# Events Schedule *(continued)*

## Friday, March 30

FEATURED AUTHORS — *NEW WORKS*

### C.S. CHALLINOR
**10 a.m. / Lady Lake Public Library**
*"MURDER OF THE BRIDE"*

In the latest Scottish Barrister Rex Graves series, Rex and his fiancée Helen have traveled to Aston-on-Trent in Derbyshire to attend a wedding ceremony... when guests start falling faster than the gloomy May rain. Who among the sniping wedding guests is the killer?

### ROBERT MACOMBER
**10 a.m. / Cooper Memorial Library**
*"AT THE EDGE OF HONOR"*

Mr. Macomber's literary awards include an Outstanding Achievement Award for his non-fiction work on Florida's maritime history, the Patrick Smith Literary Award for Best Historical Novel of Florida, and the American Library Association's 2008 W. Y. Boyd Literary Award for Excellence in Military Fiction. The author will speak on his best-selling series.

### VIVIAN SHIPLEY
**11:15 a.m. / Lady Lake Public Library**
*"ALL OF YOUR MESSAGES HAVE BEEN ERASED"*

Ms. Shipley has published five chapbooks and nine books of poetry. *All of Your Messages Have Been Erased* won the 2011 Sheila Motton Book Prize for Poetry from the New England Poetry Club, the 2011 CT Press Club Prize for Best Creative Writing and the *2011 Paterson Award for Sustained Literary Excellence*.

### DEBORAH CROMBIE
**1 p.m. / Lady Lake Public Library**
*"NECESSARY AS BLOOD"*

New York Times Notable Book of the Year author Deborah Crombie has been nominated for virtually every major mystery award – for her piercing police procedurals featuring Scotland Yard detectives Duncan Kincaid and Gemma James.

## Saturday, March 31

WRITING WORKSHOPS — *W. T. BLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY*

### VIVIAN SHIPLEY
**10 a.m. / *"Writing in Your Own Voice"***

The Editor of Connecticut Review since 1996, Vivian Shipley was awarded the 2011 Paterson Literary Review Award for Lifetime Service to Literature.

### C.S. CHALLINOR
**11:15 a.m. / *"Writing the Whodunit!"***

"...At times, it seems we are playing Clue or perhaps enjoying a contemporary retelling of a classic Agatha Christie tale with a charming new sleuth. A must for cozy fans." —*Booklist (American Library Association)*

### CHARLES TODD
**1:00 p.m. / *"Historical Crime Fiction"***

Charles and Caroline have a rich storytelling heritage. Spending many evenings on the porch listening to their ancestors reminisce, allowing them to write with passion about events before their own time.

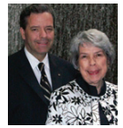
### DEBORAH CROMBIE
**2:30 p.m. / *"What If?"***

Writers shudder when asked "Where do you get your ideas?" Deborah thinks this question is both legitimate and fascinating. What could be more interesting than the creative process?

## Bluegrass Festival

**Saturday, March 31** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. / East Lake County Library

Featuring the *Blackwater Creek Band; Hallelujah Sisters; Over the Hill Gang; High Caliber;* Square Foot Gardener, Steve Earls, the annual yard sale, bake and book sale.



### CHARLES TODD
**2:15 p.m. / Lady Lake Public Library**
*"THE CONFESSION"*

*The Confession* is historical crime fiction at its finest, continuing Charles Todd's *New York Times* bestselling mystery series featuring Scotland Yard inspector, Ian Rutledge. "One of the best historical series being written today." —*Washington Post*

## Author Reception

### Friday, March 30
**6:30 p.m. / Lady Lake Public Library**

The annual reception to celebrate the written word and to highlight the accomplishments of outstanding authors is presented free to the public. This is your chance to rub elbows with some of your favorite authors including:

*C.S. Challinor, Deborah Crombie, Charles Todd, Vivian Shipley, Robert Macomber, J. Gabriel Gates, Bob Grenier, Rick Tonyan*

- Bookmark Design Contest Awards
- D.J. Jimi
- Youth activities and games
- Gourmet hors d' oeuvres will be provided by the Tavares High School Culinary Department under the direction of Marcus Herrington, CEC.
- A raffle and silent auction will be held for some outstanding prizes.
- Books may be purchased from Raintree Books and signed by the attending author.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## Monday, March 26

**Parker Francis**
**2 p.m. / Leesburg Public Library**
*"E-Publishing 101"*

Parker Francis aka Vic DiGenti, author of *Matanzas Bay*, will discuss getting into the basics of e-Publishing and keeping up with the latest trends in the business.

## Tuesday, March 27

**Vic DiGenti**
**10 a.m. - 12 p.m. / Cooper Memorial Library**
*"Spicing Up the Plot"*

Vic aka Parker Francis and author of the *Windrusher* series will cover setting, dialogue, point of view and characterization. This interactive session will include several exercises for the writer.

## Wednesday, March 28

**J. Gabriel Gates**
**4:30 p.m. / City of Tavares Public Library**
*"Blood Zero Sky"*

Gates upcoming novel entitled *Blood Zero Sky* promises to be the most exciting, scary, thought-provoking, dystopian teen novel you've ever read, that's what the title means.

**Bill Belleville**
**6:30 p.m. / W.T. Bland Public Library**
*"Salvaging the Real Florida: Lost and Found in the State of Dreams"*

Bill Belleville is an award-winning writer and documentary filmmaker specializing in environmental issues. His new book is a collection of his nature and eco-adventure essays which take place somewhere in nature. *Sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council.*

**Jeff Lamb**
**5 p.m. / Fruitland Park Library**
*"Save the Gator Queen"*

Jeff will be talking about his book and latest movie production. This second film follows his award winning *The Old Livingston House*, featured at the 2010 Fort Lauderdale Film Festival and selected as Best Picture and People's Choice at the Melbourne Independent Film Festival.

## Thursday, March 29

**Bob Grenier**
**11:00 a.m. / Leesburg Public Library**
*"History and Research "*

Mr. Grenier is the author of *Florida's Forgotten Pioneer: The Gallant Captain Melton Haynes* and *Woodlea: Life on the Lake of the Dancing Sunbeams.* His latest, an inspiring novel of courage and faith set in the Florida frontier of the 1800s, is due for release in March.

**Robert Macomber**
**2 p.m. / Leesburg Public Library**
*"The Southernmost War"*

The author will speak on the naval Civil War in Florida. An internationally recognized award-winning maritime writer, lecturer, television commentator and defense consultant, Macomber is the author of the Honor Series of naval novels. *Moderated by Bob Grenier and hosted by the Daughters of the Confederacy.*

**Vivian Shipley**
**2 p.m. / W.T. Bland Public Library**
*"All of Your Messages Have Been Erased"*

Pulitzer Prize nominee Vivian Shipley gives us a rich sense of her attachment to landscape and memory. She is Distinguished Professor at Southern Connecticut State University and has a PhD from Vanderbilt University.

**J. Gabriel Gates**
**4 p.m. / Cooper Memorial Library**
*"The Sleepwalkers"*

"Privileged and popular Caleb Mason is celebrating his high school graduation when he receives a mysterious, disturbing letter from his long-lost childhood playmate, the terrifying prophesies of the spirits are coming to pass." *The Sleepwalkers*

**Rick Tonyan**
**6:30 p.m. / Astor County Library**
*"Guns of the Palmetto Plains"*

Critics have praised his novel for its exciting plot, historically accurate details and rich characterizations. *"...as historically accurate as anything Zane Grey or Louis L'Amour wrote," —Tampa Tribune.*

**C. S. Challinor**
**7 p.m. / City of Tavares Public Library**
*"Rex Graves, Scottish Barrister"*

Ms. Challinor has crafted a world class detective, a charming sleuth who uses his prosecutorial expertise to work his way through method and motive. Novels are often compared to Agatha Christie.

# Garden Programs

## Tuesday, March 27

**Julie England**

Julie is an Extension Agent specializing in educational programming in health, nutrition.

**11 a.m. / Paisley County Library**
*"Cooking with Herbs: Fresh Flavors from Your Garden"*

**5 p. m. / Fruitland Park Library**
*"Florida Herbs and Spices"*

**Nadine Foley**
**6:30 p.m. / Astor County Library**
*"Unique Landscapes using Florida Native Plants"*

Nadine is a member of the "Lake Beauty Berry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society".

## Wednesday, March 28

**Monica Moran Brandies**
**10:30 a.m. / Leesburg Public Library**
*"Herbs and Spices for Florida Gardens"*

Featured author Monica Brandies has written 11 gardening books, including one for Ortho, one for Sunset, and one for Better Homes and Gardens. Monica's bestselling books include *Landscaping with Tropical Plants: Design Ideas, Creative Garden Plans*.

**1:30 p.m. / Lady Lake Public Library**
*"Florida Gardening "*

Laugh off the garden perils and grow a wonderful new landscape in Florida!

**Julie England**
**1:30 p.m. / Marion Baysinger Library**
*"Cooking with Herbs: Add Spice to Your Life"*

## Thursday, March 29

**Wendy Poag**

Wendy is certified as a Horticulture Professional, employed by Lake County Parks and Trails as their Naturalist/Land Steward.

**1:30 p.m. / Marion Baysinger Library**
*"Subtle Beauty of the Scrub"*