

# TAMPA BAY AREA WRITERS' GROUPS

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**NOTE: This list is by no means complete. Want your group listed on next year's sheet? Contact [straiman@mindspring.com](mailto:straiman@mindspring.com) with information.**

## **Bay Area Professional Writers Guild (BAPWG)**

Bardmoor Panera Bread (Largo)  
Comer of Starkey and Bryan Dairy Rd,  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday - 12:00 noon, 1:00 pm in Jan 2012  
Steve Traiman: [straiman@mindspring.com](mailto:straiman@mindspring.com)  
727-363-7531 [www.bapwg.org](http://www.bapwg.org)

## **Bloomingdale Writers Connection**

Bloomingdale Library  
Val Perry: [vperry650@msn.com](mailto:vperry650@msn.com)

## **Clearwater Beach Library Writers' Group**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 1:30-3 pm  
727-562-4970

## **Dunedin Library Writers' Group**

Fridays - 10 am – 12 noon  
Mary Dresser: 727-734-3621  
[mdresser@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mdresser@tampabay.rr.com)

## **East Lake Community Library Writers' Critique Group**

4125 East Lake Road  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays - 6:30 pm  
727-773-2665

## **Florida Writers Association (FWA):**

### **Pasco/New Port Richey Chapter**

NPR Public Library- 5939 Main St.  
4th Saturday - 10:30 am  
Dahris Clair: 727-847-2023

### **Pinellas Chapter/St. Petersburg**

John Rehg: 727-492-6044 (cell)  
[jrehg24@hotmail.com](mailto:jrehg24@hotmail.com)

### **New Tampa/Wesley Chapel Chapter**

Bames & Noble  
Wiregrass Shopping Center  
1st Saturday - 10:00 am  
Toni Martin: 813-991-7990  
[amartinfl@verizon.net](mailto:amartinfl@verizon.net)

### **Tampa Chapter**

Bames & Noble  
11802 N. Dale Mabry, Tampa  
3rd Saturday (except Dec) - 10:00 am  
[macmelody1@yahoo.com](mailto:macmelody1@yahoo.com)

## **For other FWAs in Florida see:**

[http://floridawriters.net/Our\\_Writers\\_Groups.html](http://floridawriters.net/Our_Writers_Groups.html)

## **Gulfport Creative Writers**

Gulfport Library, 5501 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. South  
Wednesdays - 10:30 am, Free  
Kitty Smith: 727- 893-1075

## **Gulfport Writers' Workshop**

Senior Center, 5501 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. South  
Fridays - 10:00 am  
John Greer: 727-345-7723

## **Lifelong Writers, the membership arm of the Florida Center for Writers**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7-9 pm  
MMH building at USF, Tampa campus  
Martha Lakis: 813-974-8021 [mglakis@admin.usf.edu](mailto:mglakis@admin.usf.edu)

## **Palm Harbor Writers Group**

Palm Harbor Comm Center, 1500 16th St. S.  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays - 6:30 pm  
Joydine Piedman: 727-786-3133

## **Pasco Authors & Writers Org. (PASAWOR)**

Pasco Art Center Bldg. (behind Centennial Library)  
Moog Road, New Port Richey  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays - 12:30 pm  
[r.gian.sante@verizon.net](mailto:r.gian.sante@verizon.net)

## **Pinellas Authors & Writers Org. (PINAWOR)**

Highland Recreation Complex  
400 North Highland Ave., Largo  
Saturdays - 9:30 am, [info@pinawor.org](mailto:info@pinawor.org)

## **St. Petersburg Writers Club (SPWC)**

West St. Petersburg Community Library  
8<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 67<sup>th</sup> St. North  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays - 6 :30 pm  
Martha Dupes: 727-736-3355

## **Society for Technical Communication (STC)**

Suncoast Chapter  
Meets in various Tampa & Clearwater locations  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday - 6:30 pm <http://stc-suncoast.org>

## **South Pasadena Writers' Group**

7047 Sunset Drive South  
South Pasadena  
Nelly Halboth, Deputy City Clerk: 727-347-4171

## **Tampa Writers Alliance (TWA)**

Michael Darling: [MDarling@AltadisUSA.com](mailto:MDarling@AltadisUSA.com)

**Tarpon Springs Library Writers' Group**

138 East Lemon St., Tarpon Springs  
Fridays -10:00 am, Free  
David Edmonds: 727-942-9540

**Wordsmitten.com**

[www.blogtalkradio.com/wordsmitten](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/wordsmitten)  
[www.meetup.com/wordsmitten](http://www.meetup.com/wordsmitten)

**Writing Circle at Casa de la Fe**

1" Friday, St. Petersburg  
[loreraymond.com](http://loreraymond.com)

**POETRY**

**Poets Live!**

Wayne Williams: 727-403-2807  
[cylum@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cylum@tampabay.rr.com)

**SCREENWRITING**

**Florida Motion Picture & Television Assn.  
(FMPTA)**

Miriam Goodspeed: 727-787-1464  
[keespeed@aol.com](mailto:keespeed@aol.com)

**Florida Screenwriters Connection (FSC)**

Barbara Harrington: 727-572-6345  
[Bharrington2@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:Bharrington2@tampabay.rr.com)

**ROMANCE**

**Tampa Area Romance Authors**

(local chapter of Romance Writers of America)  
[www.tararwa.org](http://www.tararwa.org)  
[dedmond2@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dedmond2@tampabay.rr.com)

**VARIOUS**

**Artists and Writers Group (Tampa)**

[www.artistsandwritersgroup.com](http://www.artistsandwritersgroup.com)

**First Coast Christian Writers**

<http://www.firstcoastcrhistianwriters.org/>

**Florida Outdoor Writers Association**

<http://www.fowa.org/>

**Florida Freelance Writers Association**

[www.ffwamembers.com](http://www.ffwamembers.com)

**Florida Sisters in Crime**

(Jacksonville is the nearest chapter)  
[www.geocities.com/fla.sinc](http://www.geocities.com/fla.sinc)

**National League of American Pen Women**

<http://www.nlapa.org/>

**Clearwater Chapter**

<http://www.clearwaterpw.com/>

**Tampa Chapter**

<http://www.flpw.org>

**Society of Children's Book Writers and  
Illustrators (SCBWI) - (has local chapters)**

[www.scbwi.org](http://www.scbwi.org)