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## **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Announces Free Beautiful Truth Writing Workshop Series** *In partnership with Charlotte Lit*

**Charlotte, NC – January 9, 2019** – Charlotte Mecklenburg Library announces a free Beautiful Truth Writing Workshop series with 12 90-minute workshops held on Saturdays and Sundays from Jan. 5, 2019 through Jan. 27, 2019 at various Library locations. In partnership with Charlotte Center for Literary Arts, Inc. (Charlotte Lit), the workshops are led by writers, readers, and storytellers who will teach participants the art of personal narrative storytelling through a series of activities to help tell their own stories of life in Charlotte. All events are free but participants must register through [cmlibrary.org/blog/beautiful-truth-writing-sharing-our-stories](http://cmlibrary.org/blog/beautiful-truth-writing-sharing-our-stories).

“The Library is a place where individualism is celebrated, shared, and elevated. Every Charlottean has a story to tell, and we’re excited to offer this opportunity with Charlotte Lit to provide an arena for these voices,” said Chantez Neymoss, adult services leader of Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.

Charlotte Lit brings together professional writers and the men and women who want to learn from them through workshops and organized events throughout the year. Participants only need an interest in personal narrative storytelling. “Offering this workshop through the Library is a great opportunity for up and coming writers in our community. They can essentially take this workshop for free at the Library, while also transforming their city into a place where every voice is heard and every voice matters,” says Patrice Gopo, creator of Beautiful Truth Workshop.

Beautiful Truth is made up of three parts: public workshops to teach narrative storytelling; a weekend of events with acclaimed poet Terrance Hayes; and a public reading of personal narratives from across the Charlotte area. Only the Saturday and Sunday workshops are hosted at the Library.

### **Writing and Sharing Your Personal Stories 90-minute workshop series:**

- Jan. 5, 2019 at Beatties Ford Road Library
- Jan. 5, 2019 at Scaleybark Library
- Jan. 6, 2019 at University City Library
- Jan. 6, 2019 at South County Library
- Jan. 12, 2019 at Matthews Library
- Jan. 12, 2019 at Plaza Midwood Library
- Jan. 13, 2019 at Main Library
- Jan. 19, 2019 at Davidson Library
- Jan. 20, 2019 at Independence Library
- Jan. 26, 2019 at Morrison Library
- Jan. 26, 2019 at Mint Hill Library

- Jan. 27, 2019 at Main Library

For more information on The “Beautiful Truth” initiative programs from Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, visit [www.cmlibrary.org/blog/beautiful-truth-writing-sharing-our-stories](http://www.cmlibrary.org/blog/beautiful-truth-writing-sharing-our-stories).

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***About Charlotte Mecklenburg Library:***

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is one of America’s leading urban public libraries, serving a community of more than one million citizens in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Through 20 locations, targeted outreach and online resources, the Library delivers exceptional services and programs, with a mission to improve lives and build a stronger community. For more, visit [cmlibrary.org](http://cmlibrary.org).

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