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You may as well dance as if no one is looking, because no one is. During these seasons of 2020 shutdown/slowdown, perhaps you've had time to nurture yourself, your loved ones, and your community.

We shall miss our annual Halloween costume gathering, reading from our own works or spooky inspired literature, fellowship, food and fun. Dancing as if no one is looking is one thing, but dressing up in costume solo? Don't think so.

No matter what, we do have

**for the fruit of the earth,
for the fruit of the tree,
for the light of the fire
and to have come to this season."**

- Charles Reznikoff - poet, 1894-1976

Florida author Ken Pelham presents a virtual meeting via Zoom platform for us through Ponte Vedra Writers on Saturday, October 24, 10:30 am. His topic, The Evolution of Genres and why it matters, brought forth memories of our genres study a few years ago.

We might think of biography, drama, fantasy, fiction, mystery, nonfiction, sci-fi, but those just scratch the surface of ever growing forms of expression. Even if you've found your niche, take five, go to [wikipedia.org](https://www.wikipedia.org), search writing genres, and be amazed at the variety.

Join the Zoom meeting by registering for Ken's program:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkd--gpjotHNUaVAkPCf213CrgCpiWhN1X](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkd--gpjotHNUaVAkPCf213CrgCpiWhN1X)



Jenny Randle, an exceptional young woman, moved to Jacksonville Beach with her family from Hollywood CA. Her newest book, "Getting to Know God's Voice: Discover the Holy Spirit in Your Everyday Life" is an interactive journey for the reader participant. It releases on

Story and Song Bookstore Bistro hosts an author chat with Jenny, Tuesday Oct. 6, 3 pm. Masks and social distancing are observed, there is a 25 person reduced capacity at this time, reservations needed, 601-2118.

Jenny will be at The Book Loft downtown on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2-5 pm for a book signing. Current city mandates for masks and social distancing are observed.

Writers will appreciate the structure of Jenny's website, and perhaps pick up some tips from how she presents herself throughout the site, including her media and press tab. Located there are links to her impressive print and online articles.

<http://www.jennyrandle.com>



Donna Overly expands on the King family in her latest novel. "The Shackle" released later this month, continues a second series of "The Knot." Join Donna for the premiere of her new book, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 3 - 5 pm, Story and Song Bookstore. "The Shackle" gives a voice to human trafficking and the next book will explore the hardships of a caretaker.

Donna is an accomplished artist as well as a published author. She shares fall sunflowers for us to enjoy. Donna is among featured artists at Story and Song Bookstore this month.

<http://www.donnaleeoverly.com>

arriving back in Florida at this time after the Maine debut of book three in his acclaimed mystery series "The Bike Cop." Digger Davenport's adventures and discoveries take place during a time of life we can all relate to. "The Bike Cop in Shadows of Dog Island Light" will be available locally and wherever books are sold. Impressive endorsements, including one from local author, Ken Timmerman, are found on The Series tab of his website:

<http://www.thebikecop.com>



Eight Week Class, Fridays, 10 am, beginning October 16:

Robyn Nemes, Naturalist, Writer, and all around Creative, facilitates a virtual program via the Zoom platform. The focus is growing resilience and balancing emotions as we age and experience life transitions, Women will create a journal while exploring timely topics. \$75.00 includes a journal, eight weeks of class, and Mary Pipher's book "Women Rowing North." To register, call Story and Song Bookstore at 601-2118. Thank you, Robyn, for offering this program to the community.

Local / Area Author Book Signings at The Book Loft, October:

Saturday, Oct. 24, 1-4 pm: Amy West with "100 Things to Do in Jacksonville Before You Die." View Amy's extensive lifestyle and travel brand: <http://www.amywesttravel.com>

Saturday, Oct. 31, 1-4 pm: meet Jack Wyatt with "Lions in the Water," an intriguing blend of historical events and most curious figures.

<http://www.jackwyattbooks.com>



Florida Writers Association
Writers Helping Writers

FWA's annual October conference, normally held in Orlando, goes online this year, and at a great value. \$57 for members, or \$116 for non-members and includes new one-year membership. The conference, packed full of opportunities and virtual workshops is October 15-18. Information and registration:

<http://www.floridawriters.net>

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