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UPCOMING Events



Special Workshop BUILD YOUR AUTHOR PLATFORM
Thursday, April 22 12:00- 2:00 pm
Story & Song Bookstore Bistro

Lynnette Najimy, Beansprout Productions, will give an overview of manageable and effective ways to build or strengthen your author platform beginning wherever you are in your life as a writer. Topics covered:

- **Integrated Marketing Tools**
- **Website**
- **Social Media**
- **Blog**

Typically \$55, this workshop is offered at no cost. Story & Song is offering a special menu for the workshop for \$14. Registration is limited; social distancing required. Contact Katherine Hoehn to RSVP: kat@katwritesandsnaps.com.



Other UPCOMING Events

Local Author Book Launches and Signings - April

Story & Song Bookstore Bistro:

Story & Song is the exclusive source for a personalized and autographed copy of David Baldacci's latest thriller, *A Gambling Man*. Use the Notes field at checkout to indicate how you would like the book inscribed. Indicate whether you need the book mailed or will pick-up.

<https://storyandsong.handseller.com/home/bookdetailsin/9781538719681>

Wednesday, April 21, 7-8 pm: Story & Song hosts an intimate conversation with David Baldacci. Details on their website, events tab-calendar. <http://www.storyandsongbookstore.com>

The Book Loft:

Saturday, April 10, 1-3 pm: A book launch with Tom Hitchcock and his latest novel, *Drowning*.

Thursday, April 15, 4 - 6 pm: R.W. Herman, USN-Ret., with his launch of *The Unopened Letter*.

For the two book launches above, call The Book Loft with your reservation, 904-261-8991.

Saturday, April 17, 10 am - 1 pm: Meet Tommy Nocerino, signing his book

INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE DAY IS APRIL 24, A GOOD REMINDER TO THANK STORY & SONG BOOKSTORE BISTRO AND THE BOOK LOFT FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE LITERARY COMMUNITY.

Save These Dates

Tuesday, June 29 3-5 pm: Award winning historical fiction authors Nancy Blanton and JR Sharp discuss *Methods in Research*, applicable to any writing genre.

Tuesday, September 28 3-5 pm: Nancy Blanton leads us through *The All Important Cover Design*.

Meetings held at Story & Song Bookstore Bistro

National Library Week is April 4-10. Nassau County Libraries are open with safety precautions. Friends of the Nassau County Library, a local support organization, invites you to join them with your paid membership. FOL members contribute to the success of our library, readers, and writers in several ways. Find out more here:

<http://www.fernandinafol.org>



April is National Poetry Month. Nola Perez, Poet Laureate of Fernandina Beach, has edited a new collection from Fernandina's Poetry Canteen. *The Best of Fernandina's Poetry*

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Nola is published in several genres, including poetry and memoir. Some favorites are *Nothing Left Unsaid*, *A Magical Life*, *the Early Years - Growing up Fernandina*, and *Poems for People Who Don't Like Poetry*.

BLOG SPOTLIGHT

Salt Spray and Aspens is the title of Jean Goulden's blog. Besides her thought provoking content, she includes End Notes of what she's reading, listening to, and a poem. Thank you, Jean for the recent sonnet by English poet Gerard Manley Hopkins. *Pied Beauty* stirs one to explore its themes and study it further. Jean is also a published author of *Blisters and Blessings; In Pursuit of Spain's Camino de Santiago de Compostela's Headless Saint* and *Hiking England's Coast to Coast Way; Landscape, Laughter, and Love*.

<http://www.jeangoulden.com>

On March 30th, we met for the first time in more than a year. Guest speakers and attendees generated energy and enthusiasm for "First Impressions, Let's Get it Started." Thank you Mollie Pilling, Eileen Meyer, Steve Gibbs, and Tommy Nocerino, for sharing your writing journeys. Thank you to Story & Song for hosting the event.



Moderator **Mollie Pilling** is retired from an international teaching career, and author of *The Ensign's Wife*, a novel, and *Journeys*, a book of poetry.

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...
 shared her background that led to writing her titles including - *The Superlative A. Lincoln, Poems about our 16th President, and Sweet Dreams, Wild Animals!*

<http://www.eileenmeyerbooks.com>



Steve Gibbs's books feature eccentric characters, inspired by his years living and working in the Keys. Steve likes to personally meet his readers during the bi-weekly Artisans and Crafts area at the Farmer's Market. His eight books with riveting titles, all stemmed from the character *Java*...

Tommy Nocerino titles his books first, then writes using his keen knowledge of history and memory for detail. He brought his latest book, *Bad Guy's Clothes*, and others, including *Greycourt*. Tommy substitute teaches in the Nassau County School District, hence his Yulee Hornets tee-shirt.



Former and current chapter coordinators of Amelia Island Writers, **Nadine Vaughan**

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