What is 826 New Orleans?

826 New Orleans is a youth writing nonprofit. Our mission is to cultivate and support the voices of young writers ages 6-18 through creative collaborations with schools and communities. Right now, hearing from young people feels more important than ever. Because of this strange time, we don’t have the usual tools to publish writing, so we’re getting creative with sharing youth voice.

What’s this project?

Writing on the Wall is a simple way to publish student work. At 826 New Orleans, we think of publishing as preparing your writing for an audience. That means making it look nice and easy to read. Every Friday in May we’d like you to write something on a piece of large chart paper, and display it somewhere other people in your community can enjoy it (front door, gate, etc.) If you’re able, please take a picture of it, and email it to hello@826neworleans.org, or text it to program director Kyley at (504) 684-5595. We’ll share it on our social media platforms, and hope to one day put it together in a book.
The writing exercises will change weekly, and are only suggestions (good ones, tho!). You should really write whatever is present for you at the moment. WRITE BIG so that people don’t have to get too close to see it. You should also draw / doodle / decorate your paper however you like. Don’t forget to add your first name and age or grade, too! Tape the purple genre signs close to your work so people can identify the type of writing. Please hang your writing on Friday by 12 NOON. If you are under the age of 18, please have your guardian sign the enclosed permission slip and snap a picture of that. It can be emailed to hello@826neworleans.org or texted to Kyley at (504) 684-5595.

The journal is a special place for you to write your thoughts and feelings. If you don’t know what to write about, try starting with a high and a low - something great, and something not-so-great, every day.

Reach out to program director, Kyley Pulphus - (504) 684-5595, kyley@826neworleans.org
People use #FlashbackFriday (#FBF) to share a memory from the past. Many of us have been thinking about our lives before we were stuck at home. Draw a picture and write about a memory from before the quarantine.

I went to the Beignet Festival with my family. It was my mom’s birthday. We tried six different types of beignets and danced to the fun music. It was a really lovely day.

Please post by 12 pm on 5/1
Haiku is a traditional form of Japanese poetry. **Haiku poems consist of 3 lines.**

The first line has 5 syllables. The second line has 7 syllables. The third line has 5 syllables.

A syllable is a part of a word pronounced as a unit.

The word pencil has **two syllables**: *pen-cil*

The word underwear has **three syllables**: *un-der-wear*

The word ball has **one syllable**: *ball*

Think about what you’ve been doing and how you’ve been feeling recently. Write a haiku about that.

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**May 8th - Haiku**

Snacks on snacks on snacks
the COVID-19 diet got me out here bad

What day is today?
I cannot remember now.
Days melt into one.

Sitting on the couch
Listening to my daughter
Talk of missing school

Please post by 12 pm on 5/8
#Haiku

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#WritingOnTheWall

#stillwriting
A memoir is a “life - story.” What could you say about your life using only six words?

Because you have a limited amount of words, think about how you can use size, color, and punctuation marks ( . “ “ , ?) to emphasize different parts of your writing.

You can think about your current situation or your past.

Please post by 12 pm on 5/15
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Six Word Memoir

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New Orleans
May 22nd - Freestyle

What do you feel like writing today?

- A joke?
- A list?
- A poem?
- An alliterative sentence?

Share it with the world!

Please post by 12 pm on 5/22
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An author’s bio is a chance for you to share a little bit about yourself with your readers. What do you want us to know about you? You can share where you’re from, hobbies, likes and dislikes, whatever!

Kyley was born and raised in NEW ORLEANS. She grew up in the Lower 9th Ward where she still lives down the street from her mama. She loves her daughter, ice cream, and listening to brass band music.

Please post by 12 pm on 5/29
Sharing your writing with your neighbors is great, but we’d also like to share it with the broader community. Please snap photos of your writing once it’s been hung and send them to us via email (hello@826neworleans.org) or text (504) 684-5595.

Take different angles (close up of just the writing, wide shot that includes the writing and some of the house, shot from the sidewalk)

If you’re posting to your social media, tag us @826neworleans and use the #hashtags!

FYI - We’ll blur your house number