

PASCO SCENE

# Book Fair To Benefit Library And Showcase Local Authors

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From best-selling tales of mystery and suspense to contemporary and historical, Marshall Frank is a published author who brings personal experience to his work—and to his readers.

"I have five suspense novels that are reviewed (classified as complete) with 'commendable,'" he said. "My 10 years in police (work), including 10 years in homicide, gives me an advantage in story material in my stories, and hopefully, lots of suspense derived from the human struggle with crime."

"My non-fiction books address stimulating topics in a very direct manner which informs the reader of new data and points of view outside the box."

Frank's latest book, a memoir titled "From Vietnam To Violence," has been called "one of the best books of the year" by *Florida Today*. It's one of the books he will present at the book fair, an event planned for Saturday that will showcase Florida authors and their work.

The fair, hosted by the Pasco Chapter of the Florida Writers Association, will feature 10 authors, including Frank, who is the chair of the New Port Richley Public Library.

"It's an opportunity for writers to market their work and find more exposure among readers, media, agents and publishers," Frank said. "And readers love book fairs and love meeting the authors personally, and this gives them a free opportunity to do just that."

Event organizers Delta Clark, president of the Pasco/New Port Richley chapter of the Florida Writers Association, agrees that the fair will offer benefits for writers and readers.

"It's a charitable event for the benefit of the library fund and a wonderful opportunity to meet the authors and to network," she said. "I believe the fair will benefit readers who will have the opportunity not only to find good fiction and nonfiction, but to meet with the authors and discuss what inspired them to write it."

"The children, it will promote a love of reading from the toddlers on up. It's good for the writers to meet with their critics. They are the ones we write for. Many a good idea is born of one such conversation."

The fair, Clark said, will include works representing a variety of genres, ranging from children's books to Christian nonfiction, to mystery, suspense, thrillers, sweet romance, to paranormal supernatural suspense.

Aside from Frank, participating authors include Delta Clark, longtime children's author; D.H. Clark, paranormal romantic suspense writer; Susan Bailey winner of the 2007 Indie Award for her sixth volume of "Shiny Day People"; Rose Heltz, award-winning author of the suspense novel



Author Marshall Frank will be at the Friends of the New Port Richley Public Library book fair to talk about his latest book.

### THE BOOK FAIR

**SOME BACKGROUND:** The Book Fair, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the New Port Richley Public Library, 2000 West St., New Port Richley, will showcase the published work of Florida writers.

**COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS:** In order to participate in the fair, each author must be a member of the Friends of the New Port Richley Public Library.

**A LITTLE HISTORY:** This marks the first time the Pasco County/New Port Richley chapter of the Florida Writers Association has hosted a book fair. PWA Pasco and New Port Richley are the authors listed and Frank is the author of the book. The association is "a statewide organization that provides a social network for writers, editors, agents and publishers to interact and help one another."

**GET INVOLVED:** For information about the book fair, contact organizers or Delta Clark at PascoFWA@aol.com.



Award-winning thriller writer John M. Taylor will participate in the book fair at the library.

"Crescendo," award-winning thriller writer John M. Taylor, his thriller, "The Mind Mirror" and nonfictional psychological, historical writer Madeline Wiley and suspense writer Linda White-Francis.

"For the spring to do a book signing is an extreme privilege because it is a wonderful opportunity to talk to people who love to read," said Wilson-Wisner, a Holiday resident whose stories appear in the *Midnight Magazine Fiction Digest*, "Seasons of the Heart," "Sweet Whimsy Hat," "Diablo" and "Sweet Challenge." "The greatest pleasure as a writer is introducing my work to a reader who loves the suspense genre and can't wait to read my love story."

Wife a longtime Zephyrville resident and science educator, agrees. She will offer her newly published book, "Zephyrville: An Anthology of Its History Through Education," at the book fair.

"The fair organized by Delta Clark is an opportunity to showcase Florida authors to readers and entire perspective view as well," Wiley said. "Authors are often unappreciated and look at the through many lenses from their characters' or poet's unique point, so I also expect the opportunity to share our life stories of trials and successes in writing with each other will be a synergistic opportunity for the authors as well," she said.

At the book fair, each author will have 10 minutes to speak about his or her book or to read a portion.

Also at the event, David Frank, president of the Friends of the New Port Richley Public Library, will be present to receive donation checks to the New Port Richley Library fund. A gift to the library fund also will be presented.



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