading and conversation featuring 2025 Six-Week Workshop instructor Maurice Broaddus, with Cadwell Turnbull (CW '16) as his conversation partner.

Maurice will read from his work and then chat with Cadwell before turning to the audience for questions. You will be able to submit questions in the webinar.

**Time:** 2:00 - 3:30 pm PDT

**Locations:**

Indianapolis, IN — check website for details

**Zoom** — [RSVP for link](#)

### July 22: **Carlos Hernandez and Diana Pho** || **Hybrid**

The summer's third author event is a conversation between 2025 Six-Week Workshop instructors Carlos Hernandez and Diana Pho. The two will chat about the writing life, editing, the publishing industry, and more. There will be time to take questions from the audience.

**Time:** 3:00 - 4:30 pm PDT / 6:00 - 7:30 pm EDT

**Locations:**

Brooklyn Public Library, Park Slope Branch  
431 6th Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11215

**Streaming live on Facebook**

### July 30: **Martha Wells in conversation with Kate Elliott** || **Virtual**

Our final author event of the summer is a conversation between 2025 Six-Week Workshop instructor Martha Wells and science fiction author Kate Elliott. There will be time to take questions from the audience.

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 pm PDT

**Location:** Zoom — [RSVP for link](#)

### August 2: **Six-Week Workshop Graduation Party & Social** || **Hybrid**

Join the Clarion West board, staff, and the Class of 2025 to celebrate their graduation from the Six-Week Workshop. This will be a hybrid event with student readings, a presentation of each graduate (via Zoom), and recognition of the Octavia E. Butler Scholarship recipient. The event will be followed by a social that will take place both online and in person.

**Time:** 11:00 am - 12:30 pm PDT

**Locations:**

Hugo House  
1634 11th Ave  
Seattle, WA 98122

**Zoom** — [RSVP for link](#)

### **Accessibility:**

- Clarion West uses a live captioner for all public events in Zoom.
- ASL interpreters may be requested at least three weeks in advance.
- The Park Slope Brooklyn Public Library [July 22 — Brooklyn] is an accessible location.
- Hugo House [August 2 — Seattle] is an ADA accessible location.



# Celebrate Octavia E. Butler

## In-Person Seattle-Area Events

**June 22: Clarion West Book Swap & Octavia E. Butler Birthday Bash**  
|| In-person

The Seattle Public Library and Langston Seattle are hosting a celebration of Octavia E. Butler's birthday with performances by Amber Flame, Gabriel Teodros, Randy Ford, Jus Moni, Aramis Hamer, Zaina the Phenom, and others. Stop by the writers information table and bring a book to exchange (and a reusable tote to take away your new free finds).

**Time:** 12:00 - 3:00 pm

**Location:**

Langston Seattle  
104 17th Ave S  
Seattle, WA 98144

**Accessibility:** Langston is an ADA accessible location.

**June 23: EarthSeed — Celebrating Octavia E. Butler** || In-person

The City of Lake Forest Park is celebrating the designation of Octavia E. Butler Day and Octavia's birthday with the City Proclamation, a discussion about Octavia's influence on writers and artists, and information tables. Join in a discussion with writers Nisi Shawl (CW '92), Kathleen Alcalá (CW '87), and Caren Gussoff (CW '08).

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Location:**

Third Place Commons  
17171 Bothell Way NE  
Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

**Accessibility:** Third Place Commons is an ADA accessible location.

## Write-a-thon

### In-Person Seattle-Area Writing Sessions

**July 12: Write-a-thon Kick-Off Writing Session** || In-person

The Clarion West staff will host two hours of writing and community to kick-off the Write-a-thon this year. Snacks will be provided, as well as great company. Set your goals and get started writing. If we've unlocked the first \$5,000, we will stream the first Write-a-thon Surprise Guest together at Common AREA Maintenance, followed by an hour of writing.

**Time:** 9:00 - 11:00 am

**Location:**

Common Objects  
2601 1st Ave  
Seattle, WA 98121

**Accessibility:** The entrance to Common Objects is all one level. The doors are not automatic, but provide a wide entry. The space has two accessible bathrooms. There are no stairs.

**July 19: Write-a-thon Writing Session** || In-person

Get your writing juices flowing at the mid-way mark! Bring your work-in-progress and check your writing goals — are you finally going to earn the Overachiever Badge this year? Join the Clarion West staff for two hours of writing and community.

**Time:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Location:**

Third Place Commons  
17171 Bothell Way NE  
Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

**Accessibility:** Third Place Commons is an ADA accessible location.

# But Wait; There's More!

## Open Mic Night & WorldCon-Adjacent Events

### July 26: **Two Hour Transport Summer Open Mic** || **In-person**

July's open mic will be another summer partnership between Clarion West and Two Hour Transport. Held at the Magnuson Park Amphitheater, this outdoor open mic is a community favorite. This is a free event.

**Time:** 5:00 - 7:00 pm

**Location:**

Magnuson Park Amphitheater  
6344 NE 74th St  
Seattle, WA 98115

**Accessibility:** There is a parking spot immediately adjacent to the amphitheater. The Amphitheater is a grass lot, with no trail. There is not much natural shade, and it's recommended to bring your own hat or sun umbrella. There are no accessible bathrooms immediately adjacent to the amphitheater.

### August 13: **Clarion West WorldCon Welcome Party** || **In-person**

The Clarion West board, staff, and Seattle Community are pleased to invite you to an off-site WorldCon welcome party! You can expect a classic, potluck-style Clarion West summer party. Hugo House will offer a no-host bar and guests are encouraged to bring snacks to share. The event is free and all are welcome. **Please RSVP.**

**Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Location:**

Hugo House  
1634 11th Ave  
Seattle, WA 98122

**Accessibility:** Hugo House is an ADA accessible location.

### August 15: **Clarion West Alumni Reading & Social** || **In-person**

It's another off-site Worldcon event for alumni and friends. The event begins with a reading featuring Andrea Hairston (CW '99), Tim Chawaga (CW '19), Natalia Theodoridou (CW '18), David Sandner (CW '87), Kristina Ten (CW '19), and Henry Lien (CW '12). After a short state-of-the-org and Q&A with the Clarion West team, staff and party hosts Nancy Kress and Andy Duncan will mingle during our open social.

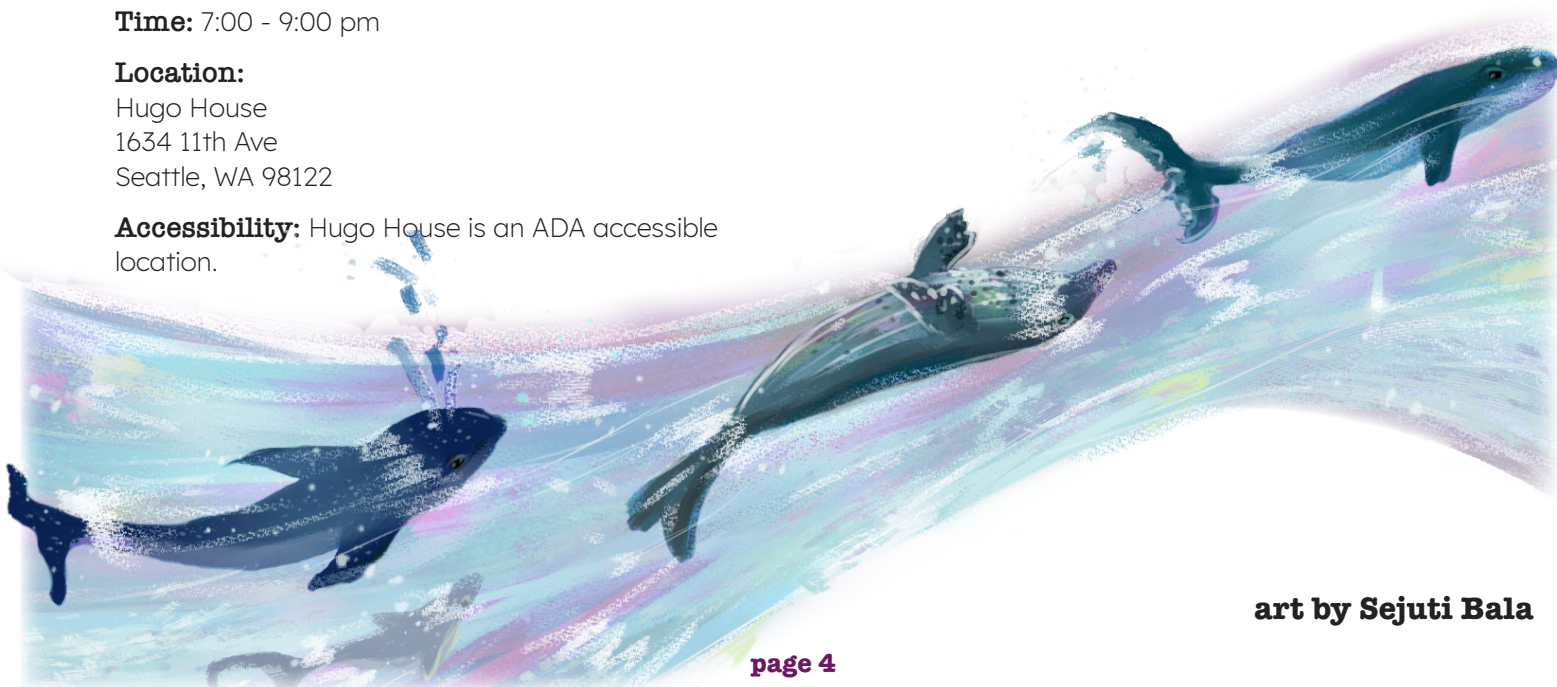
**Please RSVP.** This event is free for alumni and the greater Clarion West community and includes a light catered assortment of snacks from OHSUN Banchan Deli & Cafe sponsored by Tegan Moore and Chris Hahn. Have a favorite brew? Donated drinks to share are welcome!

**Time:** 5:00 - 8:00 pm

**Location:**

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