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## Upcoming 2026 Meetings

March 11

Jeff Bender

Build Your Digital Foundation: A Practical Workshop For Authors, Illustrators & Creators

April 8

Linda Austin

Memoir Writing and How It Relates to Fiction

The HEIGHTS Community Center

Doors Open at 6:30 PM

Meeting Begins at

7:00 PM

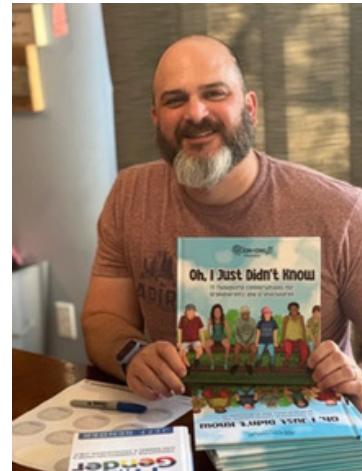
FREE for SLPA Members

\$10 for Guests

Join SLPA Today!

## Build Your Digital Foundation

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming March meeting, **Build Your Digital Foundation**, which will feature SLPA Vice President **Jeff Bender**. This practical, hands-on workshop is designed for authors, illustrators, and creators who want to strengthen their online presence and plan ahead with confidence. Learn the essentials of building a website, setting up social media across major platforms, using blogging for visibility, and creating simple workflows that keep your brand consistent and professional—without overwhelm. You'll leave with clarity, confidence, and a clear roadmap for getting discovered and growing your creative brand.



## January Meeting Recap

At last month's meeting **"PB&J Prep: Interview Practice – Part 2"** with **Burchell and Jo Lena**, 10 members and guests were interviewed about their compelling stories. We look forward to supporting their ongoing fiction and non-fiction projects.



Register at: [stlouispublishers.org](http://stlouispublishers.org)

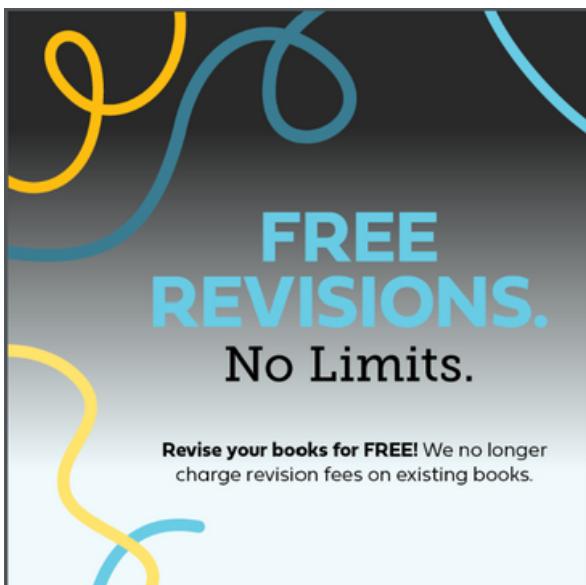
Attend in person. Members attend for free. The non-member guest fee is \$10. Non-members must register and pay to attend.

## Upcoming in April Memoir Writing and How It Relates to Fiction



**Memoir Writing and How It Relates to Fiction** — Linda Austin, longtime SLPA member and author of *Cherry Blossoms in Twilight*, *Poems That Come to Mind*, and co-author of *Battlefield Doc*, will share insights on memoir writing and its connection to fiction.

## IngramSpark Announces...



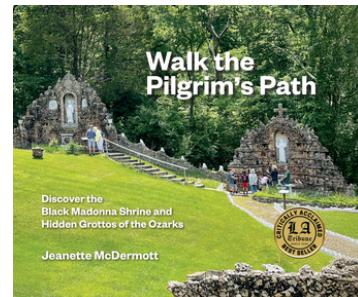
## KUDOS CORNER



This month, we congratulate SLPA member **Jeanette McDermott**—a photojournalist, Pulitzer Prize nominee, and retired military veteran whose global work explores faith, ecology, and human resilience—on her new book, *Walk the Pilgrim's Path: Discover the Black Madonna Shrine and Hidden Grottos of the Ozarks*.

In *Walk the Pilgrim's Path*, McDermott invites readers to one of America's most extraordinary sacred sites, where faith, folk art, and the Missouri landscape come together through luminous photography and lyrical storytelling.

Learn more, download a free excerpt, or purchase the book at [WalkThePilgrimsPath.com](http://WalkThePilgrimsPath.com)



## Admission and Membership

### Meetings on the second Wednesday of every month

In-person meetings at  
The HEiGHTS  
Register for Zoom access.

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Admission is FREE for members.  
Membership is \$60 per year.  
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