As soon as I come through the door I feel like I can do anything.

— GABRIELLE, 826 NEW ORLEANS STUDENT

826 New Orleans (formerly Big Class*) cultivates and supports the voices of young writers ages 6-18 through creative collaborations with schools and communities.

After seven years of delivering programming to schools across the city and outgrowing our former writing lab on St. Claude Ave. 826 New Orleans is ready to write our next chapter at our new writing center in the 7th Ward. Our new facility will enable us to double the amount of students we serve and offer exciting, innovative programming that energizes and elevates educational practices in New Orleans. Ultimately, our work supports young people across New Orleans so that they are able to write their own paths forward, undefined by circumstance.

THE BASICS

SINCE 2010
We’ve served over 4,000 students and created over 100 publications of student work with the help of over 400 volunteers.

HOW WE DO IT
We offer free writing programs and publishing opportunities to over 1,500 students annually. Our staff and volunteers help students improve their literacy skills, become published authors, and understand the power of their voices on and off the page.

OUR COMMUNITY
The 7th Ward is one of the most diverse historical areas in the country. It presents profound opportunities for young New Orleanians to learn about their city and to write about it.

WHY 826
Like the seven other chapters of the award-winning 826 network, we encourage the exploration of endless possibility through the power of writing. 826 New Orleans is the first chapter in the South. Our students are joining a nation-wide community with over 32,000 young writers.

WHY WRITING
826 New Orleans operates from the belief that reading is access, but writing is agency.

DO YOU KNOW A YOUNG WRITER?
Learn more and sign up for our newsletter at www.826neworleans.org.

*In May 2018, Big Class became 826 New Orleans, joining the 826 National network of youth writing centers. Learn more at www.826national.org.
OUR PROGRAMS

We’ll be offering the following high-quality programs in the 2018-2019 school year.

At the Center

The 826 New Orleans Youth Writing Center is a hub of creativity and collaboration.

AFTER SCHOOL
Elementary school students are paired with dedicated volunteers to receive support in homework, reading, and of course, writing!

FIELD TRIPS
Classes come to our space to learn the basics of storytelling and make a book in about three hours.

WORKSHOPS
Short and sweet, workshops are brief, energetic explorations of different writing genres and themes.

YOUNG WRITERS’ COUNCIL
A dynamic group of high school students who identify as emerging writers, activists and changemakers work on special 826 New Orleans projects.

In Schools

We partner with dedicated teachers to create beautiful books with their students.

YOUNG AUTHORS’ BOOK PROJECT
A high school class makes a professional-quality book in about 6 months.

TWO WEEK PROJECT
A class works every day for two weeks to create a high-quality chapbook.

Community Collections

Sometimes our work brings together voices from all over our great city.

THE SPOOKY STORIES ANTHOLOGY
Thrilling tales based upon eerie images in New Orleans.

THE GOOD TROUBLEMAKERS PROJECT
A social justice project that champions for change through writing.

THE PIZZA POETRY PROJECT
A celebration of youth voice and National Poetry Month, young poets are published on pizza boxes.

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