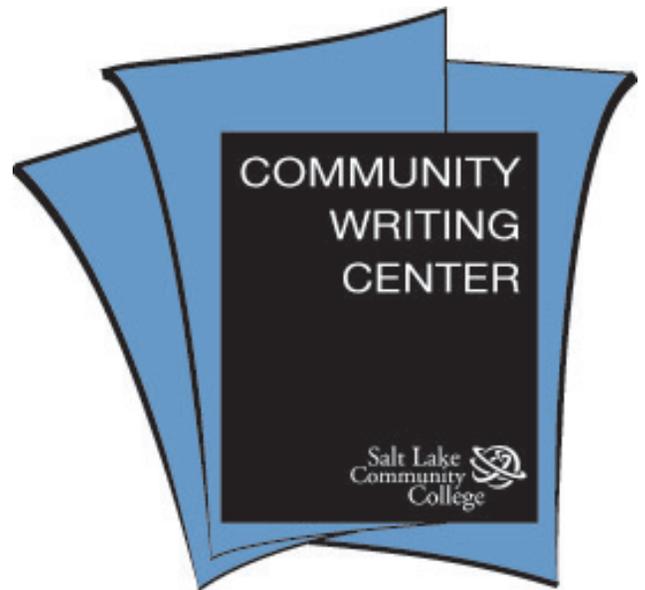


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SLCC Community Writing Center **2010-2011** Annual Report

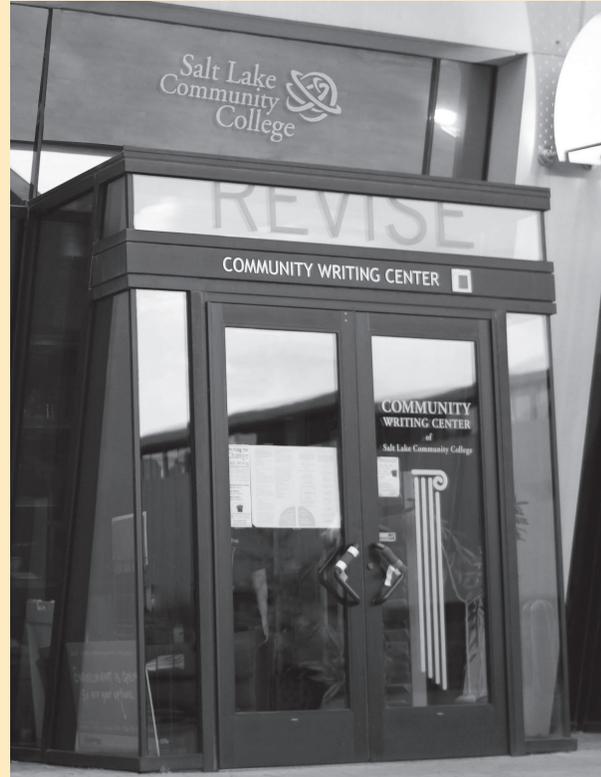
Salt Lake
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Who We Are

The SLCC Community Writing Center (CWC) supports, motivates and educates people of all abilities and educational backgrounds who want to use writing for practical needs, civic engagement and personal expression.

In 2010-2011, the SLCC Community Writing Center ensured access to the power of writing for hundreds of people and organizations across the Salt Lake Valley. More than 550 community members came to the CWC for the first time this year to improve their writing skills. Since opening in 2001, the CWC has directly served more than 3600 community members and partnered with nearly 260 community organizations.



The SLCC Community Writing Center is located downtown at Library Square Plaza, 210 E. 400 S., Suite 8.



More than 80 community members volunteer each year with the CWC as off-site writing coaches, DiverseCity Writing Series mentors and Salt Lake Girls Write mentors.

Snapshot of CWC Writers

- More than 32% of CWC writers have annual household incomes of less than \$12,000; 45% have family incomes of less than \$30,000 per year.
- Nearly 30% of CWC writers have high school diplomas, and 30% of writers have Bachelor's degrees. Our community keeps on learning, even after school "ends."
- More than 30% of CWC writers are from ethnic minority backgrounds.

A Community of Writers

Writing Coaching

The CWC offers free one-on-one collaborative writing assistance, offering helpful feedback in a supportive environment on any type of writing: civic practical or personal. More than 900 community writers have spent time with writing coaches this year, working with trained staff and volunteers to improve their resumes, poetry, letters-to-legislatures, grammar and emails (to name a few).



One-on-one Writing Coaching offers assistance on any kind of writing, at any time.



Civic, Practical and Personal Writing Workshops provide access to new learning opportunities.

Writing Workshops

Nearly four dozen low-cost (sometimes free) writing workshops at the CWC and with community partners provided more than 350 community members with new learning opportunities that included developing grant-writing skills, documenting personal histories, and advocating for their communities. Says one workshop participant, “I like the openness of the workshops; everyone has a voice.”

DiverseCity Writing Series (DWS)

The DWS is a city-wide writing group and publishing program, bringing together diverse writers and audiences from across the valley. Thirty-four volunteer mentors and more than 200 community writers participated in the 16 DWS writing groups this year. More than 80 written works of fiction, non-fiction and poetry are featured in our newest publication, *sine cera: A City Devoid of Sharp Edges*.



DWS writing groups, including the Veterans writing group, meet bimonthly to discuss each other's work.

A Partner in the Community



The CWC's Salt Lake Girls Write mentoring program pairs underserved 11th grade girls with women in the community who use writing in a significant way.

The CWC believes in collaborating with other organizations to provide the best access possible to community learners. Partnerships that bring together multi-institutional partners provide dynamic, innovative and pedagogically-sound learning and literacy opportunities for the community. "Thank you for your work in educating our community," says Salt City Mayor Ralph Becker.

Partnerships with Non-Profit Organizations

Since its opening, the CWC has partnered with more than 130 nonprofit and for profit organizations. In 2009-2011, we worked with more than 40 partners, including:

- **University Neighborhood Partners, the English Skills Language Center and the Hartland Residency** partnered with the CWC to offer weekly writing coaching for intermediate ESL writers of refugee and international status.
- **Salt Lake County Metro and Oxbow Jail** inmates participated twice weekly in Life-Skills and Personal Writing workshops facilitated by CWC Writing Assistants.
- Members of the **SL County Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency Program** of Utah participated in monthly writing workshops focused on resume and job applications.
- **The Guadalupe School's Adult ESL** students worked with the CWC to create testimonials about their experiences in the US.
- **Midvale, Sunday Anderson, Riverbend, Liberty and Magna Senior Center's** writers attended the Silver Pen Essay Writing Workshops in preparation for the Silver Pen competition.
- Writers at the **YWCA** participated in skills-based and employment writing workshops.
- **Utah Pride Center** partnered with the CWC to facilitate Breast Dialogue workshops and evening event.
- **Timpanogos Storytelling Festival** partnered with the CWC for performances during the Utah Arts Festival.
- Writers at the **Center for Women and Children, Men's Detox Group, St. Mark's Tower (Assisted Living), Veterans Affairs, and Literacy Action Center** participated in the DiverseCity Writing Series and *sine cera* publication.

Partnerships with Youth

The CWC fosters writing at early age, including practical, civic and personal writing opportunities with the following youth organizations:

- **Homeless Youth Resource Center:** Bimonthly “Youth DiverseCity Writing Series” Writing Group
- **Primary Children’s Medical Center:** monthly workshops for youth patients
- **Calvary Academy of Excellence/Saturday School:** weekly Saturday workshops for under-served elementary students
- **Youth City:** Eight-week summer writing camp
- **Westminster:** week-long summer writing camp
- **Main City Library’s Teen Job Fair:** College Application Essay Workshop
- **East High:** College Entrance Letters Workshop
- **West High:** College Entrance Letters Workshop
- **Youth Peer Court:** reflective and life-skills mentoring



Partnerships with State Agencies

The CWC provided professional writing workshops to the following organizations:

- **Utah State Office of Education’s Child Nutrition program:** The CWC facilitated a Professional Writing Workshop with USOE employees.
- **Rural Water Association of Utah:** the CWC offered an all-day “Grant Writing” workshop for affiliates seeking federal grant funding.
- **SLCC’s Grande Theater, Center for Innovation and Encore programs:** the CWC facilitated trainings and workshops.



Kids age 5-18 have participated in the CWC’s interactive youth writing programs and activities, including public readings.

In Partnership with the City Library

During the 2009-2010 year, the CWC collaborated with the Downtown Public Library on the following projects:

- *Writing for Change* is a bimonthly writing event bringing community members together to make real changes in their communities through writing. The events are at City Library locations, as well as partnership organizations. A Writing for Change tutorial is online at slcc.edu/CWC.
- *Salt Lake City Teens Write* provides long-term academic and career mentoring for under-served teens through writing. Teens are paired with a same-gender mentor, a community member who uses writing in a significant way. Together the mentor and teen write in multiple genres, create portfolios of their writing, attend group workshops and participate in the SLTW publication and public reading at the end of the school year.
- *Arm Chair Travelers and Book Clubs* at the Downtown Public Library add writing to their studies through CWC workshops on Travel Writing and Book Reviews.

A Place of Education



The CWC is staffed by two SLCC teaching faculty, graduate and undergraduate students from the local universities and college, as well as two AmeriCorps Vista Volunteers.

The CWC is a place for students to reach their educational and career goals. College and high-school students intern at the CWC and also participate through service-learning, civic engagement and research-based programs. Most of the CWC's paid Writing Assistants are currently enrolled in academic programs.

The Utah Community Literacy and Writing Consortium (UCLAWC)

supports and develops community literacy and writing opportunities, providing mutually beneficial outcomes for community members and consortium students, faculty and staff. UCLAWC was founded by the CWC and includes the partners Salt

Lake Community College, Westminster College and the University of Utah. This year, the UCLAWC has provided job-sharing for staff of the CWC and student writing centers to better understand the relationship between the community and student writing tutoring, as well as offered students opportunities in the CWC's Writing for Change events and research.

Community Festivals

The CWC engages in public community events that inspire writing, including:

- **The Utah Arts Festival:** As co-coordinator of the Literary Arts program, the CWC offered 18 events, including readings, workshops for kids and adults, and the Wasatch Iron Pen competition.
- **World Refugee Day:** The CWC offered six-word memoir activities and exhibit to showcase the memoirs
- **Downtown Alliance's Farmers Market at Pioneer Park:** Throughout the summer, the CWC encouraged community members to write with the "Write a Minute" activity or engage in magnetic poetry.



The CWC hosts half of the literary arts programming for the annual Utah Arts Festival, including gigantic magnetic poetry activities.

Freedom Writers Community Writing Campaign

In the summer of 1961, more than 400 Americans got on buses and risked their lives in defense of Americans' civil rights. While we've come a long way, we're still on the journey. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights movement, the CWC asked our community for their stories, poems, and essays about civil rights and civic engagement today. Community Writers responded in a big way. Writers be featured in the CWC's traveling exhibit, "Community Writes," throughout the year, and will read from their work for the Martin Luther King holiday at Sorenson Unity Center.

CWC Employees:

People are often amazed at what can be done with such a small CWC staff, but this group's dedication and creativity make it all possible. The following groups make CWC programming possible:

- Two SLCC English Department teaching faculty direct the Center.
- Five part-time staff members (mostly university or college students) work as writing coaches, workshop facilitators and program coordinators.
- Two AmeriCorps Vista Volunteer create sustainable partnerships between the CWC and nonprofits to increase capacity, address poverty issues and improve poverty awareness.
- CWC Volunteers donate their time as writing coaches, workshop facilitators, DWS mentors and event assistants. In 2010-2011, more than 70 volunteers donated approximately 350 hours in support of CWC programming.

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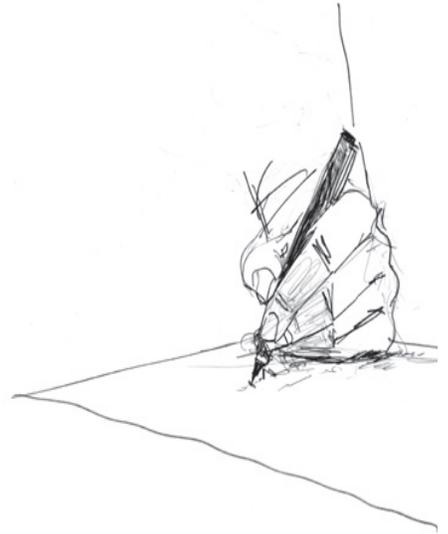
The Salt Lake Community College is the major funder of CWC programs; yet, the CWC is responsible for raising external funds for a portion of its operating and program costs. The CWC was funded this year by the Salt Lake City Arts Council, and has been funded previously by foundations such as the B.W. Bastian Foundation, the Utah Humanities Council, and personal donations.



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