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Orlando Public Library to host third annual OCLS Writers Conference

Orlando, Fla. – On Saturday January 27, the Orlando Public Library hosts the third annual OCLS Writers Conference, where authors and literary agents from around the state will be participating in lectures on various topics, such as branding and creating characters. From 9:30 a.m.-5p.m., guests have the opportunity to interact with authors and publishing professionals representing multiple genres. Photographers will be available to take free professional headshots on a first come, first served basis in the Melrose Center photography studio from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., located on the library's second floor.

This is the third year the Orlando Public Library has hosted the Writers Conference. Special guest speakers will include Christina Farley, author of the bestselling *Gilded* series, Kristen Holt, writer and professor at Valencia College, and many more.

Space is limited for this free event, so registration is required. Visit ocls.info/writersconference for a list of authors attending and to register.

Itinerary for the OCLS Writers Conference

9:30 a.m.

- Introduction & Check-In

10 a.m.

- From Research to Representation: How to Get a Great Agent, presented by Jose Iriarte & Elle Ire
- Juggling Pen Names, presented by Kiernan Kelly
- Blurred Genre Boundaries: Writing Comedy and Tragedy, presented by Nicole Oquendo
- [Free Headshots](#), provided by the Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation and Creativity

11 a.m.

- Plot like a Pro, presented by Vivi Barnes, Christina Farley, Lucienne Diver, Amy Christine Parker, and Racquel Henry
- Demystifying Publishing Contracts, presented by literary agent Saritza Hernandez
- A Prose Writer's Guide to Learning from Poetry, presented by Kirsten Holt
- [Free Headshots](#), provided by the Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation and Creativity

12 p.m.

- A Systematic Approach to Book Editing, presented by Kristen Stieffel
- Firearms in Fiction, presented by Kristin Durfee
- Imagery in Fiction, presented by Heather Startup

1 p.m.

- Culture and Character, presented by Chudney Thomas
- 10 Personal Branding Secrets for Writers, presented by Erik Deckers
- Avoiding Publishing Scams, presented by Matt Peters

2 p.m.

- Query Combat, presented by Larissa Hardesty & JC Welker
- It's Showtime! Show, Don't Tell, presented by Janice Hardy
- Productivity Planning for Writers, presented by Leslie Salas

3 p.m.

- Marketing Panel, presented by Jim Clark, Katherine Parker, Chudney Thomas, Heather Startup
- Creating your World, presented by L.E. Perez, Racquel Henry, Valerie Willis

4 p.m.

- Book Signing featuring Conference Faculty

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