

# Writer's Corner

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## Writers Workshops

### Writers Group

Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room

*Sunday, April 9, 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.

### Crafting Strong Characters

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

*Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.*

Behind every good book is a good protagonist—but where would even the best main character be without a solid supporting cast? Author Heather Startup will teach you to craft strong characters that leave an impression on your readers and stay with them for years to come.

### Facebook Ads for Authors

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

*Saturday, April 22, 4 p.m.*

Facebook advertisements are a powerful marketing tool used by authors to sell books and build their readerships. Authors H. D. Smith and Violet Howe will provide a step-by-step guide to creating a Facebook ad, including how to select a budget and target an audience.

## Author Events

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Author Series

Southwest Branch

*Friday, April 7, 6:30 p.m.*

Join us for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Author Series, presented in partnership with The Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips. International bestselling novelist Kristin Harmel will speak as the event's featured author. Books will be sold by Bookmark It and a signing will follow the program. Light refreshments will be served. [ocls.info/southwestauthorseries](http://ocls.info/southwestauthorseries)

### Love Across Sub-Genres

Alafaya Branch

*Wednesday, April 12, 7–8:45 p.m.*

Join us for an evening with Elicia Hyder, author of the best-selling paranormal series *The Soul Summoner*, and Maria Geraci, author of the contemporary romance series set in *Whispering Bay*. Whether your reading preference is grounded in reality or you prefer otherworldly experiences, romance novels are the place where happily ever afters are guaranteed. Enjoy a Q&A, giveaways, book sale and signing. Hosted by Lorelei's Lit Lair.

### The Healing Power of the Force

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

*Monday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.*

Star Wars turns 40 this year. Over those four decades, the fabled franchise has not only been a force at the box office, but also a healing force for its legion of fans who have turned to the series to help carry them through their own personal struggles. These journeys have been chronicled in films such as *Fanboys* and most recently in the journey of cancer patient Daniel Fleetwood's family's quest for an advanced screening of *The Force Awakens* late last year. Join Allen Callaci, author of *Heart Like a Starfish* and recent heart transplant patient, for a look at the healing power of The Force.

**From the Queen of Plastics to the King of Rock 'n' Roll: Uncovering Fascinating Stories from Florida's Past with Author Bob Kealing**

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

*Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m.*

Award-winning broadcast journalist and historian of Florida's popular culture, Bob Kealing will discuss his new book, *Elvis Ignited: The Rise of an Icon in Florida*. Uncover the Sunshine State's crucial role in Elvis Presley's life and musical career. Join us for a fascinating first-hand look at how a skilled and dedicated journalist discovered little-known but important stories from Central Florida's pop-culture past. A book sale and signing will follow the event.