

## ABOUT US

The Murals of the Mind Project (M.O.M.) is a nonprofit, 501c3 organization that has provided free and low cost programming to kids & teens ages 7-17 college age youth since 2007. Our mission is to increase youth literacy IQ. This is accomplished by engaging youth in our Literacy 360 Workshops Program, a series of unique literacy and life skills readiness workshops that include high school, college and career readiness, financial literacy, essay writing, creative writing, social justice/civic engagement, service learning, and mentoring. Workshops are facilitated in person and remotely via online platforms like Zoom.

Our vision is to awaken the imagination and curiosity of youth, tangibly assisting them with improving life outcomes. We strive to promote literacy, preparedness and educational excellence. M.O.M. encourages youth to custom design their narratives, expand peer networks, embrace their majesty; and celebrate and accept their uniqueness – quirks and all.

Our goal is to take a 360-degree approach to helping improve youth literacy and life skills readiness outcomes. Our “On the Road” program format enables us to go where the need is to get youth ready for 21st century opportunities. Programs, events and mentoring are youth-centered, diverse, imaginative, and fun.



Literati @ Belmont Charter in Powelton Village Philly

“THE MURALS OF THE MIND PROJECT...IF M.O.M. WON'T WHO WILL?”

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#literacy360 #getkidsready #getteensready

*On the cover: Literati youth group from Philadelphia Reads Dubois*



## THE MURALS OF THE MIND PROJECT

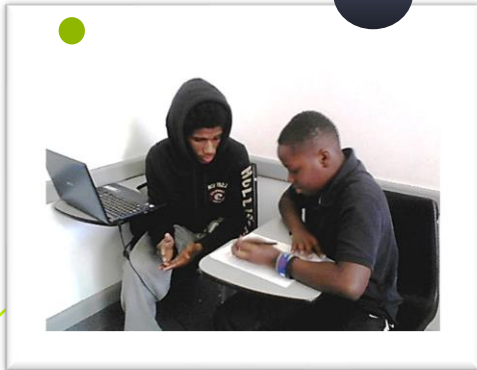
Literati Creative Writing & Performance



## LITERATI IN ACTION



**Literati @ Belmont Charter**  
Students engaged in a wordplay activity



**Literati @ Drexel University**  
Volunteer mentor & Literati alumnus helping  
Lindy Scholars youth write a short story about boxing

*\* All in person activities follow strict COVID-19 guidelines.*

## WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

M.O.M. is committed to helping youth succeed. Our 'On the Road' readiness and mentoring workshops are open to kids & teens ages 7-17 college age youth living in Philadelphia and surrounding communities.

**Literati:** is a six-week in person / online literacy empowerment workshop for youth age 10+ that uses creative writing and performance to help kids find their voices and tell their stories. Sessions meet once per week for two and a half hours. To help improve youth literacy, encourage positive, non-violent, active participation and self-expression. Literati focuses on:

- Poetry / Spoken Word Performance
- Short Story Writing
- Storytelling ...and More

The workshop teaches youth the value of writing creatively and the power of word play to articulate thoughts and ideas. Literati helps youth connect:

- Imagination & Critical Thinking
- Teamwork & Camaraderie
- Observation & Articulation

Literati group discussions and other activities engage youth in dialogue. The workshop also complements academic learning, language, and comprehension. Participants learn to use the power of their words and voices to address issues such as school safety, peer pressure, bullying, gun violence, and other youth-influencing factors to advocate for and affect change within themselves, schools and communities.

Major takeaways include a published anthology of work as well as performance, networking & mentoring opportunities.

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**Literati @ Drexel University**  
Lindy Scholars youth creating original poetry and short stories

## LITERATI SUMMER

Literati offers two and four-week summer intensives. Each workshop session is five days per week for four hours each day. The focus of the intensives is the cross-pollination of:

- Activism
- Storytelling
- Music
- Networking & Mentoring

Summer sessions include field trips, Artist in Residence (AIR) facilitators and mentors from literary and performance arts communities.



**Literati @ Drexel University**  
Lindy Scholars poetry slam