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Breaking Into Print: Short and Sweet

Join Sherry Shahan at the Santa Maria Public Library on Saturday, January 23 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in Shepard Hall for a writing workshop that focuses on molding short stories and simple non-fiction into publishable shape. She will discuss the children's magazine market (*Highlight for Children*, *Boys Life Cricket*, etc.) and various newspapers (*LA Times* "Kids Reading Room" page) that publish stories and articles for young readers.

Ms. Shahan has over 30 published children's books, as well as scores of magazine and newspaper credits. She holds an MFA in Writing For Children and Young Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts and teaches at UCLA Extension. A selection of her books will be available for sale following the workshop.

Please note: Writers are asked to bring a working draft of short story geared toward children in the ages 6 to 8 age group. Keep it under 650 words. This event is open to adults and students 16 and older.

A FREE ticket is required for admission and seating is limited! Tickets are available in the Children's Room of the Library. Ticket Information: Patrons can come to the Library to pick them up, OR they may call once tickets become available to reserve them, but they must be picked up before closing of the same day. A maximum of four (4) tickets can be reserved, but reservations can only be made once. Tickets not picked up will be returned to available status the following day

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