The Hemingway Writer-in-Residence Studio
at the Hemingway House and Preserve in Ketchum, Idaho

The mission of the Hemingway Residency is to honor the legacy of Ernest Hemingway in a landscape that he loved by supporting creative work by visiting writers.

The Community Library, a privately-funded nonprofit public library located in Ketchum, Idaho, owns and manages the Ernest and Mary Hemingway House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the surrounding 12-acre nature preserve. As part of its Hemingway Legacy Initiative, the Library cares for a collection of Hemingway artifacts within its Center for Regional History; it presents regular exhibits on Hemingway in Idaho at its Museum of History; and it conducts educational programming on Hemingway, his literature, and his life. The Residency is a flagship component of the Hemingway Legacy Initiative.

Ernest and Mary purchased the mid-century modern house in 1959, and it is where Ernest died in 1961. Mary continued to spend a good portion of each year at the House until her own death in 1986. The House sits above the Big Wood River between the Pioneer, Boulder, and Smoky Mountains. The main floors of the House are preserved consistent with the time that both Ernest and Mary lived there. The three-bay garage has been converted into a well-appointed 1,000 square-foot apartment designed by Tim Campbell of Studio Tim Campbell. The studio includes a bedroom, kitchen, living area, bathroom with shower, washer and dryer, and den, and it is protected with a security system. The expansive windows open to the natural landscape that drew Hemingway to central Idaho. The Hemingway House is within one mile of Ketchum’s town center. It is surrounded by open space of sagebrush steppe and cottonwood canopy along the river.

We want writers to make themselves at home in the space. Out of consideration of all residents into the future, no smoking and no pets are allowed, and unapproved gatherings are not permitted on the property.