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## Best-selling author duo to explain: *How to get published in today's fiercely competitive publishing world*

The HRW Board of Directors recently announced that best-selling authors Lenore Hart and David Poyer will be the featured presenters for the group's inaugural educational seminar. The event is set for September 12, 2008, at 6:30pm in the Barry Robinson Theatre and Fine Arts Center on the campus of Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School.

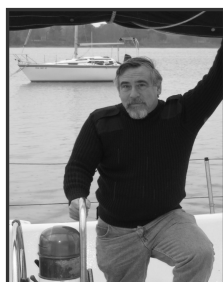


Lenore Hart is the author of *Becky—The Life and Loves of Becky Thatcher*, *Waterwoman*, and *Ordinary Springs*. David Poyer is the author of *The Threat*, *The Anvil of our Souls: A novel of the Monitor and the Merrimack*, *Korea Strait*, and other best-sellers. Lenore Hart and David Poyer are married to each other and are residents of the Eastern Shore.

The PBS television series "Writer to Writer" featured each of them in its programs. They have also been guests on *Voice of America*, at many literary festivals, and in writing programs at numerous colleges and universities.

Prior to their presentations on today's fiercely competitive publishing world, they will meet with attendees during a reception.

Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$45 the day of the presentation. The reception, featuring wine and hors oeuvres will begin at 5:30 for HRW members. Non-member ticket-holders will be admitted at 6PM.



Ticket reservations for the event and information about membership in the Hampton Roads Writers is available at [hamptonroadswriters.org](http://hamptonroadswriters.org)

For additional information about the authors and their books, refer to their websites. For Lenore Hart: [www.lenorehart.com](http://www.lenorehart.com) and for David Poyer: [www.esva.net/~davidpoyer/](http://www.esva.net/~davidpoyer/)

## Who we are

Hampton Roads Writers is a nonprofit, Virginia Beach-based group of professional and aspiring writers, friends, and supporters of the arts who have joined to promote the craft and passion of writing and the love of reading and literature in Virginia. We aim to encourage readers and writers of all ages and talents, as well as acknowledge and celebrate awareness of local and contemporary authors and their work. We serve as a resource to our community by creating and supporting literary events throughout the Hampton Roads area. The organization is currently composed of approximately 40 writers from the region and structured in compliance with Section 501(c)(3) under the Internal Revenue Code.

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## Calendar of events

June 23

HRW Open Mic night at  
VB Central Library Auditorium

July 31

HRW Open Mic night at  
VB Central Library Auditorium

September 12

HRW Wine & Cheese with  
Best-selling authors  
Lenore Hart & David Poyer  
Barry Robinson Theater and  
Fine Arts Center

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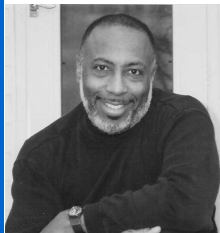
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## HRW Board sets introduction to community

The Board of Directors of Hampton Roads Writers (HRW) has selected Open Mic forums and a September Meet the Author as the organization's introduction to the Hampton Roads community. The Open Mic nights are scheduled for Thursday, May 29; Monday, June 23; and, Thursday, July 31, 2008, and will provide opportunities for local authors to present their work. These three Open Mic nights are scheduled at 6:00pm in the Central Library Auditorium of the Virginia Beach Public Library. The event is open to poets, fiction writers, nonfiction writers, and everyone who enjoys the written word. Future dates will be announce soon.

## Poet Nathan Richardson emcees first Open Mic

Nathan M. Richardson, a nationally recognized and widely acclaimed poet, will be the first reader and the guest moderator of the inaugural HRW Open Mic night on Thursday, May 29 at 6:00pm in the Central Library Auditorium of the Virginia Beach Public Library.



Richardson (pictured left) is the author of the award-winning collection of poetry, *Likeness of Being*, and a soon to be released collection of love poems, *You are the Subject*. Born in Suffolk, he is the recipient of the Southeastern Virginia Arts Association Literary Award and a nominee for the prestigious ALLI award from the Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads. A roster artist with Young Audiences of Virginia, he conducts poetry workshops in school districts across the region. His performances at the college level include Franklin & Marshall College, Duke University, TCC, North Carolina A&T, Hampton University, and Christopher Newport University. Mr. Richardson is a member of the Boards of Directors of the Christopher Newport Writers Festival and the Suffolk Arts League.

## aardvarks to zygotes—*A word from the editor*

Hampton Roads Writers wants to be a resource for you. I hope you can also find value in *The Next Chapter*. Let me know what you'd like to see on these pages and how frequently you'd like to see them. Tell me what sorts of things pique you, irritate you, enrage you, or engage you as a writer. We can cover word usage, grammar, typography, and anything else that might be fun, entertaining, or informative. Please send your thoughts to Browning Lloyd. You can email me at [aardvarkstozygotes@gmail.com](mailto:aardvarkstozygotes@gmail.com).