

ReadOut

BOOKS FOR LESBIANS

Call for SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Event date: February 15-17, 2019

Sponsored by the LGBTQ Resource Center
Gulfport (FL) Public Library

Do you write books for lesbians or LGBTQ books for kids and teens?

Join us for ReadOut 2019! This premier lesbian literary event features 3 days of events for readers and writers. The 2019 keynote speaker and workshop leader **Lesléa Newman** award-winning poet and author for adults, children and teens. Lesléa's works include: *Heather Has Two Mommies*, *A Letter to Harvey Milk*; *October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard*, *Good Enough to Eat*, and *I Carry My Mother*.



Submissions are sought for the following themes:

Friday, Feb. 15: lesbian romance
Saturday, Feb. 16: fiction and non-fiction for lesbians
Sunday, Feb. 17: LGBTQ books for kids and teens

Here's what authors said about ReadOut 2018:

"It was great to hang out with so many accomplished authors and passionate readers!"

Elizabeth Sims

"Every portion was vibrant, fun, well-attended...it was a wonderfully special positive event."

Stefani Deoul

"I loved the friendliness, the informality, and the genuine interest of the attendees.

The events were well attended, which is a huge plus for visiting authors." *RJ Samuel*

"The event went off without a hitch...a huge success."

Fay Jacobs

If you would like to be a featured author and read from your work during ReadOut please complete and submit the application form at

<https://mygulfport.us/lgbtq-resources/>

**Please note: Limited author slots are available;
authors will be chosen based on the quality of their submissions**

All applications must be received by September 30. We will notify you of acceptance no later than November 15.

Find the application online at <https://mygulfport.us/lgbtq-resources/>.

For more information, contact Alison Solomon at GulfportReadOut@gmail.com.



Tentative ReadOut 2019 schedule:

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| 2/15/2019 | 3.00:-5:00: | Author ReadOut: Lesbian Romance (may include Afternoon Tea) |
| | 6:30-7:30 | Wine and Cheese: Public Meet and Greet the Authors |
| 2/16/2019 | 10-4.00 | Vendor room open |
| | 10.30-11.30 | Lesléa Newman, Keynote speaker |
| | 11.45-12.30 | Author ReadOut—Books for lesbians |
| | 12.30-1.30 | Lunch |
| | 1.30-3.30 | Author ReadOut—Books for lesbians |
| | 6:00-8:00 | Evening event. A fun and interactive event with food and music. |
| 2/17/2019 | 9.00-12.00 | Breakfast and workshop with Lesléa Newman (writing for kids/teens)
Concurrent workshop or panel (by demand) |
| | 1.00-3.00 | Author ReadOut—LGBTQ Books for kids/teens |
| | 3.00-3.30 | Vendor room for kid/teen authors |



The waterfront town of Gulfport in Tampa Bay has been called the “Provincetown of Florida” for its richly diverse community. ReadOut 2018 drew big crowds excited to meet authors and buy their books. All events (except the workshop on Sunday morning) are free and open to authors, readers and the public.

The LGBTQ Resource Center is a project of the non-profit Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library. The Resource Center provides collections, services and events throughout the year to the local LGBTQ community, its friends and family. Find out more about the Resource Center, the Circle of Friends and the Library on the web at www.mygulfport.us/gpl or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GulfportLibraryFL.

