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Dear Friend,

It's fascinating to me how often social networking comes up in conversation. We have volunteers who swear by Google+, supporters who are Facebook stalwarts and plenty of "followers" on my personal favorite, Twitter.

The funny part is how often these conversations happen *in person*. [I read recently](#) that business travel has increased since email was invented, and so has attendance at conferences since the invention of video-conferencing. I believe it.

Technology is great for connecting -- please do [follow us on Twitter](#) and [Like Us on Facebook!](#) -- but nothing compares to the pleasure of sitting around an actual table and getting to know people.

Our 16 fall workshops started this week and that's exactly what's happening: People are writing, sharing and connecting around tables throughout the city. We've got plenty of opportunities for you to join us at the table this fall and help us make sure there's room for everyone.

Take care,
Robyn
Robyn Steely
Executive Director

P.S. Have you marked your fall calendar yet? [XY&Z, our annual fundraiser on Nov 5](#), is fast approaching. Details below.

"My guts tell the story of where I have been but not who I am becoming..."

New featured writer Robin Robberson recently overcame a drug addiction and a bout with ovarian cancer, of which she is now a survivor.

Robin participated in our workshop through the [Recovery Mentor Program of Central City Concern](#) in partnership with [Portland Center Stage \(PCS\)](#). Workshop participants attended PCS's production of [Bust](#).

"Ever since I had cancer," Robin told us, "people are like, 'You have this story, you should write a book.'"

[Read more about Robin and her story.](#)



Featured writer
Robin Robberson



What do you get when you cross a pumpkin and poem?

Pumpkin poetry!

Volunteer Shelley Gillespie is hosting a creative fundraiser for Write Around Portland and you're invited:

Pumpkin Poetry
Saturday, Oct 1, 6:30-8pm
[People's Food Co-op](#), 3029 SE 21st

Scratching words into pumpkins while they're still green on the vine reveals beautiful poems etched into their skin at harvest time.

Come read these unique creations, enjoy appetizers and spiced cider, and bid at the silent auction to take home your favorite pumpkin.

[Click here for more info about the event.](#)



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Saturday, Nov 5

Join us at XY&Z, our annual fundraiser at [Design Within Reach](#) in the Pearl. XY&Z is a fantastic and fun evening to support Write Around Portland featuring:

- * Delightful hors d'oeuvres and decadent desserts
- * Hosted bar with wine, beer and a specialty cocktail
- * Word games classic and new
- * Silent auction

[Buy your tickets today.](#)

XY&Z Sponsors:
Stoel Rives LLP, Glimmer Train Press, Inc, Vibrant Table Catering, Provvista Specialty Foods, Tin House, Origami Catering, HOTLIPS Soda, Bull Run Distillery. [Click here to learn how you or your business can become a sponsor.](#)

For more information and to purchase tickets offline, contact [Beth White](#) at 503.796.9224.

Your last chance this year to experience 'Prompt'

Now is your chance--your last chance this year--to experience [Prompt](#), our popular generative writing workshop at Powell's City of Books.



The fall 10-week session starts Thursday, Oct 6. Spaces are filling fast!

[Click here for all the details](#) and call us (503.796.9224) for more information and to reserve your spot.



Lincoln Restaurant Donates 10% to Write Around Portland Thursday, Oct 20

Join us for dinner or happy hour on Oct 20.

[Lincoln](#) is a balance between old and new, modern and classic, rustic and refined, casual and formal, everyday and special occasion.

The food is simple, not fussy. The food is direct in style, flavor and presentation. Seasonal fare on the changing menu concentrates on what is grown in the Pacific Northwest.

Dine out and help us change lives through the power of writing. What could be better?

[Lincoln Restaurant](#)
3808 N Williams, Portland
Happy hour 5:30-7pm
Dinner 5:30-9pm
For reservations, call: 503.288.6200

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