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## **Author Mark Mustian is featured speaker at ‘A Way With Words: Connecting Writers and Readers’**

Author Mark Mustian, recipient of the 2011 Florida Book Award for his novel “The Gendarme,” will appear March 2 at two events sponsored by Sarasota County libraries.

Mustian will speak at 11:30 a.m. at The Fountains at Lake Pointe Woods, 3260 Lake Pointe Blvd., Sarasota, as part of the series, “A Way With Words: Connecting Writers and Readers.” Following the author’s presentation and responses to questions, attendees are invited to enjoy a light lunch provided by The Fountains. Advanced registration is requested for this event and can be made by calling 941-929-2400.

Mustian’s second appearance is scheduled at 6 p.m. at the Selby Library Jack J. Gelbart Auditorium, 1331 First St., Sarasota. This event is also free and open to the public.

“The Gendarme” is the story of Emmet Conn, a 92-year old World War I soldier who has experienced partial amnesia since his wartime service. Following surgery for a brain tumor, Conn’s memories begin to return, as graphic dreams reveal events that he would prefer to forget forever. He sets out on a journey to seek forgiveness from a young woman who suffered as a result of his actions. As Conn grapples with haunting images of the past, he wonders which of his memories are real, and which are imaginary.

Mustian, a lawyer and city commissioner in Tallahassee, has been published in The Green Hills Literary Lantern, Opium Magazine, Parting Gifts and other publications.

Sarasota County libraries and The Fountains at Lake Pointe Woods debuted the series, “A Way with Words: Connecting Writers and Readers,” in October. The program has featured Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Paige St. John, Florida nature photographer John Moran and novelist Rusty Coats.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit [www.sclibs.net](http://www.sclibs.net).

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