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Dear Friend,

Look out the window here in Portland, and you might not know it's summer. Stop by Write Around Portland, though, and you'd know it right away. Our summer workshops - all lucky 13 of them - are off to a great start.

In the first week of the workshop at [Shrunk Riverview Tower Apartments](#), participants were already feeling the power of writing. While giving feedback to other writers, two new participants acknowledged that writing and sharing was already bringing them closer.

I'm looking forward to even more connections and creativity as the summer heats up. You can read more about the power of writing in the interview below with [our featured writer, Glen Ham](#), a student at Timber Lake Job Corps in Estacada.

Happy summer!

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Executive Director

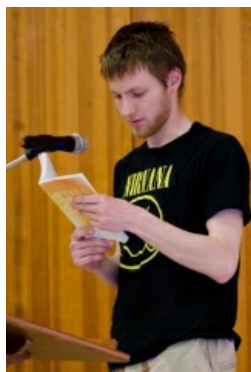
P.S. The forecast calls for sun - fingers crossed. Don't be caught on a sun-filled day without a good summer read. I recommend [our lastest book, *Still the Days Grow Longer*](#). Details below!

**Read all about it: Workshop highlights, thanks to all our supporters and more**

We've just released our [2010 Annual Report](#), and we're excited to share it with you!

[Click here for highlights](#) from our workshops for more than 400 adults and youth last year, a list of our amazing agency partners, our show of gratitude for our generous supporters, 2010 financial data and more.

If you'd like us to mail you a copy of the report, just give us a call (503.796.9224).

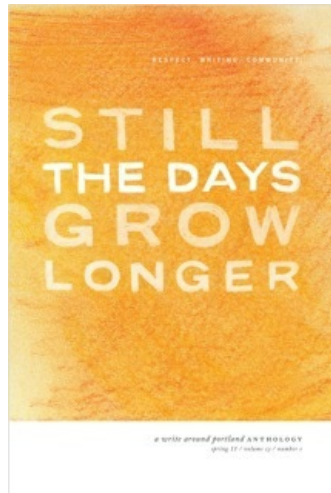
**Featured writer "amazed" by creative writing**

Glen Ham, pictured above, is a student at [Timber Lake Job Corps](#), a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor in Estacada, Oregon. The program helps young people ages 16 through 24 improve the quality of their lives through career, technical and academic training.

Glen recently participated in our workshop at Timber Lake. He and his fellow workshop participants traveled to Portland to read their writing at our spring anthology release party.

The workshop *"was an awesome experience. I loved it,"* Glen told us. *"I bet a lot of people get more than they expect from the workshops. It helps you listen and open your mind...Something about writing connects on a whole deeper level than just conversing with people. Creative writing is amazing."*

[Click here to read Glen's writing and more about his experience in the workshop.](#)



A great summer read - and a nice way to support your local bookstore

Our new anthology, *Still the Days Grow Longer*, is out now!

You can find it at your local Portland independent bookstore - [Broadway Books](#), [Reading Frenzy](#), [In Other Words](#), [St John's Booksellers](#), [Talking Drum](#), [Powell's City of Books](#) and [Powell's on Hawthorne](#). If you live outside of the Portland area, you can purchase the books through our office (call 503.796.9224) and soon on [powells.com](#).

[Still the Days Grow Longer](#) features writing by our spring workshop participants, including seniors living with Alzheimer's, incarcerated youth, adults living with mental illness and many others. Israel Bayer, Director of *Streetroots*, and Jeana Edelman, Owner of HOTLIPS Pizza + Soda both wrote fantastic introductions to the book.

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Looking for a one-of-a-kind generative writing workshop this summer?

"Prompt was an incredible experience. It's hard to express how much it has really impacted me and made me feel so much more confident about my writing."

That's what a participant in our [Prompt community writing workshop](#) at Powell's City of Books told us. Now it's YOUR chance to experience our acclaimed workshop model *and* support the communities we traditionally serve.

We're holding two Prompt workshops this summer:

Workshop #1: Ten Sundays, July 24 - Sept 25, 10am - Noon, facilitated by Stacy Brewster

Workshop #2: Ten Tuesdays, Aug 16 - Oct 18, 6:30-8:30pm, facilitated by Kristin Steele

Location: **Powell's City of Books**, 1005 W. Burnside, downtown Portland

Cost: \$285 - Payment plans available. Cost includes free parking, snacks and access to the "Bowels of Powell's."

Pre-registration is required and spaces are filling fast. Call Beth at 503.796.9224.



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