

Writers Corner

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Writing Workshops

The Author's Press Kit

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.

Author, event planner and former book publicist Sarah Nicolas will break down everything an author should have in order before contacting journalists, retailers, bloggers, event planners, publicists or anyone who might take an interest in you as an author.

Writing Workshop: Creating a World for Your Characters

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m.

Whether your story is set in a real place or an imaginary one, a writer needs to establish the characters' world so that the reader can suspend disbelief and fully engage with the story. Author L.E. Perez will provide tips on how to create a world worthy of your characters.

Writers Group

Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room

Sunday, February 19, 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.

Author Events

Meet the Author: Tim Dorsey

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, February 5, 1:15 p.m.

New York Times bestselling author Tim Dorsey, famous for his books featuring psychotic killer and lovable Floridaphile Serge Storms, will discuss his latest release *Clownfish Blues: A Novel*. Attend for a chance to meet Dorsey and learn about his experiences as a novelist. A book sale and signing will follow the event.

Science of Parenthood: Thoroughly Unscientific Explanations for Utterly Baffling Parenting Situations

Windermere Branch

Friday, February 10, Noon

Enjoy a hilarious reading by co-author Norine Dworkin-McDaniel as she offers riotously funny answers for such universally mystifying questions as why do children grow up so fast, yet *Candy Land* drags on so slowly? For more information, visit scienceofparenthood.com.

An Evening with Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

Southwest Branch

Monday, February 20, 6 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m.

Co-authors of the award-winning *All American Boys* will read from and discuss their novel about police brutality, racial tension and the power of social media, as seen from the eyes of two teens—one black and one white. Brendan Kiely is also the author of *The Last True Love Story* and *The Gospel of Winter*, named one of the Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults in 2015. Jason Reynolds has vowed never to write boring books and has kept his word with *When I Was the Greatest* (recipient of Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent), *As Brave as You*, *The Boy in the Black Suit* (Coretta Scott King Honor book) and *Ghost*, finalist for the National Book Award. The Southwest Branch event will include a book giveaway while supplies last. The Orlando Public Library event will include a book signing. Ages 13-18. Registration recommended. ocls.info/sunshineseries.

Meet the Author: Mathieu Cailler

Chickasaw Branch

Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m.

Mathieu Cailler is the Pulitzer-nominated author of *Clotheslines*, *Shhh* and *Loss Angeles*, a finalist in short-story fiction for the 2016 International Book Award. Cailler will conduct a reading, answer audience questions and sign books, available for purchase at the event. Presented in cooperation with Burrow Press, Writer's Atelier and Bookmark It.

An Evening with a CIA Spy: Meet the Author T.L. Williams

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Thursday, February 23, 6:30 p.m.

CIA Veteran T.L. Williams will speak about his career at the CIA, the real life of a spy, and how it influences his writing of spy thrillers. Mr. Williams unfolds a chilling and highly conceivable scenario in his latest novel, *Zero Day*. This fast-paced spy thriller revolves around a plot by the Chinese government to seize the edge on global power by undermining the U.S. economy by launching persistent, aggressive cyberattacks on America's banking system.

Charmed by the Jewel Box Authors

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, February 28, 7–8:45 p.m.

Be charmed by RITA-award winning author Caro Carson and best-selling authors Catherine Kean, Wynter Daniels and T. Elliot Brown as they share the many facets of being Jewel Box Authors. Hosted by Lorelei and her Lit Lair Ladies, the authors will discuss the romance reading and writing world. Enjoy a Q&A, giveaways, book sale and signing and lots of laughter! facebook.com/Loreleislitlair