

Writing Critique Groups in (and close by) The Villages

Writers4Kids

Mission: A supportive team to help Villages authors create and perfect works for pre-K to young adult.

Meeting: Meets every Friday, 9 to 10:50 a.m., in the Jasmine Room at Hibiscus Recreation Center.

Contact: Mark H. Newhouse, mark@newhouse.net, 352-753-3290

Creative Writers Group (CWG)

Mission: To help and encourage anyone in The Villages who writes nonfiction, fiction, biography, family history, memoirs, fantasy, science fiction, etc. All are welcome to join, read, and critique.

Meeting: Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. at Laurel Manor Recreation Center.

Contact: Mike Doyle at tmdoyle20@gmail.com 352-693-2313

Lady Lake Writers of Florida Writers Association

Mission: Writers helping writers (critique group)

Meeting: 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, Lady Lake Library, 225 West Guava St, 9:30 - 11:30 am. (Library is one block off of 466 or US 27/441).

Contact: Chris Malinger at polar@mwt.net

Oxford Writers of Florida Writers Association

Mission: Share writing, insights and news. Ten minutes of unpublished writing (4-6 double-spaced pages) to share. Non-Villagers welcome.

Meeting: First Wednesday and third Thursday, 5:45-8PM at Oxford Community Building, Oxford. Near intersection of Hwy 466 and Hwy 301

Contact: Chris Coward at chrisoward@comcast.net

Wannabee Writers

Mission: Help new or experienced authors develop and improve writing skills in all genres of fiction, nonfiction, and memoir writing. Authors email drafts to other members before meetings. Twenty minutes to read work and receive comments. Draft copies returned to author annotated with suggestions. Only full time residents may become members.

Meeting: Mondays at 8:15-11:00 a.m., Lake Miona Recreation Center in the Courageous Room.

Contact: Rich Greenberg at 350-6056 or greenzilla@gmail.com

Writers of The Villages

Mission: Assist any Villager interested in learning or mastering the art of creative writing. Participants write short stories, novels, memoirs, or genre fiction and email them to group participants for discussion and critique at the meeting.

Meeting: Tuesdays at 9:00-10:50 a.m. at Bradenton Recreation Center

Contact: Millard Johnson at zendog3@mac.com or 317-584-5071

Working Writers Workshop

Mission: Award-winning fiction writers helping each other to improve our skills, critiquing 3-4 selections each week.

Meeting: Tuesdays at 8:30-11:30, Canal Rec Center

Contact: Eric Honour, ehonoursr@gmail.com Call 850-450-0429

Short Story Writers

Mission: To read your short story (up to @1500 words) and received a critique by other members.

Meeting: 2nd Friday of month, 10:00 – 11:20 am, at Laurel Manor Recreation Center

Contact: Tom Leonard, at 352-753-2917

Memoir Writers Plus

Mission: Come and Share your stories or memoirs and listen to others read theirs. It is a non-judgmental environment for beginning writers to receive constructive feedback.

Meeting: 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the Chula Vista Recreation Center.

Contact: Mary Ann Sinopoli msinopoli2@gmail.com 630-220-9405

Writing Is Fun

Mission: To have fun writing

Meeting: 1&3W 10 a.m., Sea Breeze Rec Center

Contact: Constance McGee 2105 Horizon Run The Villages FL, 32162 (352) 633-8744

More Groups to call for meeting times and places

Authors Critique Group

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Pen, Paper & Pals Writing Club

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Poetry Workshop

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South Fun & Creative Writers

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Writers of The Villages - South

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