



# *Straight from the Pad*

Monthly e-newsletter from Author K. R. Raye



## Welcome to the January/February 2015 issue of *Straight from the Pad*!

This year is all about writing the new trilogy. Please pray for me as my youngest son wants to co-author the books with me. He's 13 and it's been a wonderful bonding experience, but the overall writing process is s - I - double ow, slow!!!

If I were the envious type, I'd wish for an arrangement like James Patterson and all of his many collaborators or a partnership similar to Victoria Christopher Murray and ReShonda Tate Billingsley. However, there are definite perks to watching your child blossom as he learns about character arcs and development, plotting and pacing, tension-building, and plain old simple grammar!

This month I'll get to reconnect with my fellow Book Divas On Tour (BDOT), B. Swangin Webster and Dee Lawrence and other fabulous authors at Sharon Lucas' Local Authors Showcase in Landover, MD.

Then on March 21, my lovely sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, is hosting the Eastern Region's Delta Authors on Tour from 12 – 4 PM at the Owings Mills Mall in Owings Mills, Maryland. Join me and nine other fantastic authors including the aforementioned *Essence* bestselling author, Victoria Christopher Murray, and the prolific Brenda Jackson, *New York Times* and *USA Today* Bestselling author of over 100 novels and novellas.

Thanks again for your strong support. Happy Reading!

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### Upcoming 2015 Events

02/21/2015	<a href="#">Local Authors Showcase</a>	Landover, MD
03/21/2015	<a href="#">Delta Authors On Tour</a>	Owings Mills, MD
04/04/2015	<a href="#">Black Writers' Guild of MD</a>	Baltimore, MD
08/07-09/2015	<a href="#">National Book Club Conference</a>	Atlanta, GA
09/25-27/2015	<a href="#">Creatures, Crimes &amp; Creativity (C3)</a>	Hunt Valley, MD