

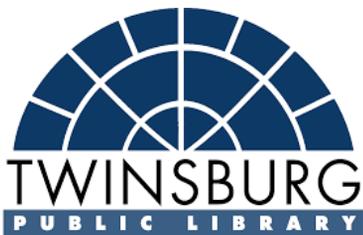
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Let's Get Together



Twinsburg Public Library
10050 Ravenna Rd.
Twinsburg, OH 44087
Phone: (330) 425-4268

**Twinsburg
Library is food
friendly!**

**Brown bag it or hit a
drive through for
take out and bring
your meal to the
library.**



*Would you like to host a
meeting at your local
library or another location
or have a suggestion for
an event or field trip? Let
us know!*

**Next
Meeting!**

**Monday, May 1
7 p.m.**

Cyber Crime: Adding a New Dimension to Your Criminals

**Criminal Defense Attorney
Ian N. Friedman**

Ian Friedman is the managing partner of Friedman & Nemecek, L.L.C., a Cleveland-based criminal defense law firm. His practice is focused on criminal, cyber, and white-collar matters across the United States and abroad. High profile clients have included corporate leaders, politicians, professional athletes and Hollywood A-listers. Friedman is an adjunct Professor at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law where he teaches Cybercrime. As a legal expert, he frequently appears in local and national media addressing his cases and other important timely issues.

Additionally, Friedman is a regular speaker and author on topics related to the field of criminal justice. Credited as the driving force behind Ohio's Open Discovery rule, he was named the first ever *Lawyer of The Year* by the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in 2011. He is a Fellow of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers.

**Room Open at 6 p.m.
Meeting Begins at 7 p.m.**

What's Everyone Up To?

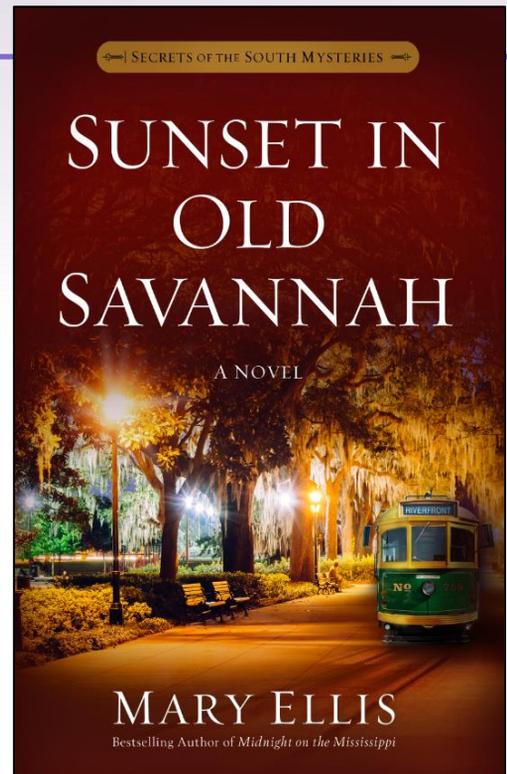
Mary Ellis

***Sunset in Old Savannah*, the next installment in the Secrets of the South mystery series, released on April 1.**

When socialite Evelyn Doyle hires investigative partners and best friends Michael Preston and Elizabeth Kirby to do some routine surveillance on her wayward husband, the detective duo find themselves embroiled in a mystery with more suspects than there are shells on Tybee Island.

Evelyn's husband turns up dead, leaving her as the police chief's prime target. The investigation reveals a hodgepodge of potential murderers, including a scheming business partner, a resentful mistress, and a ne'er-do-well brother. It's up to Mike and Beth to follow the trail of secrets that reaches further than the branches of the moss-draped oaks of Savannah.

As word of the case gets around town, business is booming for Price Investigations. When Mike and Beth hire Kaitlyn Webb, Savannah's newest transplant, their workload eases, but will the ghosts of her past threaten everyone's safety before a killer can be put behind bars? And can Mike and Beth find love as their friendship and faith are put to the test?



***Sunset in Old Savannah* is the 4th book in the Secrets of the South mysteries.**

Looking for the rest?

- Book 1 - *Midnight on the Mississippi***
- Book 2 - *What Happened on Beale Street***
- Book 3 - *Magnolia Moonlight***

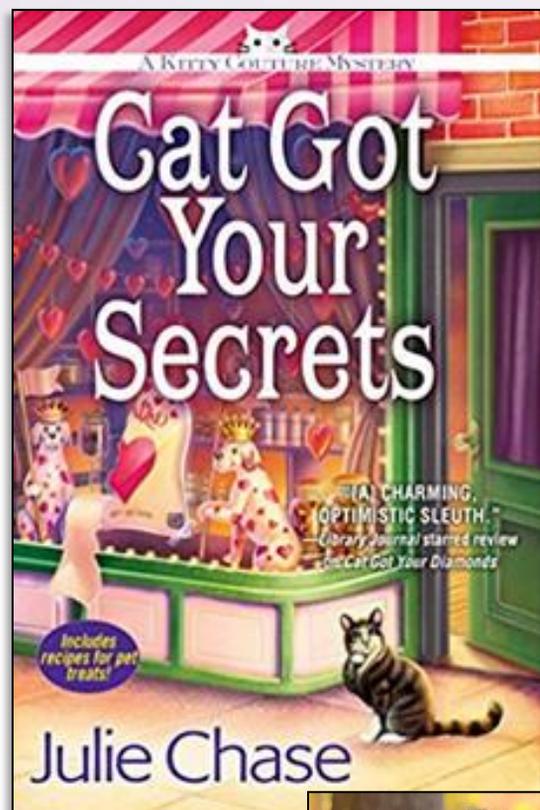
What's Everyone Up To?

Julie Chase

***Cat Got Your Secrets*, the next installment in the Kitty Couture mystery series, released on April 11.**

Lacy Marie Crocker has settled into a comfortable groove back home in New Orleans, and with Valentine's Day right around the corner, she's busier than ever running a thriving pet boutique, helping her mother organize the upcoming National Pet Pageant, and untangling her complicated love life. But when delivering a king-sized order of dreidel-shaped doggy biscuits for a Saint Berdoodle's bark-mitzvah, Lacy stumbles into yet another murder scene—and the last person to see the victim alive was her own father.

It's up to Lacy to clear her dad's name from the suspect list before Detective Jack Oliver has to cage him for good. But just when she starts pawing at the truth, she receives a threatening letter from a mysterious blackmailer bent on silencing her with her own secrets. And Lacy's not the only one with bones in her closet. Time's running out in this deadly cat-and-mouse game in *Cat Got Your Secrets*, the delightfully funny third novel in Julie Chase's Kitty Couture mystery series, perfect for "all those feline fanciers who love to read Rita Mae Brown" (*Suspense Magazine*).



Hudson Library Launches Writing Critique Group



**Do you like to write?
Are you looking for a group of fellow writers
with whom to share your work and writing goals?**

On **Wednesday, April 26 at 7 pm**, the Hudson Library and Historical Society will launch the first meeting of Hudson Writers, a new writing critique group to meet monthly at the library in Brewster Café. Whether you write for fun or have dreams of being published, this group is the place where you can share your work and receive feedback from others. All genres and writing styles are welcome. Bring your work to share and be ready to read and comment on work of other writers in the group. Light refreshments will be provided for this opening meeting.

**Hudson Writers will meet in Brewster Café
on the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm.**

No registration is required.

For more information visit hudsonlibrary.org or call (330) 653-6658 x1010.

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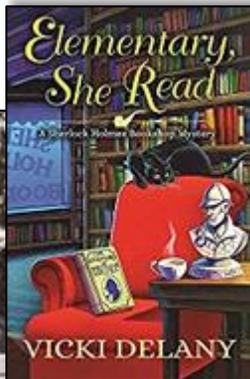


June 16-18, 2017 Hilton Garden Inn, Rockaway, NJ

For more information on the conference and register, visit:

www.deadly-ink.org

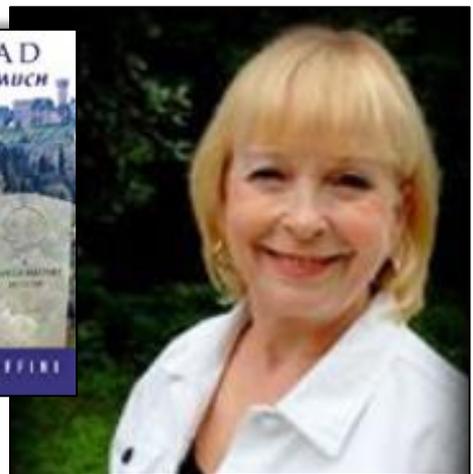
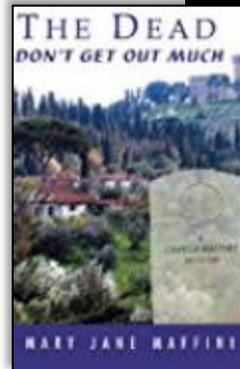
Guest of Honor Vicki Delany



Vicki Delany is one of Canada's most varied and prolific crime writers. Most recently, she is the author of the Year Round Christmas cozy mysteries from Berkley Prime Crime and (writing under the pen name of Eva Gates) the Lighthouse Library mysteries also from Berkley.

Toastmaster Mary Jane Maffini

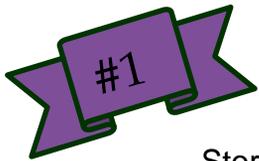
Mary Jane Maffini writes three mystery series: Charlotte Adams is a professional organizer in upstate New York. The latest Charlotte Adams mystery won the RT award for best amateur sleuth in 2012. Meanwhile crotchety lawyer Camilla MacPhee snoops in Canada's capital, and failed romance writer Fiona Silk must be the most reluctant sleuth in West Quebec.



As Victoria Abbott, Mary Jane co-writes the book collector mysteries with her artist daughter, Victoria Maffini.

Short Story Submission Opportunities

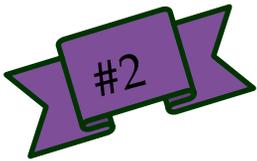
Check out Level Best Books for opportunities on submitting short stories for publication. Currently, there are two anthology submissions that are open.



Snowbound: Best New England Crime Stories 2017

Submission Deadline: May 31, 2017

Story must be set in New England or be written by a New England author and must not exceed 5,000 words.



The Dames of Detection & Level Best Books announce a new anthology in 2017:

Noir at the Salad Bar, Culinary Tales with a Bite

Submission Deadline: April 30, 2017

Short crime fiction focused on culinary stories that must include food or drink, restaurants or bars and may be set in any location. Story must not exceed 5,000 words.

For more information and specific submission guides for each anthology, please visit:

<https://levelbestbooks.com/submissions/>



Check It
Out!

Did you
know...?

Birthdays:

April 1 - Brad Meltzer
April 6 - Vince Flynn
April 22 - Janet Evanovich
April 23 - Ngaio Marsh
April 25 - Dorothy Salisbury Davis
April 28 - Lois Duncan

April is:

National Poetry Month, National Arabian
American Heritage Month, Jazz
Appreciation Month, Alcohol Awareness
Month, Cancer Control Month

Reminder!

Don't forget to pay your dues for
2017! **The membership fee is \$20.**

Checks are made payable to:

Kim Hammond

You may bring your payment to the
next meeting or contact a member of
the board for more information.

Want to share your blog or
website? Or maybe a
favorite quote? Send an
email to the editor!
paula.corrao@yahoo.com

"The difference between the almost right
word and the right word is ... the
difference between the lightning bug and
the lightning."

— Mark Twain

Who's Who and What's Where

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<http://neosinc.org/wordpress/>



Chapter Business

Open Offices... The office of **Secretary** is open. We also need a **Publicity Chair**. Currently the board is handling these offices as needed but we want to hear from any members interested in taking on these roles. *We promise it won't take over your life.*

*We Need
You!*

*When Do
We Meet?*

Meeting Dates/Flexible Scheduling... Generally our meetings are held once a month on a weekday evening. This year we are trying to schedule meetings on Monday evenings, since that evening seems to work for more members, but we adjust the date, time and place based on the focus of the meeting, availability of speakers and opportunity for special events.

Meeting Locations... Meetings are often held at the Twinsburg library or local eateries. Meeting details are announced via email and the newsletter. *We're open to suggestions for off-site meetings or events for third and fourth quarter. Would you like to host a meeting at your local library or another location or do you have a suggestion for an event or field trip? Let us know!*

*Where
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*What's
Our
Focus?*

Meeting Topics... Presentations generally focus on the theme of "Getting It Right" with speakers professionally involved in crime detection/prevention, or others whose expertise can help us get our mystery writing right. We also cover craft-related issues and offer opportunities to get together to share experiences and learn from each other. Meeting presentations, such as those on paranormal investigation and lock-picking, and special events expand our knowledge to enhance our writing.