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**Orson Scott Card:** Author Orson Scott Card will present an author talk and book signing, 7 p.m., Oct. 28, at the Ferguson Center for the Arts, sponsored by the Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium. The event is free, but tickets are required. Photo Credit: Bob Henderson, Henderson Photography, Inc.

## Literary Consortium to present author Orson Scott Card free to the public

Orson Scott Card, the best-selling author of "Ender's Game," will speak at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28, at Christopher Newport University's Ferguson Center for the Arts. His appearance is free to the public, but tickets are required.

Best known for his science fiction novels, Card also writes contemporary fiction, biblical novels, the American frontier fantasy series The Tales of Alvin Maker, poetry, plays and scripts.

Free tickets for the author talk, question-and-answer session and book signing are available beginning Sept. 28 at the sponsoring libraries of the Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium, which consists of the public libraries of Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson and York County and the academic libraries of Christopher Newport University, Hampton University and Thomas Nelson Community College.

Tickets will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to two per person while supplies last. Open seating at the event, to be held in the Music & Theatre Hall, is limited, and attendees are advised to arrive early. Ticket holders will be seated first. Any remaining seats will then be open to the general public.

The Orson Scott Card event is the fourth free author event sponsored by the Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium, which presented the best-selling authors Amy Tan in 2007, Walter Mosley in 2008 and David Baldacci in 2009. The Consortium formed in 2006 to encourage the study and enjoyment of books and to foster cooperation among all types of libraries on the Peninsula.

For more information, contact Karen L. Gill, community relations and programs coordinator for the Newport News Public Library System, at 757-926-1357, or [kgill@nngov.com](mailto:kgill@nngov.com) or visit <http://library.cnu.edu/vplc.html>

### More About Card

Orson Scott Card is the author of the novels "Ender's Game," "Ender's Shadow" and "Speaker for the Dead," which are widely read by adults and younger readers, and are increasingly used in schools. Besides these and other science fiction novels, Card writes contemporary fantasy ("Magic Street," "Enchantment," "Lost Boys"), biblical novels ("Stone Tables", "Rachel and Leah"), the American frontier fantasy series The Tales of Alvin Maker (beginning with "Seventh Son"), poetry ("An Open Book"), and many plays and scripts. Card was born in Washington and grew up in California, Arizona, and Utah. He served a mission for the LDS Church in Brazil in the early 1970s. Besides his writing, he teaches occasional classes and workshops and directs plays. He recently began a long-term position as a professor of writing and literature at Southern Virginia University. Card currently lives in Greensboro, N.C., with his wife, Kristine Allen Card, and their youngest child, Zina Margaret. *The Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium brings together the public libraries of Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson and York County and the academic libraries of Christopher Newport University, Hampton University and Thomas Nelson Community College, collectively serving all residents of the Virginia Peninsula. Programs presented by the Consortium are free and open to the public. For more information on Consortium programs, please call 757-926-1350 or visit <http://library.cnu.edu/vplc.html>.*