

Theresa was born 47 years ago in Homer, Alaska; she then moved to Anchorage, then Arizona, and finally, to Oregon.

“Oregon is my favorite place – it’s beautiful, has lots of rain, and I have a lot of friends here.”

She lives with her mom and works at Edwards Enterprises on a project for a cable company. At one time, Theresa worked for Norm Thompson (“I wrote a story about that in my journal at one of my Write Around Portland sessions!”) and is looking forward to a new job in the community.

“I like to keep busy helping out in the workshop and developing more skills.”

Your mom discovered Write Around Portland at Edwards Center. You were eager to participate, she said. Why is that?

I wanted to tell some of my stories, and I wanted to be in a book. I love to tell stories. I have a huge imagination. My mom bought six books for her friends!!

What was your favorite thing about the writing sessions?

I liked hearing others’ stories. I have to say when I wrote about St. Jude’s [Children’s Hospital] the group listened and were interested [in the fundraising I do for them every year]. I also enjoyed when we used the white board and the group built stories and sentences. I really enjoyed that and always had ideas to share.

What did you learn about yourself as a writer in the workshop?

The sessions went fast. I learned that it is OK to dream and write them down!

How did you feel as I read your story about your job at Norms at the anthology party?

I felt happy, [and I] laughed at some of the phrases I used in my story. The story you read reminded me of my friends Elsie, Susie, and Terry. I also enjoyed hearing other stories; I like stories!



Theresa (right) with her workshop facilitator, Chris.