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In January  
it's so nice while slipping on  
the sliding ice to sip hot  
chicken soup with rice.

- Maurice Sendak

## January Literary Luncheon

Last year we decided that a festive January kick-off to the new year was in order. Awarded a grant from Florida Humanities, we brought Craig Pittman to town. We planned to make this an annual, Florida focused event. This January, part-time Florida resident, Deborah Goodrich Royce, is on tour launching her latest novel, *Reef Road*. Working perfectly as our January program, we will be drawn in to dark under currents as they unfold in otherwise tranquil Palm Beach.

**When:** Thursday, January 12, 11:30 - 1 pm (note corrected time)

**Where:** Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture, Amelia Park

**Event Detail:** Program, lunch, and one book, \$49.00. Program, lunch for two, and one book, \$74.00

**Tickets:** <https://storyandsongarts.company.site/Literary-Luncheon-Reef-Road-with-Deborah-Goodrich-Royce-p516289471>



**actress Deborah Goodrich Royce calls her novels "identity thrillers," and much more at:**

<http://www.deborahgoodrichroyce.com>

**Do you have a dedicated place in which to write? Deborah shares her thoughts on this and her process, which will be sent in a separate mailing.**

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**SAVE THE DATE, Saturday, Feb. 25 time t.b.d. Brush up on your writing skills with author and professor, John Dufresne. John founded and directs the Creative Writing Program at Florida International University, and is a Guggenheim Fellow.**



**John presents a short-story writing workshop. Learning to write effective short stories benefits emerging writers and published authors. John releases his latest book at our program. Details in February's newsletter. His website is a trip! <http://www.johndufresne.com>**

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### **Local Author Events This Month:**

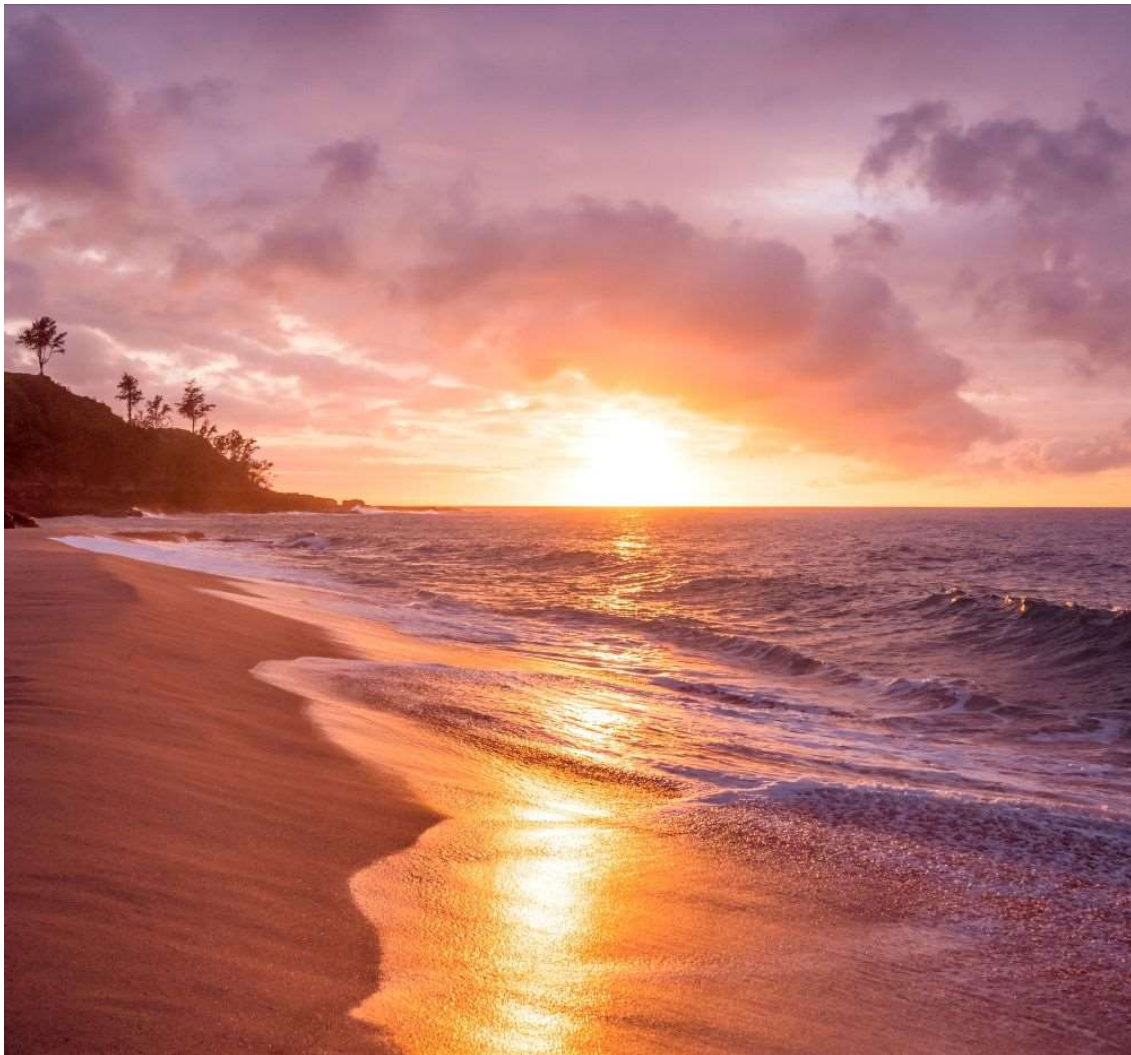
Story & Song Bookstore Bistro and Center for Arts & Culture

Saturday, January 6, 3-4:30 pm. Treat yourself to Tea and Tales with local actor/author Ron Kurtz. Click on the link to purchase tickets and

## The Book Loft

Thursday, January 19, 5-7 pm. *The Vatican Code* by Ken Hackett. Ken served as US ambassador to the Holy See after his retirement from forty years with Catholic Relief Services. His book browses highlights of the papacy from 2013-2017 as well as some of its murkier elements. Travel with Ken, his wife Joan, and their blind Bichon Frise, Fenway, as they left Baltimore to live and work in Rome.

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**As highlighted in last month's newsletter, Gainesville's Sunshine State Book Festival is Jan. 27-28. Several local authors are participating. <http://www.sunshinestatebookfestival.com>**

Beach Middle School. Vic, Florida Writers Association Regional Director, presents **How to Create a Literary Legacy - Writing Your Life Story**. "There are many reasons to capture the memories of a loved one or document your own life story. But how and where do you start? Award winning author Vic DiGenti (aka Parker Francis) works as a ghostwriter, biographer, and publisher. He's written eight biographies and family histories for clients, and will share practical information like where to start, what to put in, and what to leave out. Whether you wish to share your book with family and friends only, or perhaps seek a broader audience, you will learn how to leave a lasting legacy."

Want to take a little trip to Georgia? An array of quality programming is offered at the Savannah Book Festival, Feb. 16-19. <http://www.savannahbookfestival.org>



Need a website created, or a freshening up of your existing website in this new year? Thank you to Michael Stokes, Stokes Webs, for continuing to volunteer his time in maintaining our writer website. We miss Michael, but he's still nearby in Kingsland, GA, and visits his Amelia clients and friends regularly. View his comprehensive website services: <http://www.stokeswebs.com>

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See the **MORE** tab on her website for creative services.

<http://www.4pocalypsearts.com>

**Lynnette Najimy - Beansprout Productions - can help you with social media and integrative web technology:**

<http://www.beansproutproductions.com>

**Caroline Blochlinger is known for various services in book format, finishing touches, and website design:**

<http://www.cbadvertising.com>

**Janet Michea is an accomplished artist. She brings her artistic flair to website design and creative services:**

<http://www.janetmicheadesign.com>

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Send your current announcements, awards, events, launches, signings, and they will be shared right here, space allowing. Send care of Marla: [marlamayes317@gmail.com](mailto:marlamayes317@gmail.com).

Programs of interest to writers in NE Florida are listed in the regional Florida Writers blog: <https://mailchi.mp/b29e36742708/summer-is-for-writers-13376643?e=7f119c9fee>



<http://www.ameliaislandwriters.org>

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Florida Writers Association membership is not required to participate in meetings. Find out if membership might be right for you at:

<http://www.floridawriters.org>.

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