

# Writers Corner

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## Author Events

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Romance, Wine & Chocolate

Alafaya Branch

*Friday, September 1, 6:30–9 p.m.*

You are cordially invited to a magical evening at Alafaya Branch Library's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Romance, Wine & Chocolate author event. Meet several notable romance writers including our featured speakers Karen Hawkins and Kristin Harmel. Complimentary wine and chocolate samples will be served. Plus, gift sets filled with books and swag will be given away! This special after-hours event is not one to be missed.

Registration is required. To register, visit [rwc2017.eventbrite.com](http://rwc2017.eventbrite.com). A very special thank you to our donors Cooper's Hawk Winery and Farris & Fosters Famous Chocolate Factory. Thank you to our partner Lorelei's Lit Lair. To learn more about our featured authors, visit [ocls.info/romance-wine-chocolate-2017](http://ocls.info/romance-wine-chocolate-2017). Ages 21 and up.

### Local Author Festival

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

*Saturday, September 16, 2–4 p.m.*

Meet and greet local authors at our Local Authors Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.

### Discovering the North-West Passage

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

*Saturday, September 23, 2 p.m.*

Polar and Maritime Historian Glenn "Marty" Stein will discuss the story behind his book, *Discovering the North-West Passage: The Four-Year Arctic Odyssey of H.M.S. Investigator and the McClure Expedition*. Join us for a deeper look into the 350-year search for the North-West Passage as Europeans sought a water route between Europe and Asia. Book sale and signing to follow the presentation.

## Writers Workshops

### Writing Workshop: Using Fan Fiction & Acting to Strengthen Your Writing

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

*Wednesday, September 6, 6:30 p.m.*

In addition to being bestselling and award-winning authors, Leanna Renee Hieber and Alethea Kontis are best friends and actresses who love to perform in costume. Together, Kontis and Hieber present a lively, not-your-average writing workshop that covers how things like acting and fan fiction can develop a budding writer's storytelling abilities. Cosplay welcome! A book sale and signing will follow the workshop.

### Networking for Writers

South Trail Branch

*Saturday, September 9, 3 p.m.*

Networking is a great way to learn about the industry, stay motivated and form connections that will enrich your career. The word may strike fear into writers' hearts, but networking should also be fun and

natural. Author Sarah Nicolas will provide tips on effective networking, both online and in-person, to help you take your writing career to the next level.

**Writers Group**

Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room

*Sunday, September 10, 4 p.m.*

Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

**Writing Workshop: Conflict**

Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room

*Thursday, September 28, 6:30 p.m.*

Ask any agent or editor to list the top five reasons manuscripts get rejected and you'll find "not enough conflict" on that list. Conflict is at the core of every story and it encompasses a wide scope of problems and situations. Janice Hardy, author and founder of Fiction University, will show you how to amp up the conflict in your fiction.