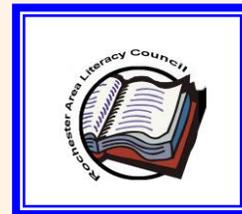


# Rochester Area Literacy Council

## Launching Literacy Learning!



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Amy VanDerwater Presents...

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## Keeping a Notebook: Romp, Risk, Rehearse!

Saturday, September 30, 9:00 – 12:00 pm  
French Road Elementary School, Brighton, NY

Choice matters. When students learn to make writing choices, they are more likely to choose writing. And what better place than a notebook for such play? A writer's notebook is a place to take risks. In a notebook, we play with words, learn from mentor authors, make lists, and discover surprising thoughts. A notebook can become a golden thread woven through our writing workshop, reminding us of where we've been, how we think, who we are. During our time together, we will explore many strategies for collecting and developing ideas in a notebook, and we'll examine how this tool supports writers throughout a writing cycle and year. With time and trust, a writer's notebook becomes rich compost from which literature can grow. Bring a notebook!

Amy Ludwig VanDerwater is author of poetry books *Forest Has a Song* (2013), *Read! Read! Read!* (2017) and *With my Hands* (2018) as well as picture books *Every Day Birds* (2016), and *Dreaming of You* (2018). A former fifth grade teacher, Amy received her MA from Teachers College, has taught writing for nineteen years, is author of *Poems Are Teachers: How Studying Poetry Strengthens Writing in All Genres* (2017), co-author of *Poetry: Big Thoughts in Small Packages* (2013), and blogs at The Poem Farm and Sharing Our Notebooks. [www.amyludwigvanderwater.com](http://www.amyludwigvanderwater.com)

### Register by Sept. 26

- RALC Member Fee: \$20
- Non-member Fee: \$30
- Student Fee: \$15
- Walk-in Fee: add \$10.00

Amy VanDerwater – September 30, 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ Are you a 2017-18 RALC member? (Join now & pay the early bird member fee with your registration fee.)

\_\_\_\_ Included is my **early bird membership fee**: Professional = \$20; 1<sup>st</sup> Yr. Teacher/Student/Retired = \$15

EVENT PAYMENT: \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_ District PO (Please have your district send separately.)

\*If registering by email and you intend to pay with check or cash, please bring payment on the day of event.

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