

Writers Corner

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Author Events

2nd 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 2nd 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. 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. Ages 21 and up.

Book Launch Celebration: *Shimmer and Burn* by Mary Taranta

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Saturday, August 12, 2 p.m.

Celebrate the launch of *Shimmer and Burn*, the new Young Adult Fantasy from Mary Taranta. To save her sister's life, Faris must smuggle magic into a plague-ridden neighboring kingdom in this exciting and dangerous start to a brand-new fantasy duology. Join the author for a discussion and Q&A, followed by a book sale and signing.

Writers Workshops

Query Writing Workshop, Presented by Pitch Wars

Herndon Branch

Tuesday, August 1, 7 p.m.

If you want to find an agent or a publisher for your fiction or narrative non-fiction, you will need an outstanding query letter. Pitch Wars Mentors will show you how to create a query letter that will help you snag a book deal. Pitch Wars is an annual contest where published/agented authors, editors or industry interns mentor one writer in preparation for an agent bidding war.

Character Development & World Building

Alafaya Branch

Wednesdays, August 9–30, 7 p.m.

Delight your readers by adding depth to your characters and fictional worlds with this four-week workshop from author and publisher L.E. Perez.

8/9 – World Building

8/16 – Character Development

8/23 – Point of View

8/30 – Putting It All Together

Writers Group

Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room

Sunday, August 13, 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 and Selling Short Stories

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Saturday, August 26, 2 p.m.

Some genres are experiencing a new golden era of short fiction publishing right now; even outside of those genres, writing short stories is still a great way to hone your craft without spending months on a single work. Professionally published author José Iriarte will walk you through a variety of processes for idea generation, recognizing whether a premise can fit in a short work, story structure, polishing and shopping around your completed manuscript.