

Some Key Websites for Self-Published Authors

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Writers League of The Villages

www.wlov.weebly.org/

Lists writing-related events of interest to Villages authors; has catalogue of authors' books; has list of all critique clubs in the area. Club membership is open only to residents of The Villages.

Florida Writers Association

<https://floridawriters.net/>

Full of helpful information for Florida writers: blog posts, podcasts, list of writing contests, and much more.

Kindle Direct Publishing

https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/

Most-used company for low-cost self-publishing (no fee to upload fully-formatted book)

Ingram Spark

<https://www.ingramspark.com/>

Another company for low-cost self-publishing (small fee to upload fully-formatted book)

Popular self-editing services (fee-based)

<https://www.grammarly.com/>

<https://www.autocrit.com/>

Find a Publisher for Your Work

<https://duotrope.com/>

Monitors 7200 fiction, poetry, and nonfiction publishers and agents. One week free trial, then \$5/month.

Professional Editing and Book Cover Design

Editing: <https://redadepediting.com/>

Cover Design: <https://www.customebookcovers.com/>

Two examples of many special services available via the internet

Easy Distribution of Your E-book

www.draft2digital.com

Free distribution to multiple sites for your ebook. No fee to sign on, and d2d handles all payments to the author.

Publicity

<https://www.facebook.com/>

Start with FB, where you can post your book on various sites for free, or pay for placed advertising.

https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/

Once your book is on Amazon, you can place targeted advertising on a daily basis.

Freelance services

<https://www.fiverr.com/>

On fiverr.com, you can find people for any task in the realm of self-publishing, from editing to cover design to publicity. Fees start as low as \$5 for simple tasks. Unfortunately, the quality varies widely, so in using this service for big jobs, best to start with small amount for limited work, to assess the person's capability.

Self-Publishing Scams

www.google.com/

Never sign a contract or send any money to "publish your book" without extensive internet research. There are many types of scams played on authors, from outright fraud to legitimate companies whose business model is NOT to sell books to the public, but ONLY to sell books and services to the author. The spectrum of self-publishing is vast, from do-everything-yourself to hire-free-lancers-for-specific-tasks to one-company-does-everything-for-you. Before you commit to any self-publishing company, investigate via the internet, seek references, discuss with fellow authors.
