

FROM PERSONAL TO PUBLISHED

A Program with Author Ned Vizzini



**According to the New York Times,
81% of Americans feel that they have a book in them...**

Many of your students undoubtedly fall into this category, and many of them are surely talented as well. How can you INSPIRE these students to turn the writing that they love into a career?

Just show them someone who's done it.

Ned Vizzini began writing when he was 15 for a local weekly newspaper. After starting 9th grade with a teal backpack bought by his mother, it was his escape from the rather unforgiving high school social scene. He published his first book, *Teen Angst? Naaah...*, when he was 19, and he continues to write and speak around the world. In this program he brings students with him on his journey from high-school misfit to celebrated author. Along the way gives them skills in the two areas they need to master:

1) craft

(HOW to write & WHAT to write!)

The "craft" portion of the program uses a professional workshop environment to let students recognize their skills. The students write stories or short scenes and identify the writing techniques that work while sharing them. The workshop style is based on Ned Vizzini's long-running and acclaimed Barnes & Noble workshops.

2) business

(WHERE to write, HOW to get published, & how to get paid!)

The "business" portion of the program is a whirlwind. No one besides Ned gives students the chance to learn about the writing business in such clear-cut language with such flair and humor. Students leave the program knowing more than most professional writers do about how the business works.

If your students love to write...

This program is the best way to help them do it!

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WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT "FROM PERSONAL TO PUBLISHED" WITH NED VIZZINI

"I would like to take this opportunity to Thank you for the outstanding writing program that you brought to the Ridgefield Public Library. **We used 'From Personal to Published' to kick off a Zine program for the teens during our Summer Reading Program.** Needless to say it was a huge hit! We are always looking to enhance the youth of our community and inspire them to pursue their own personal goals. [The program] did both of those things and then some. It was simply amazing to see the participants so engaged."

**Lisa Sedita, Youth Services Librarian
Ridgefield Public Library, Ridgefield NJ**

"Ned Vizzini's workshops are fantastic. He makes an immediate and genuine connection with young authors. Mr. Vizzini is an engaging, interesting, and dynamic speaker. **His literary reputation with teens draws them in but more importantly he easily makes a very real personal connection with young people.** Our teens felt like he was not only a very successful writer but, more importantly for them, their very own private and personal novelist who could enlighten them about the ins and outs of the writing life. These workshops are not only practical, they are empowering helping young writers to both find their voice and go on and have that voice be heard."

**Christian Zabriskie, MA,
MLS, Young Adult Service
Queens Library, Queens, NY**

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ALSO AVAILABLE

When you bring Ned to work with your students, you bring someone with over a decade of experience in writing and in speaking. Let him further inspire with his two programs: "HOW NO TO GO CRAZY IN COLLEGE [OR HIGH SCHOOL!]"

HOW NOT TO GO CRAZY IN COLLEGE

"HOW NOT TO GO CRAZY IN COLLEGE" is a program that does what it says, and that can also be delivered to high school students in rigorous academic environments. Ned uses his unique life story to show students how to cope with the increasing pressures of being a young adult in the 21st century. With his three lessons: "keep your antennae up," "don't sell yourself short," and "remember: stress is not a real threat," Ned gives students powerful ways to keep on an even keel. This program saves lives.