



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 during the 2019-20 school year.

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

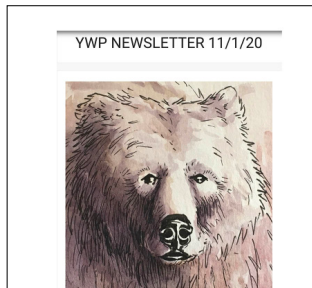
Podcast host *eyesofiris* started her own podcast series for YWP this year called **Line Break**. She has created 25 episodes since March, interviewing fellow YWP writers and artists about their work.

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 *lauren m*, one of YWP's photographers, who captured the celebration of the Biden-Harris win (left) in Burlington on Nov. 7, 2020.

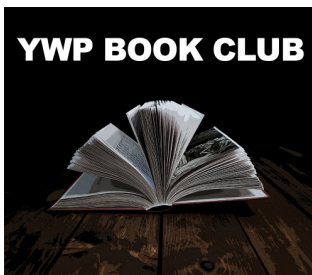


The YWP Community Newsletter is edited and published on our website every month by a team of YWP community leaders. The editors select favorite pieces of writing and art from the past month and elevate them in the newsletter to affirm and inform.



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.

