

Books of Hope to help kids write and publish books

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Want to write a book? Check out the Books of Hope open house Monday, Oct. 1, from 6:30 -8 p.m., at the Mystic Activity Center.

A year-long creative writing program for kids, [Books of Hope](#) begins this fall with authors helping participants publish their works -- from formulating an idea, writing and editing, to publishing and selling the book.

A joint program of the [Somerville Arts Council](#) and the [Mystic Learning Center](#), Books of Hope seeks to create opportunity for self-expression and advocacy through creative writing for young writers.

Since 1999, the program has helped more than 70 kids and has produced more than 90 books with the help of new and returning authors.

Aspiring writers can learn more about the program at the Books of Hope open house in the mystic Activity Center on Oct. 1. The program is held on Mondays throughout the school year, with field trips, readings and plays. Participants get to keep the proceeds from the sale of their published works.

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