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Upcoming Writing and Author Events at the Yorktown Library

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Registration is now open for three January events at the Yorktown Library featuring talented, award-winning authors of mysteries and thrillers: January 6 with Elle Cosimano, January 13 with Hugh Lessig, and January 20 with S. A. Cosby in conversation with Elle Cosimano. All author talks are held in the Yorktown Library Auditorium, 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway (Rt. 17). These are popular events and spaces fill quickly, so register early via the Library's online events calendar found at www.yorkcounty.gov/library or by calling 757-890-5207.



Fiction & Narrative Writing with Author Elle Cosimano Saturday, January 6 | 2 to 4 p.m.

Join *New York Times* Bestselling author Elle Cosimano for an in-depth workshop that focuses on fiction and narrative story-telling. The theme of the first hour is “Developing Ideas into Stories,” with the second hour focusing on “What Makes a Story Work.” Questions are welcomed throughout the program.

This program is for ages 18 and up. No writing experience is necessary. Please leave all works-in-progress at home. Registration is required through the library website: www.yorkcounty.gov/library.

Elle Cosimano is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author, an International Thriller Award winner, a Bram Stoker Award finalist, and an Edgar Award nominee. Her acclaimed young adult novels include *Nearly Gone*, *Holding Smoke*, *The Suffering Tree*, and *Seasons of the Storm*. Cosimano's debut novel for adults, *Finlay Donovan Is Killing It*, kicked off a witty-fast-paced contemporary mystery series, which was a *PEOPLE Magazine* Pick and was named one of New York Public Library's Best Books of 2021. There are currently three books published with more on the way. In addition to writing novels for teens and adults, her

essays have appeared in *The Huffington Post* and *Time*. Elle lives with her husband and two sons in Virginia.

**Crime Fiction with Local Author Hugh Lessig
Saturday, January 13 | 2 to 3 p.m.**

Local mystery author Hugh Lessig presents an interesting and informative talk on crime fiction, as well as his new book, *Fadeaway Joe*, which is set in Hampton Roads. A longtime *Daily Press* reporter who now works at Newport News Shipbuilding, information about Lessig's fiction can be found at www.hughlessig.com. Registration is recommended, but not required.

**New York Times Bestselling Author & Anthony-Award Winner S. A. Cosby
In Conversation with Author Elle Cosimano
Saturday, January 20 | 7 to 9 p.m.**

Sit in on a conversation between authors S. A. Cosby and Elle Cosimano as they discuss Cosby's works and the intriguing genre of crime fiction. S. A. Cosby will be signing copies of his books following the conversation. Paperbacks Ink-All Booked Up booksellers will be at the library selling copies of Cosby's works. Please bring one personal copy to be signed, or buy one at the event.

After registering online at www.yorkcounty.gov/library, a confirmation will be sent to your email address within 24-48 hours. Please keep the confirmation email as your ticket into the event.

S. A. Cosby is an Anthony Award-winning writer from Southeastern Virginia. He is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Razorblade Tears* and *Blacktop Wasteland*, the latter of which won the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize, was a *New York Times* Notable Book, and was named a best book of the year by *NPR*, *The Guardian*, and *Library Journal*, among others. When not writing, Cosby is an avid hiker and chess player.

Additional information:

- www.yorkcounty.gov/library
- Registration assistance: 757-890-5120 or 757-890-5207
- Email: reference@yorkcounty.gov
- Facebook, Instagram: yorkcountypubliclibrary

Photo attached: Clockwise from top left – Elle Cosimano, S. A. Cosby, and Hugh Lessig