

Subject: Free Workshops for Writers - sponsored by Chesapeake Bay Writers and the Yorktown Public Library

Chesapeake Bay Writers presents: "The Published Life: Workshops for Writers"

The Workshops are free, but Pre-registration is required.

Chesapeake Bay Writers and the Yorktown Public Library are pleased to announce an upcoming series of three free workshops entitled *The Published Life: Workshops for Writers*. **All three workshops of the series will take place at the Yorktown Public Library, 8500 George Washington Blvd, Yorktown VA (see map at right).**

The goal of these workshops is to help writers successfully navigate the complex and sometimes confusing world of publishing, both before and after your book is released. *The Published Life* series will address publishing components such as query letters, proposals, publishing myths and marketing.

The Workshops will be held on June 25, July 23 and September 10 from 10:30 to 12:30. Each session will be taught by a professional, published writer. The first two are described below. Separate Registration is required for each.

Information about registering for the free September 10th workshop (Brad Parks, Instructor) will be posted in late July.



[Also don't forget our Dinner Meeting June 15th. Click here for Information.](#)
[Open to the public.](#)

**Workshop #1:
June 25th**

***Snagging a
Publisher with
the Perfect
Query Letter***



Begins at 10:30 AM (2 Hrs)

Instructor: [Greg Lilly](#)

**[Click here to Register for this
Workshop.](#)**

Wondering how to hook an agent or publisher for your novel? This workshop will explore the publishing industry's tools for submitting your novel to agents and publishers. Discussion and worksheets will lead you through the development of the all-important selling tools of a pitch, synopsis, and query letter. Exercises will include creating these tools for your novel, each one expanding into the next to create a cohesive publication package. Also, we'll discuss the best places to find agents and publishers who are looking for your work. By the end of the workshop, you will have the tools to submit your novel to an agent or publisher.

**Workshop
#2: July 23rd**

***Writing a
Successful
Book
Proposal***



Begins at 10:30 AM (2 Hrs)

Instructor: [Karen Jones](#)

**[Click here to Register for this
Workshop.](#)**

Join author Karen Jones for a two hour workshop exploring the ins and outs of writing a successful book proposal. Learn how to find a story that will sell, discover how to precisely target the market, and master the art of writing a proposal that will make an agent and editor see dollar signs. The class will involve an examination of the current market, and include information on finding the primary and secondary markets for your material, accurately pitching an agent or editor, and structuring your book proposal to fit current industry standards.

For questions or additional directions, contact the Yorktown Library reference desk, (757) 890-5207.