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**Joanne Clarkson teaches:  
“Writing Miracles: Sharing the Great and Small Triumphs in Your Life.”**

Celebrate National Library Week 2011 (April 10-16) at the [Aberdeen Timberland Library](#) with a hands-on writing workshop focusing on extraordinary life stories. This year’s library week theme is “Create your own story @ your library.” Author Joanne Clarkson will lead participants through activities geared toward describing events that have touched them in significant ways. Both experienced and first-time writers are welcome. The program will be held on Tuesday, April 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the library’s meeting room.

Participants may choose to write in any form: autobiography, memoir, poetry, even short stories or novels based on incidents in their lives. This is a hands-on workshop that covers everything from choosing and defining a topic to organizing, editing and finding a voice through excellent writing skills. Useful library resources will be highlighted and worksheets will be provided.



Ms. Clarkson believes that all of us have moments—ranging from birth and death, to an encounter with nature, to an unexpected human kindness—that touch us profoundly. “By finding the words to describe these experiences, we preserve and define them for ourselves. By sharing them with others, we give hope and beauty to the world,” said Clarkson.

A librarian for 20 years, Ms. Clarkson has Master’s Degrees in Creative Writing and Library Science. She is the author of two chapbooks of poetry and publishes regularly in magazines and journals. In 2010 she was a winner of the Pacific Northwest Playwright Association’s annual poetry contest. She has poems accepted for an upcoming anthology on Memoirs and a poem included in the popular Alzheimer’s Anthology. After caring for her mother through a long illness, she re-careered and currently works as a registered nurse in home care, experiencing miracles every day.

The Aberdeen Timberland Library is located at 121 E Market Street, Aberdeen. For more information, please call the library at (360) 533-2360 or go to [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).