

February News Items pertaining to WLOV and its authors

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Enjoy Night of Love Stories With Your Loved Ones

The Writers League of The Villages will host Valentine's Day Love Story Readings on Thursday evening at Odell Recreation Center.

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Whether they're for happy or sappy tears, you might want to bring tissues to the Valentine's Day Love Story Readings.

The event, which is the Writers League of The Villages' annual Valentine's program, will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday at Odell Recreation Center.

The event includes stories, songs and poems written and performed by Villages residents.

LOVE STORY READINGS

When: 6 p.m. Thursday
Where: Odell Recreation Center, 2260 Odell Circle

Who: The Writers League of The Villages is hosting the event that's open to all Villages residents

Cost: Admission is \$4
Need to know: Register at any regional recreation center.

Three musicians also will perform before, during and after the readings.

The stories cover all aspects of love, from the spiritual to

the comic, said event organizer Millard Johnson, of the Village of Charlotte.

"These artists are experienced and skilled, and many have published works in their resume," he said.

Attendees are welcome to bring wine or their own preferred beverage and sit at tables with their friends. Snacks are provided.

"We have really good poets,

writers and songwriters, and they are giving you their best stuff," Johnson said.

The Writers League of The Villages was founded in 2011 to serve writers through education and an exchange of ideas. The group meets monthly.

Daria Lotocky, recreation supervisor at Odell, said the Writers League of The Villages' program on

Valentine's Day is a perfect way for artists to showcase their talents.

It's also a great opportunity for residents to appreciate the wide array of talent featured in the group.

"It's a simple, pleasant way for (guests) to hear some pieces that their fellow residents have

put together, enjoy some light snacks and beverages, and spend with their sweethearts," Lotocky said.

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VILLAGES AUTHORS

DAVID BISHOP
The Village of Duval



David Bishop, of the Village of Duval, published his 20th fiction book in November. "Heart Strike" is the fourth book in a mystery series.

The series revolves around the same characters, Linda Darby and Ryan Testler, but each book stands on its own and can be read in any order.

Bishop anticipates adding more books

to the series. Meanwhile, he keeps writing. He currently is working on his 21st and 22nd books.

He's usually writing at least two or three books at a time, and he starts writing most of his books with the last chapter first.

"It's like going on vacation," he said. "You don't put the luggage in the back seat and pull away from the curb before you know

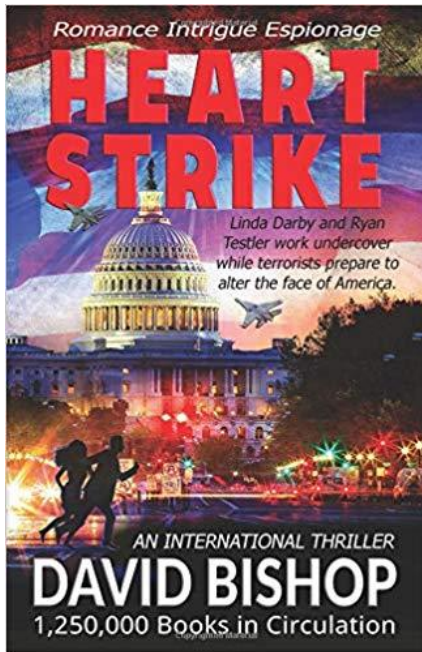
where you're going."

The genres for all the books he writes are mysteries, thrillers or romantic suspense.

"Anyone who likes intrigue, romance and likes to sit on the edge of their chair while reading" would enjoy his books, he said.

"Heart Strike" is available on amazon.com.

— Rachel Stuart, Daily Sun



VILLAGES AUTHOR

AMY'S ADVENTUROUS BUS TRIP
by Lorraine M. Harris, Village of St. Charles

GENRE: Contemporary

Since the death of her husband, Amy is afraid to tell her family, friends and especially her son, that she's dating. She opts to keep her boyfriend and her 12-day trip a secret. But when she boards the bus, Amy gets a startling surprise that may force her to reveal everything.



WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO WRITE YOUR BOOK?

My husband and I like to travel. We took a 14-day bus trip to Yellowstone Park, Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse. During our travels, I watched the passengers and they inspired me to write this book.

WHAT CLUBS, ACTIVITIES AND HOBBIES DO YOU ENJOY?

I'm involved in the African American Club, Guys and Dolls Golf Club and the Writers League of The Villages. I enjoy reading, writing, golfing, bowling, traveling, playing a variety of card games, mentoring at the



Wildwood Middle High School and volunteering at church on a variety of committees. I've lived in The Villages for over 18 years. I feel blessed to still be writing and having fun doing it!

