



# YOUNG WRITERS PROJECT

## Highlights of 2020



**Special issues of The Voice**, our monthly digital magazine, include the *Social Distancing Journal*, conceived and created by members of the YWP community.



Other issues feature the 2020 election and climate change. Our **Community Journalism**

**Project**, now in Year 2, focuses on current events and social issues, with publication in *The Voice* and with our media partners – 11 Vermont newspapers and VTDigger.org.

**Anthology 11** showcases 76 of our writers and artists whose work was selected from more than 10,000 submissions to [youngwritersproject.org](http://youngwritersproject.org) during the 2019-20 school year.

The anthology was published in September and celebrated with a special YWP podcast of readings and interviews.

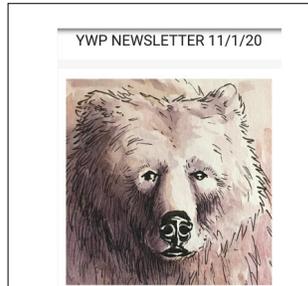
Podcast host *eyesofiris* started her own podcast series for YWP this year called **Line Break**. She has created 25 episodes since March, interviewing fellow YWP writers and artists about their work.

**New this year: Online writing parties** with our creative partner, Alex Muck, a writing coach who has a Middlebury, VT nonprofit called Fun is a Necessity.

These free workshops have a different theme every month and are highly popular, attracting young writers from Vermont to California.



**Youth-led workshops and events** include a **Top 10 Photo Tips workshop** with *laurenm*, one of YWP's photographers, who captured the celebration of the Biden-Harris win (left) in Burlington on Nov. 7, 2020.

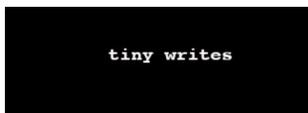
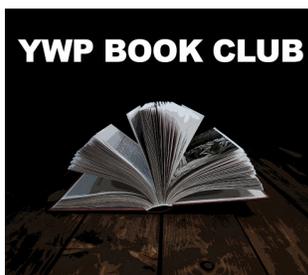


**The YWP Community Newsletter** is edited and published on our website every month by a team of YWP community leaders. The editors select favorite pieces of writing and art from the past month and elevate them in the newsletter to affirm and inform.



**Oh Snap!** is YWP's online open mic/poetry slam. The two hosts live on separate coasts, one in Vermont and the other in Washington state – the upside of our new virtual connections. They are making it a monthly event through May 2021.

The YWP community loves books – and when YWP's *LadyMidnight* suggested an online **Book Club** with a book of the month feature and a way to connect with each other on our website, we hopped on it. The interactive **YWP Book Club** has become a lively place to share old favorites and new discoveries. *LadyMidnight* and *charvermont* have also combined forces to host virtual book club meetings.



**Tiny Writes** is the key connection point on our website. Here, the YWP community chats about writing, art, their observations about life. Conversations often lead to creative projects such as the *Social Distancing Journal*, where one comment about documenting the pandemic sparked overwhelming interest and this unforgettable journal.

