

April 4, 2011

**Author Joanne Clarkson to teach:  
“Writing Miracles: Sharing the Great and Small Triumphs”**

In a writing workshop scheduled to coincide with National Library Week 2011 (April 10-16), 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 at the [Shelton Timberland Library](#) (William G. Reed Public Library) on Saturday, April 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. This year’s library week theme is “Create your own story @ your library.”



Participants may write in the form of their choice: 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 Shelton Timberland Library is located at 710 W Alder Street. For more information, please call the library at (360) 426-1362 or go to [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).