

ARCHEION

Stonewall Library & Archives
MAY 2008

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As you have no doubt noticed in the recent editions of our beautiful new Archeion and in the dozens of e-mails you receive from us, Stonewall has been a very busy place, indeed, these past months. It is an astoundingly exciting time for Stonewall and I want to thank all of our many friends in the community for your support and encouragement.

We are looking forward to hosting an afternoon with writer Kevin Sessums. If you're like I am, you've been reading Kevin's work for years in Vanity Fair and Allure and many of you have read his best selling memoir, Mississippi Sissy. This reading and book signing follows our recent standing-room-only events with Andrew Holleran and Karin Kallmaker.

There are a few new programs at Stonewall I am happy to announce. First, is our new professional social group SNAP (Social Network of Active Professionals). This group will meet on the third Thursday of each month and will provide a great opportunity to socialize with fellow LGBT professionals. The first gathering will take place on June 19, the Thursday just before the 9th Annual Stonewall Street Festival. (Speaking of...we hope you will come by and visit our booth during the Festival.) If you would like to participate in the exciting new group, please contact us for further information.

We have also recently launched our new Business Membership program. Benefits of the Stonewall Business Membership include recognition, exposure and community involvement. We are grateful for the support we receive from our corporate partners in the community and we are delighted to recognize our initial group of business members in this month's Archeion.

I am thrilled to close with some truly exciting news. Construction on our new site is scheduled to begin the first week of May. Watch your mail for an invitation to a hard hat party in our new space later this month.

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Jack Rutland
Executive Director

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ACTIVE PROFESSIONALS

MEET THE PRESIDENT



Born in St. Louis in 1950, **Nate Klarfeld** practiced dentistry for 25 years and co-founded the non-profit Kansas City Free Clinic. In 1996 he was diagnosed with stage 3 Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma; after 17 months of extensive treatment, he declared himself cured and began a new career as a biology/sex ed teacher. He relocated to Ft. Lauderdale in 2000 and has "probably done every job at the Stonewall." He and Grover Lawlis, MD, just celebrated five years as a couple. Nate's son, Adam, is a lawyer. Nate says he is "a non-practicing Virgo and lapsed member of an orthodox Jewish family."

MEET THE VOLUNTEERS



John Speara, who will be 55 in June, describes himself as a bibliophile, evoking Daniel Webster's definitions: *a person who loves or admires books, especially for their style of binding and printing; a collector of books.* Fulfilling his interest, John is a bookseller and book club facilitator at Murder on the

Beach, an independent bookstore in Delray Beach specializing in the mystery genre. John says with a smile, "I'm a glorified stock boy." A graduate of Nova Southeastern University, he has lived in Fort Lauderdale for 26 years. He works six hours a week at Stonewall's circulation desk. And he's a whiz at Mah-Jongg.

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Literary Discussion Group Meets Monthly at Stonewall

From Alan Hollinghurst to Zora Neale Hurston. From Patricia Highsmith's *The Talented Mr. Ripley* to Marijane Meaker's *Highsmith: A Romance of the 1950s*. These and countless other books have been dissected by the Literary Discussion Group that currently meets at Stonewall Library & Archives on the second Monday of each month.

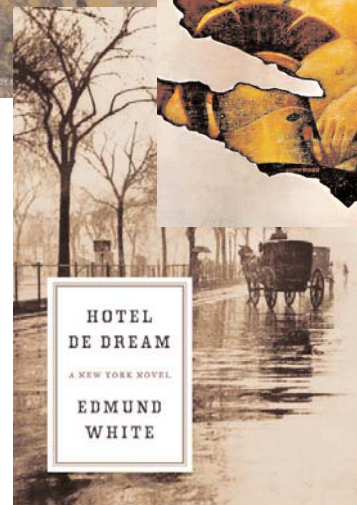
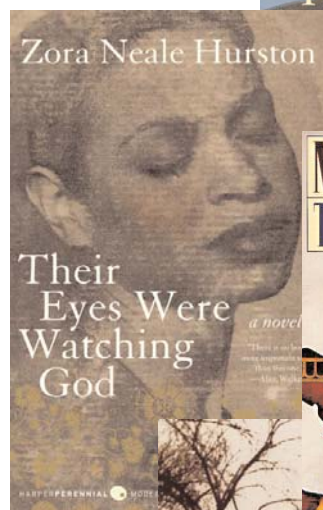
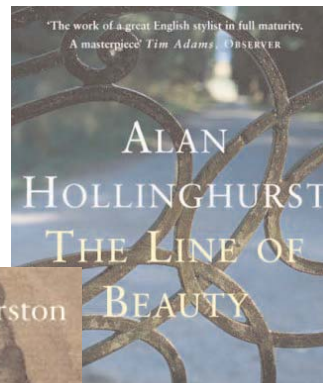
The group previously met at Barnes & Noble. John Speara, who volunteers at Stonewall [see article at left], began attending that discuss group in 2003. "I like it because you to read what you might not normally read, such as a gay classic like Mary Renault's *The Persian Boy*."

When local author Neil Placky's first novel, *Mahu*, was published in 2005, the book club not only read his gay-themed, Honolulu-based mystery but invited him to speak. Placky, who has since become an active member of the group, has recently published his third book in the series, *Mahu Fire*.

In April several members of the literary group attended panel discussions held at Nova Southeastern University as part of the Broward County Library Foundations' LitFest! This year two gay speakers were included in the panel, Christopher Rice and Kevin Sessums, author of *Mississippi Sissy*, who is signing books at Stonewall [see article at right].

In December 2007 the reading group moved to Stonewall, and I became the facilitator. Eight to twelve people attend each meeting. Most of the books we've read lately have related to gay males because that is who attends. Stonewall's Executive Director Jack Rutland said he would welcome an additional literary discussion group that would focus on lesbian books.

—Charles L. Ross



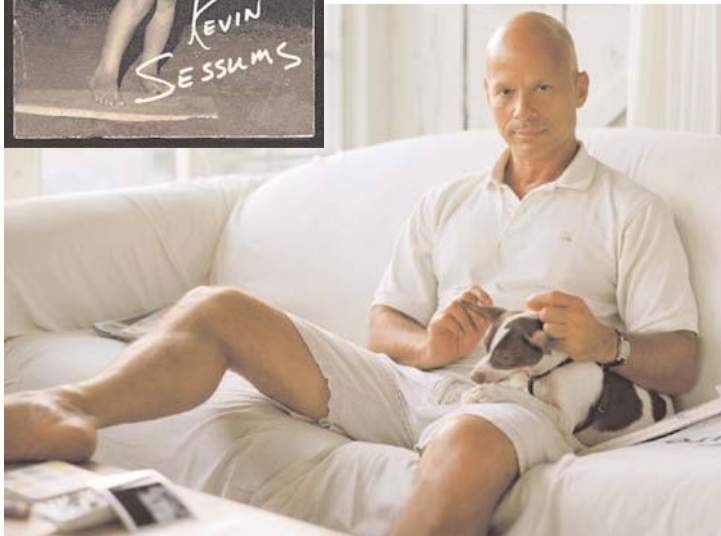
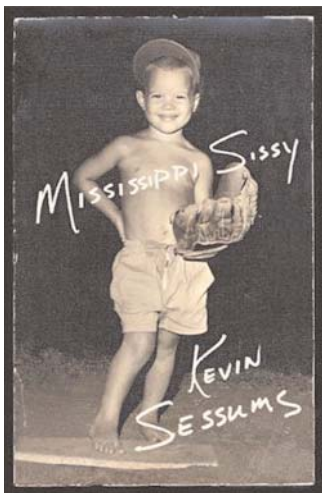
Author Kevin Sessums to Speak at Stonewall

The event is free and open to the public.

Kevin Sessums, author of *Mississippi Sissy*, will speak and sign books at Stonewall on May 3, at 3:00 PM, as part of the Distinguished Authors Lecture Series. Copies of the recently released paperback of the memoir will be on sale at Stonewall the afternoon of the event.

Sessum's career has been in magazines: fourteen years as contributing editor at *Vanity Fair*, four years at *Allure*, and before that, he was executive editor at Andy Warhol's

Interview. "I've interviewed scores of celebrities—among them Madonna, Cher, Bette Midler, Barbra Streisand, Johnny Depp, Tom Cruise, Ellen De Generes, Beyonce, Halle Berry, Tom Hanks," Sessums wrote in an email. "I have upcoming articles on



TOM ACKERVAN

Robert De Niro about his new hotel, The Greenwich, in *Travel+Leisure*. A cover story in *Parade* on Sarah Jessica Parker. And a cover story for *Elle* on Mary-Kate Olsen." The busy man has also been on a book tour.

Mississippi Sissy is much more than a coming-of-age memoir. His parents died before he was nine; as a fifth grader he was molested by a preacher; and as a teenager he found his best friend and mentor brutally murdered.

In a recent podcast, Sessums said writing the book was "painful, but cathartic. . . . I had to relive that frightened little boy's heartache."

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Each month two specially selected bottles of hard-to-find red wine will be shipped to your home or office. The price is \$59.99 plus tax and shipping. Your membership entitles you to an exclusive 15% member discount on any additional wines you purchase from our on-line store. • Each month a donation will be made to the library based on the club memberships and purchases that you make.



MAY Stonewall CALENDAR

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Friday May 2
BEHIND THE LAVENDER SCREEN: CINEMA CLASSICS
Pillow Talk (1959).

Gay über producer Ross Hunter gives us Rock and Doris at their very best. Sassy Thelma Ritter, too. 7:00 PM at Stonewall Library & Archives. \$2.00 suggested admission.

Saturday May 3
GLCC FLEA MARKET

First Saturday of every month. Don't miss Stonewall's Book Sale booth. All day. GLCC/Stonewall.

DISTINGUISHED AUTHOR LECTURE SERIES
 Kevin Sessums, acclaimed journalist and best-selling author. 3:00 PM at Stonewall. Free and open to the public.

May 5-31

ARTSUNITED EXHIBITION

Angelo Lombardo
paintings, drawings

Opening Reception
 Monday, May 5, 6:30-8:00 PM. at Stonewall.



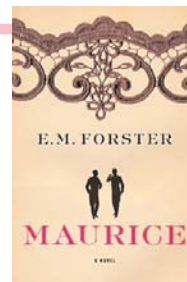
Friday May 9
OUT BOYS MOVIE NIGHT

Gaudi Afternoon (2001). Susan Seidelman's comedy with the always splendid Judy Davis, Marcia Gay Harden, Lili Taylor and Juliette Lewis. Screening followed by discussion. 7:00 PM at Stonewall. \$2.00 suggested admission.



Monday May 12
GAY LITERARY DISCUSSION GROUP

Read the book, then come discuss it. *Maurice* by E.M. Forster. 7:00 PM at Stonewall. Free, open to the public.



Friday May 16
CINE/ CINEMA/FILM

Foreign film screening and discussion. *Three*



Dancing Slaves (2005, French with English subtitles). A trio of saucy brothers struggle to find their way in the world. 7:00 PM at Stonewall. \$2.00 suggested admission.

Saturday May 17
SECOND ANNUAL STONEWALL GARDEN TOUR
 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Tickets: \$20. Tours begin at Stonewall. Please call 954-763-8565 for reservations

Friday May 23
OUT GIRLS MOVIE NIGHT

Late Bloomers (1997). Proof that love can exist after 30 even if you don't look like Angelina Jolie. Screening and discussion. 7:00 PM at Stonewall. \$2.00 suggested admission.



Sunday May 25
OPERA GROUP

Video screening, discussion at Stonewall at 1:00 PM.