

The Writers Corner

ocls.info/writerscorner

Writing Workshop: Point of View

Herndon Branch

Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m.

When writing a story, one of the most important decisions you must make is who is telling it. The point of view, or POV, can fundamentally alter the way a reader responds to a story and its characters. Short-story writer and novelist Heather Startup will discuss different POVs and present the ways each one can affect your story.

Winter Book Festival

South Trail Branch

Saturday, December 10, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Meet and greet local authors at our Winter Book Festival hosted by author Nicole Lo'real Jamison. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing. Giveaways and light refreshments will be offered.

Writers Group

Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room

Sunday, December 11, 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.

How a Book is Born

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.

To many, the entire book-publishing process is a mystery. The industry is always changing and much of what was true ten years ago is no longer relevant. Author Sarah Nicolas will explain both the traditional and self-publishing processes step-by-step. Sarah has published both traditionally and independently, and has also worked in the publishing industry as an editorial intern, editorial assistant, publicist, publicity director, cover artist and art director. Both writers and readers interested in the process are invited to attend.

Local Authors Festival

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, December 18, 2 p.m.

A book is a gift you can open over and over again. Meet and greet local authors at our Local Authors Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Writing Books for Teens

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room

Monday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

Novelist Jaimie Engle will present on writing young adult fiction versus writing fiction. Life is dramatic when you're a teen. Goals, family and rules exist. Technology and social media have changed the playing field. Learn how to think differently. Even speculative writers must learn to incorporate the fragility,

confusion, passion and strength of teenagers into their books—without sounding like some “old person” is writing it! Attendees will learn dialogue, technology, social norms, boundaries and themes.

Digital Publishing: eBook Formatting and Conversion

Orlando Public Library

Friday, December 16, 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to apply best practices and techniques to successfully convert a Microsoft Word manuscript into an eBook.

Become an E-book Reviewer!

OCLS is seeking a diverse group of people to review e-books submitted for possible inclusion into the Library's ePULP collection. As a representative of the Orange County community, we are looking for your fair and objective opinion. Apply to become an e-book reviewer today! For more information, visit ocls.info/reviewer.