



# Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library Presents Writing Workshop with Jill Kandel - Adding Creativity to Memoir Writing

### **WHAT:**

Join us for a memoir writing workshop with prize-winning author Jill Kandel! She will discuss methods to enhance memoir, making it more creative, fun, and interesting. This class will discuss the difference between diary and memoir writing, how to find and use details to enliven a memoir, writing thematically rather than strictly chronologically, and various ways of making a memoir absorbing and fascinating to readers.

This workshop, featuring approximately one hour of insightful teaching, will also provide a unique opportunity for interaction during the half-hour Q&A session. Don't miss this chance to engage with the author and gain valuable insights into the art of memoir writing.

Jill will have books available and do a book signing following the event if participants would like to purchase any of her books.

Jill Kandel's essays have been published in *The Missouri Review*, *Gettysburg Review*, *Pinch*, and *Brevity*. Her work has been anthologized in "The Best Spiritual Writing 2012" (Penguin Books) and "Becoming: What Makes a Woman" (U. of Nebraska Press). Her first book, "So Many Africas: Six Years in a Zambian Village" (Autumn House Press, 2015), won both the Autumn House Nonfiction Prize and the Sarton Women's Literary Award. The Library of Congress chose her second book, "The Clean Daughter: A Cross-Continental Memoir" (NDSU Press, 2022), as a 2024 Great Reads Book.

Kandel teaches memoir writing at the Fargo Fine Arts Club, guest lectures for NDSU Writing Classes, and hosts a weekly writing club. She enjoys both writing and teaching the craft of memoir.

### **WHEN:**

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 from 10:00am to Noon

### **WHERE:**

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, Meeting Room B

### **WHO:**

Free and open to all ages. Media is invited to attend.

### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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