

By **EMMA BRIDGWATER**  
*Special to the IFP*



**KELLEY ARMSTRONG**

has published 18 novels and five anthologies/novellas.

The *Otherworld* series is primarily aimed at an older audience, as are her *Nadia Stafford* novels, which follows the life of a police officer who finds herself mixed up with a small

Kelley Armstrong has always been interested in the supernatural; as a child, her stories would invariably feature undead girls and evil dolls. Her interest and passion in the genre continues to this day—and she's made quite the career of writing for it.

Her novels have won her the prestigious status as a #1 New York Times Bestseller (U.S.), a #1 Globe and Mail Bestseller (Canada), and earned her a place at #1 on the Science Fiction and Fantasy Charts (UK). Her tours have taken her around the world and back, but she never fails to return home to her roots in Canada.

Writing books for three different series and making them all popular is not an easy task—but with her dynamic, suspense-filled writing, and characters that are easy to relate to.

She started off with her *Otherworld* series back in 2001—a novel that features Elena Michaelsan, the only known female werewolf, and who just wants to live as a normal human. It started out as an attempt to portray werewolves as something other than “bloodthirsty, ravaging beasts.” After that she continued to write and, with her newest book coming out in 2011,

Mafia family.

Her young adult series, *The Darkest Powers*, is extremely popular among the teenage and adult audiences alike. It details the life of Chloe Saunders, who up until she started seeing ghosts and raising the dead, was a normal high school sophomore. She now finds herself caught up in a supernatural world she hardly knew existed, and trying to untangle a plot that stretches far further than anyone ever imagined.

On Friday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m. in the Gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, Armstrong will talk about her books, have a signing, and a Q&A period. The event will have a young adult focus, but a wide variety of her books will also be available for sale. Tickets, \$5, can be purchased in advance by calling 905-873-1213, or at the door.

## Triple P Seminar for Parents of Teens (13-16 years)

# Increase your Teen's Safety by Planning Ahead!

Parents, learn how to encourage responsible behaviour by discussing:

- Reliability
- Self-discipline
- Confidence
- Agreement on rules
- Creating a plan to promote safety



*“Very appropriate and relevant information, with practical examples. This workshop was very helpful and informative!”*

-- Duncan and Shelley King, parents of three children (16, 10 and 4 year old), January 2010

**Where:** E.C Drury High School Library  
215 Ontario Street South, Milton

**When:** Thursday, October 21, 2010, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

## Registration

To register for this free Triple P seminar, or for more information, please contact Halton Region.

(In case of inclement weather please call Halton Region for program cancellations and rescheduling.)



If you require ASL services please RSVP by Friday Oct. 15, 2010



*for every parent*

This session is part of a Positive Parenting Program that is supported by research and led by accredited practitioners.

## Are you prepared for a power outage?

Winter is approaching, and with it, the possibility of power outages, caused by winter storms which can damage power lines and equipment. Most power outages last only a few minutes, but some last days or weeks. When the power goes out, you may be left without heat, light, hot water, or running water. You and your family should be prepared to cope on your own during a power outage for at least 72 hours.

Take the time to prepare in advance. Have an emergency kit on hand with spare batteries, a flashlight, portable am/fm radio, food and water. Learn more at [www.halton.ca/beprepared](http://www.halton.ca/beprepared).



Gary Carr  
Regional Chair

### Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

**Oct. 25** Municipal Election Day

There are no meetings for October.

Meetings can be viewed at [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca)

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