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ULSTER SAVINGS BANK TO HOST FREE WRITING WORKSHOP AT RED HOOK BRANCH

The public is invited to Ulster Savings Bank's 7296 South Broadway, Red Hook branch on Saturday, May 22nd from 11:00am – 1:00pm for a **FREE** writing workshop taught by Dara Lurie. The workshop, entitled "Portraits in Writing", coincides with the Town of Red Hook's "The Big Read" celebration.

With individual or family memories and anecdotes serving as their subject matter, participants will utilize a number of creative writing techniques to develop their ideas into stories. Writers of all skill levels are invited to attend and are asked to bring one or more items of family memorabilia. An excerpt from "The Great Gatsby", the featured book in this year's "Big Read" event, will be read during Ms. Lurie's workshop and discussed to illustrate alternative approaches to participants' own story development. Workshop participants are asked to bring a pen, paper and/or laptop to this event.

Ms. Lurie, an author, teacher and manuscript consultant, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Film and Theater from Vassar College and a Master's in Fine Arts Degree from Hunter College, where she studied under Louise DeSalvo and Chang-rae Lee.

Registration for the workshop is required as space is limited. **To reserve your seat, please e-mail Dara Lurie at djlurie@gmail.com.**