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Note: This is a repeat offering of the workshops held at the Calvin Park and Isabel Turner branches earlier this year.

Are you a senior with a lifetime of memories you'd like to share? You know you've got a story inside of you — perhaps a memoir or a multi-generation family history. Knowing how to go about telling your story is another matter. Should you put it in writing or record your voice, and do you rely on your memory or fact-check everything? It can be hard to know where to start. If this describes your situation, then this hands-on workshop series by award-winning author Jean Rae Baxter may be for you.

Starting on Tuesday, September 11, at 2 p.m., Jean will meet with a small group of seniors for two hours each week and show how to create a narrative people will want to read. You'll learn how to organize your writing project and how to write about your life experiences. The tools of fiction will help you make anything — a special person, place or thing — memorable. Be warned, though! You'll learn by writing, and you should expect two to three hours of homework each week. By the end of the fifth week (on Tuesday, October 9), you'll have a story to share with family and friends, and to pass on to the next generation.

This workshop series, to be held at the Sydenham branch, is open to all seniors, free of charge. Since seating is limited, please register in advance, making sure that you'll be able to attend all five sessions. Registration opens at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, and you can register online at http://url.ie/12gih or by phoning any KFPL branch. You will be asked for your Kingston Frontenac Public Library card number when you register. (Registration without a KFPL card is permitted, provided you take out a membership before the first workshop session on September 11.) Please check the requirements for membership first at www.kfpl.ca/getting-started/getting-a-library-card or by phoning (613) 549-8888 to speak with a staff member. Memberships are free to all residents and taxpayers of Frontenac County and the City of Kingston, but non-residents will need to take out a subscription (minimum membership is \$12 for three months).

If you are ready to start telling your story, then please consider registering for this wonderful opportunity to kick-start your writing project!

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