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# melia Island Writers



**Tuesday, Dec. 6, 4-6 pm,  
Story & Song Bookstore**

**Share your favorite book(s) from this year, and any goals for next year at our annual "What Writers are Reading" book chat. Your impactful book(s) from 2022 can be new or old. Arrive early to shop and grab a snack.**

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**SAVE THE DATES**

**Thursday, Jan. 12, 12:30**

**Ring in the new year with a Florida focus literary luncheon. Guest author, Deborah Goodrich Royce, releases her suspense novel, *Reef Road*, following her acclaimed mysteries, *Finding Mrs. Ford* and *Ruby Falls*. Reef Road takes place in Palm Beach, FL. The literary luncheon is our January program. Ticket information in January's newsletter. Deborah is also an actress. Become familiar with her: <http://www.deborahgoodrichroyce.com>**

**Saturday, Feb. 25, details forthcoming.**

**Favorite Florida International University Professor John Dufresne comes to town for a short story writing workshop. He will release a new book while here on Amelia Island. Short story writing can be a great way for emerging and established writers of all genres to diversify their skills and broaden their readership. Save the date and seize the day! Here's John:**



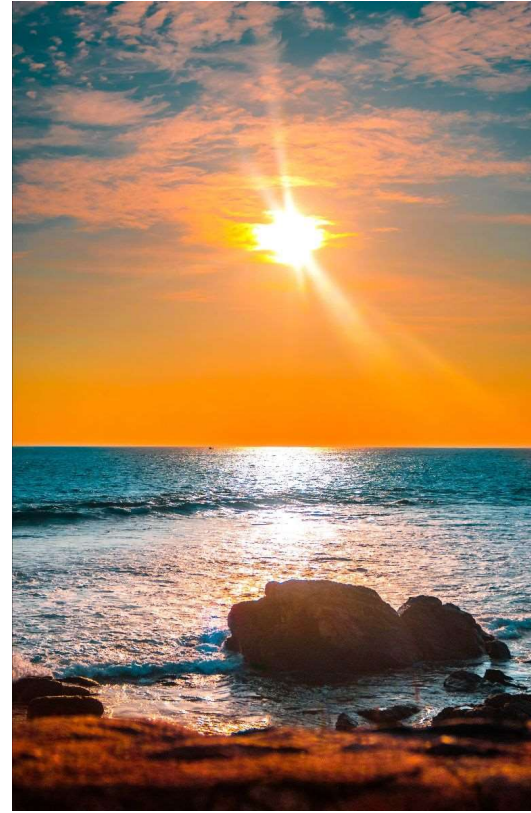
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**Gainesville's Sunshine State Book Festival is Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27-28.**

**Programs sound exciting and inspiring. Local/area authors participating include Deb Boelkes, Nancy Blanton, and Parker Francis. Parker is Vic DiGenti, NE FL regional director of Florida Writers Association.**

**Readings by 10 authors of various genres include Deb and Nancy, with Deb on Saturday at 11 am and Nancy at 11:30.**

**Keynote is Janis Owens, popular author of four novels, a regional cookbook, and a book of nonfiction. She speaks on Saturday at 1 pm. Festival information: <http://www.sunshinestatebookfestival.com>**



**Mysteries, *The Gator Did It.***

**Friday, Dec. 30th, 10-12. Donna Lee Overly with *True Love Knot.* If you are a fan of Donna's Knot Series, stop in for the latest adventures of the King Family. Or become acquainted and start from the beginning in the new year.**

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**The Book Loft was gifted a Christmas Village, which fits perfectly along the entire length of their book shelf. Stop in to enjoy the festive atmosphere the staff has created for you!**



We take this opportunity to thank Story & Song Bookstore Bistro and The Book Loft for supporting our creative and cultural community. Did you know that we can support Story & Song's Center for Arts & Culture with a tax-deductible donation? Find out about their extended mission and purpose to benefit our citizens and visitors:

<https://www.storyandsongarts.org/donations>

**Here is what's going on this month for writers in the NE FL area:**

<https://mailchi.mp/1e24fed79ae6/summer-is-for-writers-12374663?>

Send your current announcements, awards, events, and we will celebrate with you right here, space allowing. Send care of Marla: [marlamayes317@gmail.com](mailto:marlamayes317@gmail.com).

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