

VENICE WRITERS' FESTIVAL AND BOOK FAIR NEWSLETTER

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It's the Centennial!

"Turn the Page to an Exciting New World at the Venice Writer's Festival and Book Fair"

The 2026 Venice Writers' Festival and Book Fair
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 26 - 28

The **Venice Writers' Festival and Book Fair** is a keystone event in the literary life of Venice and of Florida. The outstanding support from the city and the community ensures that we will continue to grow and attract a greater number of authors and patrons. Part of the **Venice Centennial Celebration**, this year's event will be held **at the William H. Jervy, Jr. Library and the West Blalock Park in Venice.**

"The Foreword"
Thursday, March 26

The **event begins on 26 March with "The Foreword,"** a wine and cheese **social gathering and author's panel held from 5:30 - 8:30 P.M. at the Collectors Gallery in Venice.**

Sponsored by the Island Bookshop, it is the perfect start for authors to meet one another and listen to established writers provide insight into the creation and publication of their latest works.

More information and online registration are available at: <https://venicebookfair.com>

"The Book Fair"
Saturday, March 28

The **West Blalock Park in Venice** is the perfect location for the **2026 Venice Book Fair.** The event draws hundreds of book lovers on **Saturday, from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.,** strolling through the park and meeting authors across all genres. They discuss books for sale and their lives as writers, answering questions and providing advice to would-be writers. The event draws more folks each year, and the park offers a wonderful Venice setting for meeting favorite authors or selecting from a wide range of titles.

Welcome to all Interested authors, writers, editors, and publishers in Florida and neighboring states; avid readers and book club members; writing organizations, literary societies, and educational institutions.

Early Registration will end on 31 December! Authors' cost for tent/registration: \$150; on or after January 1, \$175. We are very close to reaching last year's numbers during early registration. **Act now for the discount.**

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Friday, March 27

The Writer's Festival will be held in the William H. Jervy, Jr. Venice Library's Gulf Coast Community Foundation Room, from 11:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

Several guest panels and speakers are scheduled. Guaranteed entry for the first 40 registrants.

• **11:00 A.M.** Imagine Yourself a Writer: Tools and Tips for Getting Started. Panel members reflect on a year of starting to write and edit.

• **12:00 P.M.** Do You Plot or Do you Write by the Seat of Your Pants? What is the value of planning versus "winging it" when starting the writing process?

• **1:30 P.M.** The Impact of AI on Writing and Marketing. A point-counterpoint discussion on the merits of Artificial Intelligence in producing and marketing works for publication.

• **3:00 P.M.** Celebrating Venice's Centennials: Writing about Your Hometown. Perspectives on celebrating Venice or any hometown in words and pictures.

\$20 payable by credit card at www.venicebookfair.com. There will be a book signing after each panel discussion.