Writer's Window Pane Critique Group

Vero Beach Main Library Friday 10am-1pm In the History Room

The Writer's Window Pane is a cold-critique workshop where everyone gets instant constructive feedback on his or her writing. The forum is for novels and short stories, but any form of writing is acceptable. It is free for anyone who wants to start writing or tighten up a manuscript they already have.

Keep in mind that poetry and young children's books are more difficult to critique. In order to keep the group beneficial to everyone, there are some simple rules to keep in mind.

- 1. Bring 2-6 pages of double spaced text, 12 font or larger. Keep in mind, depending on the size of the group, and time, we may have to restrict to only 4 pages.
- 2. Stick to the writing and don't go into past experiences, although interesting, time slips away quickly and we want to ensure that everyone has a chance to read. Of course, you are welcome to stay after the group or meet up in the library with other writers.
- 3. Mark the typos on each person's writing as they read. We don't need to go over every comma in the group.
- 4. Always find something positive to say about other writings, but don't avoid the constructive criticism needed to help them improve. Just be diplomatic.
- 5. Be respectful of other's writing. Although we may not agree on certain content, we are here for the writing clarity of story, sentence structure, and overall flow.
- 6. Always be kind and helpful of beginner writers. We've all been there and we want to encourage everyone to continue with their passion.