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**World-Building for Science Fiction & Fantasy**  
**A Free Bronx Writers Center Workshop**  
**Future Home of the Bronx Council on the Arts, 2700 East Tremont Avenue**  
**Monday, March 25, 2013 6:30-8:30pm**

(Bronx, NY – March 7, 2013) The Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center (BWC) presents *In Progress: World-Building for Science Fiction & Fantasy*, a free, hands-on workshop, on Monday, March 25, 2013, 6:30-8:30pm at the future home of the Bronx Council on the Arts (2700 E Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461, in the Westchester Square section of the Bronx.) Admission is free and all are welcome. Reserve your seat at <http://bronzwriter3252013.eventbrite.com/>.

This two-hour workshop begins at **6:30pm** with a half-hour of **Speed Writing**. Meet other writers while responding to short writing prompts. Bring work in progress. From **7:00-8:30pm: World-Building for Science Fiction & Fantasy**. Creating a believable world is vital in successful fantasy and science fiction writing. In this workshop, we will read and explore the worlds created by writers George Martin, Ursula LeGuin and Ray Bradbury and use these examples to create our own worlds and the rules. This is a hands-on workshop. Be prepared to participate!

**This event is part of The Big Read in the Bronx.** Participants will receive a free copy of *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. (Supplies are limited.) All welcome! Bring a notebook, a pen and your creative energy. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. For more information, visit [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org). Additional support for The Big Read is provided by the Scherman Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation, the NYS Council on the Arts, the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, the NYC Department of Small Business Services and Council Member James Vacca.

**Maria Romano**, Director of the Bronx Writers Center, writer and teacher, will lead this workshop. Ms. Romano holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Yale University and a Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the New School. She is a creative writing teacher at Fordham University's Science and Technology Entry Program for middle and high school students and a volunteer at the nationally recognized non-profit, Girls Write Now. She has also worked as an Academic Director for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions and as a Sales and Production Manager at Avon Books (now part of Harper Collins.) A Bronx-bred, award-winning writer of short stories, essays, she is currently working on a novel.

*In Progress* is a Bronx Writers Center 2013 workshop series of free monthly events for writers and readers at the future headquarters of the Bronx Council on the Arts in Westchester Square. Postings for the series can be found on BCA's website at [www.bronzarts.org](http://www.bronzarts.org). For additional information on this workshop or other BWC events, call 718-931-9500 x21, e-mail [bronzwriters@bronzarts.org](mailto:bronzwriters@bronzarts.org), or visit the Bronx Writers Center's web pages at [www.bronzarts.org](http://www.bronzarts.org).

**The Bronx Writers Center** supports and develops the appetite for writing and reading in the Bronx. The BWC searches for and promotes new voices and audiences and engages the community in literary and literacy programs. **Bronx Council on the Arts** is celebrating 50 years as a private, non-profit membership organization that is the official cultural agency of Bronx County. Recognized nationally as a leading arts service organization in providing cultural services and arts programs, BCA serves a multicultural constituency of almost 1.4 million residents. BCA provides an array of services to 5,000 artists and more than 250 arts and community-based organizations.

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