

Our networking website

www.PenParentis.org

features unique parenting-and-writing resources including:

- The Pen Parentis Writing Fellowship for New Parents
- The Pen Parentis Cycle of Support
- Pen Parentis Behind Closed Doors
- Pen Parentis Literary Salons
- Pen Parentis Research Project
- Pen Parentis Book Club

These projects embrace our core values of **COMMUNITY, PROFESSIONALISM, BALANCE, and INCLUSION.**

As we grow, we hope to add community-building and creativity workshops for new parents, and ultimately a writing center that has child care options.



OUR VISION



Writing Fellows Orli Van Mourik and Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan

We envision an arts world that embraces and values the hard work and dedication required to keep a creative writing career going while also raising a family. We do our part to ensure that the writing world values the creative efforts of parents and does not marginalize them.



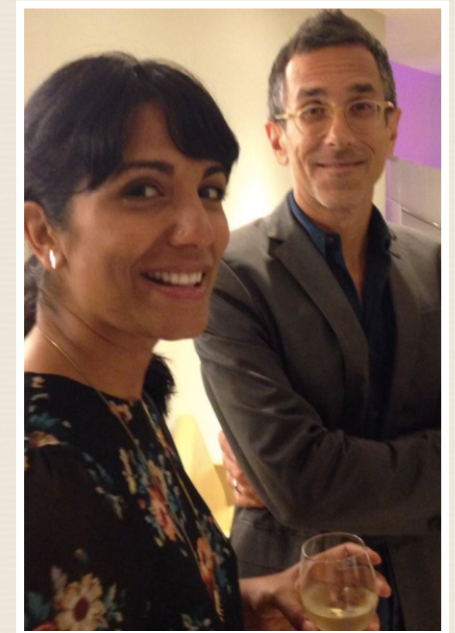
Literary Salons are free and open to the public, featuring top-tier authors.

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Pen Parentis is a 501(c)3 Literary Arts nonprofit that provides resources to writers to keep them on creative track after they start a family.





Pen Parentis Literary Salons have celebrated a diversity of writers who are also parents since 2009.

HISTORY:

Our organization evolved from the intimate literary community created by the Pen Parentis Literary Salons in Lower Manhattan a vibrant professional platform promoting the creative work of authors who are also parents. The annual Pen Parentis Writing Fellowship for New Parents began in September 2010 to inspire new parents to continue to create new written works of fiction. Incorporating Pen Parentis as a nonprofit was the next step in our journey conceived as a safe place for authors across the country who have kids to meet and build community with like minded peers.

- Nominated for Neighborhood Achievement Awards and Arts and Business Council of NY Awards.
- Won a library of nonprofit reference books from GrantCraft.
- Selected for the STAR Initiative by WQXR/WNYC honoring 30 small nonprofits in the greater New York area.
- Guidestar Platinum Status.

SOME PEN PARENTIS PROGRAMS

Pen Parentis Ltd is a 501(c)3 literary nonprofit headquartered in New York City which has a national reach thanks to technology. We create community among writers who are also parents and provide resources to writers to help them stay on creative track after they start a family.



BICOASTAL LITERARY SALONS:

In addition to the monthly Literary Salons in Lower Manhattan, Pen Parentis West in Los Angeles presents semi-annual Salons at The Last Bookstore in Downtown LA. A Pen Parentis Literary Salon has also been held in Philadelphia, and one is being planned for Washington, DC. Fostering these Salons nationally is one of our immediate objectives.



Author Simon Van Booy reads from his most recent novel



Salons bring neighborhood professionals together over love of words

SPECIAL EVENTS:

From time to time, Pen Parentis partners with local nonprofits to present special events of literary value. BOOKS AHOY brought children's book authors onboard the Lilac Preservation Project in Tribeca where Church Street School for Music and Art taught Bookmaking in this free neighborhood event. Other events: ROOFTOP MINGLES and HIGH NOTES (with Concert Artists' Guild)



Pen Parentis Founder M. M. De Voe as mermaid host to six children's book authors



Children were invited to interact with the authors

PEN PARENTIS RESEARCH PROJECT:

Spearheaded by Mary Harpin in Colorado, this series of interviews with writers who are also parents is published on the Pen Parentis website. The information mined from these interviews will ultimately form the content for a data-driven book of best practices for writers who are also parents.



networking is important to the success of every writer



We strive to make it easy for writers who are parents to form/join communities