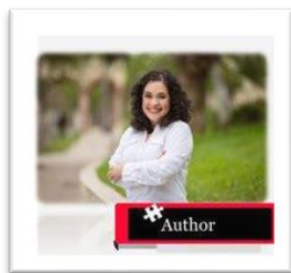


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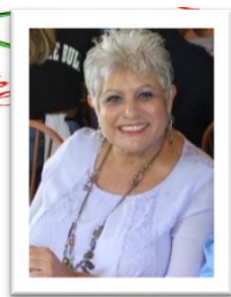
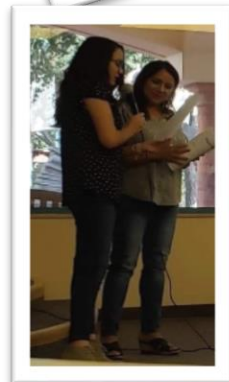


We enjoyed a most informative and entertaining presentation of *Tips for Self-Publishing*, by author G.G. Hesterberg, who published her debut book, *Stories by the Seashore*, a book of devotionals, in March 2019. Thank you Giana Hesterberg for a wonderful presentation. *See last page for Giana's Tips.*

Poetry Night

What a fun time we had at our monthly **Poetry Night**. From Anthony Ripp's slam poetry to narrative poetry and acrostic poems, it is absolutely a place to share and express ourselves. Join us for the next **Poetry Night** on September 17, 2019.

Valley Byliners welcomes Delma Rodriguez, our new **VP of Programs**.



Upcoming Events

Poetry Submission for Library Hispanic Heritage Event

Deadline: September 17, 2019:

Valley Byliners Monthly Meetings

September 14, 2019: 1:30 p.m.

October 12, 2019: 10:30 a.m.

Poetry Night

September 17, 2019

October 15, 2019

Writing Challenge:

The writing Challenge for September is to write 4000 words in any topic of your choice.

Deadline for submission is:

September 10, 2019.

Voting and Critiques: September 13, 2019.

Submit entries to:

joybarnold1@msn.com by 8:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the month's regular meeting.

For more **guidelines and**

information, visit the link at:

<http://www.rgvbyliners.org/calendar/challenge/index.html>



Hispanic Heritage Month October 12, 2019



September is Hispanic Heritage Month, and we will join the Harlingen Public Library. We will have a table for our Poetry group and a table for our Valley Byliners Writing group. You are invited to come join us. The October Valley Byliners meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on the same day.

Submission for Hispanic Heritage Month

The library is asking for submission poetry for display purposes. Email your digital submissions to Eva Bielicke at: ebielicke@harlingenlibrary.com or print and deliver them to the library. The dimensions for the poems are 11 X 14.

Please submit Poems by Sept 17, 2019.

August Writing Challenge.

Winners of the August Writing Challenge are: Tied for first place were Caroline Steele's "Gone Fishing" and Susan LeMiles's "The Cobra Effect." The field of four strong entries also included Jose Alvarez's "An Emigrant Returns" and Frank Cortazo's "Mr. Perfect Melody."

Positions Still Vacant:

Prospects are available, but let James Arnold know if you are interested in working in one of these positions.

Treasurer

Book Swap

- Please set some books aside for a Book Talk and Swap during our December meeting. We will also have a table available where we can drop off books we may want to swap out. All genres welcome.

In the Community

Harlingen Public Library



Valley Byliner T-Shirts for Sale:

Our Valley Byliner t-shirts are ready. Please order your t-shirts at:

joybarnold1@msn.com



Upcoming Valley Byliners

September 14, 2019
1:30 p.m.



Let the Ancestral Drum Beats Move You
The Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas
by
Delma Rodriguez

October 12, 2019
10:30 a.m.

The October Presenter is
Author, Susan Le Miles.

Presenters

Giana Hesterberg's Writing Tips:

- Write it. Find your niche, your community.
- Set aside time to write.
- Eliminate distractions.
- Hire a professional editor.
- Reach out for advice (experience, self-published).
- Use your resources. You may already know someone who can help you with cover design, for example.
- Familiarize yourself with KDP, Amazon. G.G. will help. Amazon requires no investment upfront.
- Read your proof! (reading aloud).
—unsplash.com—donated professional photos
- Use Mexico City Spanish (level of formality).
- For FREE fonts go to dafont.com
- Market and sell your book!

Giana Hesterberg's book, Stories by the Sea, is available on Amazon.



***A Word to Our President,
James Arnold.
From Valley Byliners***



Welcome Back James! We are happy to report that he is out of the hospital once again. His medical journey has been a challenging one, but what a trouper! The minute he is out of bed, he is networking and moving things and people along for the sake of our organization. Our hats off to you James, and your lifelong companion and dear spouse, Joy.

Stay calm and take care of you!