February is a special month here at the Orange County Library System. That's because it marks the anniversary of the opening of the Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center at the Orlando Public Library. This year the Melrose Center marks three years of providing the community with access to the tools it needs to create music, film, photography and all manner of digital projects, and we can’t think of a better way to celebrate than to host the Melrose Awards, which showcase the best creative work made using resources available in the center.

This year, we’re doing things a little bit differently – rather than just hosting an awards celebration, we’ll present them at an event we’re calling the Melrose Creative Expo. In addition to the awards, we’ll have live music from students who’ve taken composing classes offered at the Melrose Center by the Timucua White House Executive Director Chris Belt. We’ll have demos and activities in the center’s various studios and spaces, so you can get a feel for the kinds of projects you could create here. We’ll also have opportunities to interact with some of the groups that use the Melrose Center to host meet-ups, create and share ideas.

The event takes place February 11, from 1-4 p.m., and everybody is welcome. We hope you’ll join us.

February is also Black History Month, and we always have a great slate of events happening around the system to celebrate. On February 12 at the Orlando Public Library, we’ll participate in the 27th Annual National African-American Read-In, in which local officials, writers, musicians and artists celebrate African-American literature in poetry, story and song with short readings and performances. See pages 18-19 for details and even more Black History Month events.

That’s just a sampling of what’s happening this month at a library near you – you can always visit our website at ocls.info for a complete list of all the programs, events and classes we have in store for you.
Celebrating Abuela Raquel’s Life and Her Art: A Centenarian’s Appreciation for Beauty in Everyday Life and the Natural World Southwest Branch Saturday, February 18, 2–4 p.m. Join us at our Southwest Branch to celebrate the life and art of Abuela Raquel. Raquel Palmier was born in Santiago, Cuba where she worked as an elementary school teacher until leaving for the United States in 1946. She first began to paint in her 10s and completed more than 60 paintings before her death at the age of 101. Light refreshments will be served. The oil painting of Abuela Raquel will be on display at the Southwest Branch through March.

Third Thursday Gallery Hop Featuring Orisirisi African Folklore & the B-Side Artists Orlando Public Library Library Central Thursday, February 16, 6–7:45 p.m. Join us for the Third Thursday Gallery Hop and featuring entertainment by Orisirisi African Folklore at 6 p.m. and an art exhibit featuring work from B-Side artists and Chris Tobair Rodriguez.

Balalaika Duo Orlando Public Library, Library Central Saturday, February 18, 11 a.m. Hiawassee Branch Saturday, February 18, 3 p.m. See the Balalaika Duo, Elina Karokhina and Mikhail Smirnov, perform Ukrainian, Gypsy, Jewish and Russian music and dance. Their performances feature accordion-garmoshka, guitar and balalaika with singing and dancing.

Shirley Wang and Donna Topp Orlando Public Library, Library Central Friday, February 10, 12 p.m. Hear the classical piano and vocal stylings of vocalist/pianist Shirley Wang and pianist Donna Topp. This is a great introduction to classical music for newcomers—yet the selections and performance are sophisticated enough to tantalize the most seasoned classical connoisseurs.

Shirley Wang and Mark Looney Orlando Public Library, Library Central Friday, February 17, 12 p.m. Vocalist/pianist Shirley Wang and pianist/composer Mark Looney will perform folk songs and gospel music arrangements.

Student Performance Orlando Public Library, Library Central Sunday, February 19, 1:30 p.m. Enjoy a recital by the students of classically trained vocalist Aleksandra Vargas. Performance will feature a piano accompanist.

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Attention Middle and High School Educators—learn and earn $75 at Library U! To learn more and apply, visit ocls.info/libraryu

Applications must be received by Saturday, April 15.

**WHAT**

Library University is an opportunity to learn about Library resources and promote Library services in schools.

**WHO**

Full-time, middle and high school educators in the Orange County, Florida School District for the 2017 year with an Orange County Library card in good standing.

**WHERE**

Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation & Creativity Orlando Public Library 101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801

**WHY**

Libraries are vibrant centers of learning for everyone, including educational instructors. Our resources as providers of informal learning and technology education can assist school and engage communities.

**When**

Thursday, June 15 8:30–4:30 p.m.

Learn and earn a $75 honorarium for completing the entire day of activities!

**Featured Resource of the Month:**

**Homework Help**

libguides.ocls.info/homework

Need help with your homework but not sure where to start? Check out our Homework Help guide where you can find quick links to live online tutoring, research paper writing tips, SAT/ACT test preparation, useful resources by subject and more.

**Featured Database of the Month:**

**Biography in Context**

ocls.info/learning-research

Biography in Context is your one-stop source for biography inquiries. Get authoritative information from reference, news, primary sources, magazines, academic journals, multimedia sources and more.

Biography in Context also includes tools to download, print and share content online and will help you cite your sources.

**Orlando Memory**

orlandomemory.info

Orlando Memory is a community-based, digital collection of local heritage and traditions. Be a part of Central Florida's history by adding your memories, photos, documents, videos and more to the Orlando Memory site. It's free and easy to register.

**EPOCH**

epochlegacies.org

EPOCH (Electronically Preserving Obituaries as Cultural Heritage) is a project created by the Orange County Library System for the community to save local history and memories. By engaging community members to memorialize the lives of those they have lost, the fullness of the legacies of the deceased can be preserved for family, researchers and genealogists.
Registration is required for some events. Register online at ocls.info/events or call 407.835.7323.

Movie Fun: Groundhog Day
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, February 2, 7 p.m.
Join us for the 1993 classic comedy, Groundhog Day. TV weatherman Phil Connors is forced to live the same February 2 over and over again until he gains some karmic insight into his life.

Orlando Public Library Pokémon League
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Sunday, February 5, 3 p.m.
Orlando Public Library, Palm Room
Sunday, February 19, 3 p.m.
Calling all trainers! Join the official Orlando Public Library Pokémon League. Battle for fun or glory with the Pokémon Trading Card Game, Pokémon video games and even Pokkén Tournament. Earn cool prizes, meet other trainers and have fun. Trainers of all ages and skill levels welcome. For more information, visit ocls.info/pokemon.

Career Source Central Florida
Alafaya Branch
Monday, February 6, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Orlando Public Library, Learning Central
Monday, February 13, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, February 13, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Monday, February 20, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, February 27, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Come spend time with the experts from Career Source Central Florida to explore the services they provide and get connected to employment opportunities using career counseling, skill development, workshops and more.

Career Online High School Graduation
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, February 25, 2 p.m.
ocls.info/graduation
Join us as the first graduating class of Career Online High School students walk across the stage, celebrating the accomplishment of earning a high school diploma! Great for adult learners in December 2015, Career Online High School has over 100 students enrolled and offers OCLS cardholders the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma, a career certificate and a career portfolio.

Emotions and Essential Oils
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.
Harness the healing power of nature and learn about the benefits of using essential oils in your everyday life. Learn about this chemical-free alternative to healing. Limited seating, registration required.

Laughter Lab: Laughter Yoga
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Monday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.
With the use of laughter, rhythm and light exercise, participants will learn to ignite endorphins and receive the positive physical and emotional-wellness benefits of laughter. The addition of simple improvisation exercises help build confidence and add a fun element to this class!

Knitting and Crocheting 101
Southeast Branch
Thursday, February 16, 3 p.m.
You’re invited to our introductory knitting and crocheting workshop. All ages and levels are welcome! Please bring your own yarn and needles. Basic supplies will be provided.

American Heart Association CPR/AED Course
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
February 18, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Become Heartsaver CPR certified in American Heart Association CPR and AED for adults, children and infants. Hosted by the Orlando Fire Department’s Take Heart Orlando program. Space is limited. Registration required. Donation of $20 per person. Cash or check accepted. Checks made payable to Strengthen Orlando, to register, call 407.346.4277 or email handsonlycpr@cityoforlando.net

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Creative Coloring for Adults
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, February 5, 3 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, February 27, 7 p.m.
Adults are coloring again! Coloring is a great way to relax and unwind while channeling your inner child. Join us for a fun time of creating and coloring. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite colored pencils or markers. Ages 18 and up.

Stress Buster Coloring Hour
Southwest Branch Library
Wednesday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.
Adults all over the world are discovering the relaxing, stress-reducing and meditative benefits of coloring. All supplies provided but feel free to bring your favorite coloring tools. Ages 18 and up. Some supplies provided by the Community School of the Arts sponsored by Women in the Arts Inc., in partnership with the Orange County Library System.

Art 101: Harlem Renaissance
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 11, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
Learn about the artwork of the Harlem Renaissance and create work inspired by Aaron Douglas. The Harlem Renaissance is the artistic, literary and musical movement that took place in Harlem, New York at the end of WWI through the middle of the 1930s. Ages 15 and up.

Haku Painting
Southwest Branch Library
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Part of the Healing Arts series at the Southwest Branch. Combine poetry and art to create a haku or haiku-inspired painting. All supplies provided. No writing or painting experience needed. Registration required.

Art for Adults: Exploring Watercolor Techniques
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, February 23, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Have you ever wanted to experiment with the basics of watercolor? Explore a variety of painting techniques, including watercolor, splattering, blooming, etching, lifting color and using salt and foil to achieve fantastic results. Space is limited. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

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What You Should Know About Volunteering
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Certified Senior Housing Professional Mike Flahaven and representatives from local charities will discuss the many volunteer opportunities available for seniors and active adults. To learn more about YourFloridaHaven, please visit yourfloridahaven.com. For registration, please contact Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291.

NGSQ Study Group
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.
Interested in furthering your genealogical research skills? Then the NGSQ Study Group is for you! The conversation will focus on research techniques presented in the article as well as the logic patterns that were used to find a solution to the genealogical problem. The NGSQ is available in the library’s collection at the West Oaks Branch. February’s article will be LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, “Resolving a Modern Genealogical Problem: What was Rainey Nelson’s Birth Name?” National Genealogical Society Quarterly 104 (September 2016): 203-213.

Introduction to Pilates for Seniors
Chickasaw Branch
Thursdays, February 9 & 23, 2 p.m.
Learn simple moves that will work your muscles, help alignment and encourage flexibility. Comfortable exercise or loose-fitting clothing required. Yoga mats are encouraged. Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info/nextchapter or call 407.835.7323.

Storytime for Grownups!
South Creek Branch
Wednesdays, February 1 & 15, 2 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Mondays, February 13 & 27, 2 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, February 14 & 28, 2 p.m.
Why should kids have all the fun? Come to the library and enjoy a story or activity as our talented library storytellers entertain ages 18 and up!

Using the Freedmen’s Bureau Records on FamilySearch
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m.
Freedmen’s Bureau Records can be a rich source of information for those conducting African-American research. Join us as we explore how to use these rich records available for free on FamilySearch.

Living Alone: The Pros & Cons
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, February 16, 12:10 p.m.
Learn factors to consider when evaluating whether you want to “age-in-place” or move and then learn how to build a home environment that is safe and meets your changing needs. This seminar is part of the LIFE Information for Elders series presented by Orange County’s Commission on Aging. Call 407.836.7446 or email officeonaging@ocfl.net to register. A small lunch is provided to the first 50 people to RSVP.

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Family History Fair
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Celebrate the two-year anniversary of the grand re-opening of The West Oaks Branch Library and Genealogy Center. The Central Florida Genealogical Society, West Oaks Library staff and other local lineage and family history societies will be available to share information on researching and documenting your family history.

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Diggin’ It!: A Genealogy Research Open Forum & Book Club
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, February 25, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Join us for monthly club meetings where we support and encourage each other for continued progress in our genealogy research, enjoy guest speakers, discuss assigned readings and progress toward publication of your genealogy. Our club motto: “Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.”

Income Tax Assistance
Herndon Branch
Mondays & Thursdays, February 2–April 17, 10 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Mondays & Fridays, February 3–April 17, 10 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Thursdays, February 2–April 13, 10 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Fridays, Feb 3–April 14, 10 a.m.
AARP Volunteers will provide free income tax assistance. Attendees will need to have a valid ID, Social Security Card, any tax forms and Annual Benefits Statements (if necessary). Attendees will be seen on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please visit aarp.org/taxaide.

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Language Learning
Did you know you can take free language learning classes at the library? Attend an ESOL workshop or practice learning a new language at one of our Open Language Labs. To view dates, locations and times, please visit ocls.info/events, explore online learning opportunities at ocls.info/language or view our learning English workshops at ocls.info/ESOL.

OPEN LANGUAGE LAB
including ESOL
Explore and learn English (ESOL) or another language of your choice via computer-based learning in an open language lab. Choose fromELLIS, Mango Languages or Rocket Languages to improve your English, learn French or other languages offered.

Learn English at the Library
libguides.ocls.info/englishocls
Explore and learn English in a classroom-based learning environment with an ESOL instructor.

Practice Makes Perfect
Various Locations
Join us each week as an Adult Literacy League Certified instructor helps you build your confidence. This program is presented through partnerships between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League Inc.

Soy Culto y Soy Bilingüe
Six-week English language workshops for intermediate to advanced speakers. The workshops focus on practicing English that you can use every day. Classes meet once a week for six weeks. Facilitated by University of Central Florida School of Teaching, Learning and Leadership.

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Estrellas fugaces
Robyn Schneider
traducción de Victoria Simó
SP 863 SCH

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Insomnio (Spanish ed.)
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SP 863 ROW

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Alunizando Gran Combo de Puerto Rico
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CD 781.63 GRA

No pongan esas canciones
Espinoza Paz
(CD sound recording)
CD 781.63 PAZ

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Brujería
(CD sound recording)
CD 781.63 BRU

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Writing Workshop: Creating a World for Your Characters
Alafaya Branch Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m. Whether your story is set in a real place or an imaginary one, a writer needs to establish the characters’ world so that the reader can suspend disbelief and fully engage with the story. Author L.E. Perez will provide tips on how to create a world worthy of your characters.

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Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m.
Join Farah Davids of the Purple Platter as she shows you how to recreate Southern favorites such as johnnycakes, fish and grits with a side of traditional greens. Space is limited. Registration required.

One Pot Stir-Fried Rice
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.
Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will demonstrate how to create delicious meals using a wok. Learn to make stir-fried rice, a simple but tasty dish you can even make with leftovers. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit bbwmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

Black Rooster Taqueria
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Saturday, February 25, 2 p.m.
Husband and wife team John and Juliana Calloway dreamt about the farm to taco concept for years before starting Black Rooster Taqueria. Chef John Calloway’s modern take on Mexican cuisine is a culinary celebration of the country’s culture and history. Enjoy a food demonstration featuring a twist on Latin flavor made from the highest quality ingredients. Space is limited. Registration required.

Tofu Curry
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Monday, February 20, 6:15 p.m.
Join certified Holistic Health Coach Shahnaz Nensey for an ethnic twist on an Indian favorite. For more information, visit swaasta.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

Food 101: Chocolate
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m.
The Food 101 series introduces you to a new topic every month, examining the historical and social significance of what we eat. In February, learn about the world’s favorite sugary concoction: chocolate. Samples limited, registration required.

Healthy Vegetarian Meals
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m.
Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will demonstrate how to incorporate vegetarian meals into your healthy diet. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit bbwmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

All About Chocolate
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Monday, February 27, 6:30 p.m.
Indulge in decadent chocolate creations. Library staff will demonstrate how you can create tasty treats at home. Space is limited. Registration required.

Registration is required for Cuisine Corner. Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info/cuisinecorner or call 407.835.7323.
Happy Valentine’s Day

Bee My Valentine
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, February 1, 3:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Thursday, February 2, 3 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, February 4, 1:30 p.m.
Windermerne Branch
Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Monday, February 13, 3 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.
The buzz is all about Valentine’s Day. Come and join us for an event filled with everything we don’t like about Valentine’s Day! Ages 11–18.

Steampunk Victorian Valentine
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 4, 2:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, February 8, 6 p.m.
Create fabulous Victorian inspired valentines while watching a fantasy film. Ages 11–18.

Valentine Surprise
Windermerne Branch
Tuesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.

Sweet Friends
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, February 7, 11 a.m.
Windermerne Branch
Monday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.
Bring your best buddy for an event filled with sweet Valentine fun for everyone. Ages 3–5.

Bad Art Night: Valentine Edition
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.
Flaut your “artistic” skills during Bad Art Night: Valentine Edition. Create magnificently bad art while enjoying a sweet treat. All ages.

Pink Bear Valentine
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.
Let’s celebrate Valentine’s Day at the library with a story, craft and lots of fun! Ages 3–5.

Edible Fruit Bouquets for Valentine’s Day
South Creek Branch
Sunday, February 12, 2:30 p.m.
Learn how to make a simple, healthy and thoughtful gift for this holiday season! All ages.

Movie Screening: Valentine’s Day
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, February 14, 11 a.m.

Heartburn!
The Un-Valentine’s Day Event
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesday, February 14, 6 p.m.
Do you despise candy hearts, chocolate flowers and poems about love? Then join us for an event filled with everything we don’t like about Valentine’s Day! Ages 11–18.

ACROSS
1. The color of hearts on Valentine’s Day.
2. The fictional character that shoots arrows at people.
3. These flowers come in many colors, but usually red ones are given on Valentine’s Day.
4. Another term for sweets that are given on Valentine’s Day.
5. What Cupid shoots at some poor unsuspecting person that makes them fall in love.
6. If you want to give a friend roses, you would give them this color.
7. The name of this holiday!
8. The man that this holiday is named after is _______ Valentine.
9. Sometimes on Valentine’s Day, a secret heartburn will give you an anonymous present.
10. Moms and Dads may want to get away for a ________ dinner or weekend.
11. If you don’t get any Valentines, you might do this into your pillow.
12. Hershey’s is one kind of this type of candy.
13. One of the shapes used often on Valentine’s Day is ______ (plural).
14. These are made out of paper or material that are lacy.
15. The abbreviation for the month that Valentine’s Day is in.
16. These flowers, carnations and daisies are these.
17. If you give someone a treat on Valentine’s Day, it usually is this. This word is also used in the expression *“I love you to the ______ Heart”*, a nickname for one’s spouse.
18. If you give someone a treat on Valentine’s Day, you will want to have one of these to keep them in.
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20. This expression is often said on Valentine’s Day: “___ Mine”.

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Celebrate Through Films: Black History Month
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Fridays, February 3–24, 11 a.m.
Celebrate Black History Month with films that highlight the achievements of black Americans and recognize the central role of African-Americans in U.S. history.

February 3: Ruby Bridges
February 10: The Help
February 17: I Am Ali
February 24: Pride

What I Didn’t Learn In School: An Intro to Unknown African-American History
Southeast Branch
Thursday, February 9, 6:30 p.m.
This challenging program seeks to educate participants on aspects of African-American history that are often overlooked. What did Abraham Lincoln really think about African-Americans? Who is William Lynch? And what actually happened in the Red Summer of 1919? Discover the answers to these questions and much more.

Echoes of My Sister’s Voices
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.
Join Dr. Naima Bush for an exploration of the lives of women trapped by the bondage of slavery. Using music, poetry, storytelling and narrative, Dr. Bush weaves a masterful historical offering that brings these women’s voices to life!

Deep In My Heart
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturday, February 11, 3 p.m.
This new dynamic musical lecture covers the music and moments of the Civil Rights Movement, while Dr. Naima Bush highlights the historical events that shaped the nation we live in today.

Black Panther: This World Wakanda
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.
From 1970s Afrofuturism to contemporary concerns about black liberation, the Black Panther and his world have served to highlight the concerns of black America. This talk explores the ways writers have used the Black Panther’s fictive world to explore black concerns with the African Diaspora. Presented by author and urban historian Julian Chambliss, Department Chair of Rollins College’s Department of History.

Pride, Power and Protest?
Luke Cage and the Black Superhero Question
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, February 25, 2 p.m.
From comics in the 1970s to a new Netflix series, the role of Luke Cage as the first black superhero in the United States has been a source of anxiety and aspiration. This talk explores the evolution of the original Blaxploitation heroes from the black power roots to his iconic links to the contemporary Black Lives Matter movement. Presented by author and urban historian Julian Chambliss, Department Chair of Rollins College’s Department of History.

TALBERT GRAY: BREAKING BARRIERS
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, February 26, 2 p.m.
When Talbert Gray joined WESH-TV in Orlando in 1969, he became the first African-American newswoman on a commercial station in Florida. Gray changed media in the south forever by blazing trails and opening doors during his long career in TV, newspapers, magazines and radio. From interviewing celebrities and Civil Rights legends to publishing the first black magazine to celebrate diversity in Central Florida, Gray has compelling stories to tell from his fascinating life as a change-maker. Presented in partnership with the Orange County Regional History Center.
On Saturday, February 11 from 1–4 p.m., the Melrose Center celebrates its third anniversary by hosting the Melrose Creative Expo. The event, a celebration of Orlando’s creative community, will feature the Melrose Awards ceremony, live music, studio and virtual reality demonstrations, fabrication and simulation lab activities and guests from throughout the community. The Melrose Awards honor the best projects of 2016 in the categories of Film, Maker, Audio, Game Design & Programming and Photography & Graphic Design. To be eligible for the awards, projects must have been created at least in part at the Melrose Center, and entries are voted on by the public. A first prize of $250 is awarded to the winner of each category, and one grand prize winner will be chosen to win $1,000.

Since it opened in February 2014, the Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation and Creativity has allowed OCLS to significantly expand its role as a provider of technology education. Occupying 26,000 square feet on the second floor of the Orlando Public Library, the Melrose Center allows users to gain the understanding required to be a contributor to and consumer of emerging technologies. Signing up to use the Melrose Center is easy—library patrons can become members by completing a short orientation, opening the door to a number of creative possibilities. The Melrose Center offers state of the art audio, video and photo studios, fabrication and simulation labs, an interactive media wall, editing bays, sound booths, collaborative work spaces and the means to pursue virtual reality and video game development. Over 7,000 OCLS patrons have become Melrose Members by taking the Center’s general orientation. Last year, Melrose instructors taught nearly 4,200 classes, guiding patrons toward self-sufficiency with an array of equipment and software. During that same period, Melrose Members reserved over 2,000 sessions in studios, editing bays and sound booths.

The Melrose Center is also about collaboration and community. It is a monthly meetup venue for numerous groups with interests including robotics, podcasts, web development and game design. Additionally, staff have created monthly meetup groups pertaining to specific areas of the Melrose Center, with combined group membership over 1,300. The recently initiated Open Mic: The Voice of Melrose further encourages the community to embrace the center as a gathering place by inviting musicians and spoken word performers to take the stage each month to share their talents. The Melrose Creative Expo provides the perfect opportunity to explore the Melrose Center as we look ahead to year four of its existence. Come help celebrate the best projects created in the Center, tour the studios, learn about our growing immersive technology curriculum and connect with other people sharing common interests in the community.

By Jim Myers, Melrose Center Manager

The Voice of Melrose Open Mic
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m.
Are you an independent artist looking for an outlet for your music or spoken-word performance? Do you want to connect with other performers in the burgeoning Orlando artist community? Join us for The Voice of Melrose Open Mic. We seek to provide a venue for the community and foster collaboration amongst artists. Singers, poets, comedians and performers in general are encouraged to participate. This is Orlando’s voice in the heart of Downtown. Sign up at ocls.info/openmic.

Adobe After Effects Level 1 & 2
Discover how to enhance your videos by creating spectacular celestial animation. Learn to import footage, set up a composition, animate layers and extrude type in 3D space to create otherworldly cinematic animation. Participants should be comfortable editing with Adobe Premiere.

High Dynamic Range Photography with Adobe Photoshop
Looking to make your photos really pop? Create spectacular and vibrant images through high dynamic range (HDR) photography. Learn the basic camera settings necessary to take more engaging photos. We’ll also show you how to merge photos into an HDR image to bring out the detail and creativity of your work.

Effects Processing: Dynamics
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Monday, February 6, 11 a.m.
Friday, February 10, 9:30 a.m.
Gain experience with the tools to help you put the right finishing touches on your audio tracks. Learn to use compressors to control the dynamic range across your tracks and apply key concepts including threshold, ratio, attack and release. Get a feel for finding the right dynamic balance for your mix with hands-on exercises.
Device Advice
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 15, 4 p.m.
Register for Robot Racing with Dash, Introduction to Coding with Dash Robots and Robot Coding: Beginner’s Workshop to learn the basic concepts of computer code with Dash the robot. Program your robot to talk, flash lights, congratulate you on a job well done and run around the library! No prior coding or robotics knowledge needed. Ages 6–12.

Make Your Monday!
Alafaya Branch
Mondays, February 6–27, 4:30 p.m.
Begin your maker journey while learning about African-American inventors. Learn hands-on tinkering and get practice to improve your skills. Discover your creativity as you complete challenges, STEM projects and experiments. Ages 6–15.

Zoom Around the Library with Dash and Dot
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 15, 4 p.m.
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WE SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE!
Check the calendar at a branch near you and register for a technology class offered in Haitian Creole or Spanish.

¡Hablamos Su Idioma!
Tome una clase de Microsoft Excel, Photoshop o QuickBooks con un instructor que habla su idioma. Reciba instrucción y respuestas en Español. La biblioteca ofrece clases en Español en sucursales selectas.

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GET NOTICED
Want to update your Web presence? Check out the updated HTML5 classes at a library location near you! Boost your search engine rankings with a landing page optimized with an engaging background video.

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Layout webpages using HTML5 and Cascading Style Sheets (CSS).

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Create a Video Landing Webpage
Looking for an exciting way to promote your business or project and enhance your presence on the Internet? We supply the video and code, you supply your ideas! Bring a storage device so you can take your project home.

GET A NEW LOOK
Sew your own tote bag or dress, add lights and put your most fashionable foot forward.

It’s Sew Easy Camp: Wearable Technology
Orlando Public Library
Sundays, February 5 – March 5, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Create a backpack from start to finish using professional patterns, fabric of your choice and professional sewing machines in this five-day camp. Closed-toe shoes are required. Ages 11–17. Supported by the City of Orlando Mayor’s Matching Grant.

It’s Sew Easy Camp: Tote Bag
Orlando Public Library
Monday, March 20 – Friday, March 24, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
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Celebrate spring with fun for the whole family. Visit ocls.info/Family-Fun for upcoming events. Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Call 407.835.7323 to register.

**CENTER RING SPECTACLE**

Herndon Branch  
Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.  
Southwest Branch  
Monday, February 20, 3 p.m.  
Orlando Public Library  
Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m.

It is part show, part instruction and all fun! Begin with a mini-performance followed by training for all in juggling and plate spinning. Presented by Orlando Youth Circus. Ages 6–12.

**CHECK OUT FIVE ITEMS** with your library card at any library location, February 1–26, and receive a free general admission ticket to the Central Florida Fair from March 2–19. This promotion is only for OCLS juvenile cardholders (0–17 years) with a regular, property owner or fee card in good standing. In-person check out only. While supplies last. Tickets will not be mailed. Not valid for previous checkouts, books by home delivery or e-book downloads.

The 105th Central Florida Fair  
March 2–19, 2017  
The Central Florida Fair is a not-for-profit, 501 (c)(3) agricultural and educational organization and one of Central Florida’s largest multi-day events attracting over 200,000 attendees each year. Known for its innovative and interactive educational exhibits, livestock shows and rodeos, culinary and cook-off events, exciting rides and variety of unique foods, the Central Florida fair offers great entertainment for the entire family. For more information, please visit centralfloridafair.com or call 407.295.3247.

**ARTREACH**

**Wednesday, February 1, 4:30 p.m.**  
Edgewater Branch  
**Wednesday, February 8, 4:30 p.m.**  
South Trail Branch  
**Monday, February 20, 11 a.m.**  
Washington Park Branch  
**Friday, February 10, 10:15 a.m.**  
North Orange Branch  
**Monday, February 20, 11 a.m.**  
Alafaya Branch  
**Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m.**

Celebrate with local artists as they lead workshops that foster creativity and empower children to use art as a way to make positive changes! Ages 6–12.

**HEALTHY HERB**

**Thursday, February 2, 11 a.m.**  
Chickasaw Branch  
**Tuesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.**  
Winter Garden Branch  
**Tuesday, February 7, 7:30 a.m.**  
Southeast Branch  
**Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m.**

Join us for singing, dancing and fitness fun with Healthy Herb! Ages 6–12.

**OSTIRISI AFRICAN FOLKLORE**

**Monday, February 6, 10:15 a.m.**  
Eatonville Branch  
**Saturday, February 18, 3 p.m.**  
West Oaks Branch  
**Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.**  
Windermere Branch  
**Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m.**

Students will learn choreography to Disney songs accompanying a scripted musical to be performed at the end of the session. Presented by Dramatic Education. Grades K–3.

**START A REACTION!**

**South Creek Branch**  
**Saturday, February 18, 2:30 p.m.**

Be amazed by the University of Central Florida’s American Chemical Society as they host interactive experiments that both educate and entertain! Ages 6–12.
EARLY LEARNING

AGES 0-5

SMART Start
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 1, 10 a.m.

Alafaya Branch
Monday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, February 2, 10 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch
Friday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch
Tuesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.

SMART PANTS

So You Want to Learn a New Language?
Hernand Branch
Monday, February 3–24, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Mondays, February 6–27, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a fun-filled language learning experience designed for your preschooler with hands-on activities, songs and interactive technology using our Little Pim database powered by Mango Languages. Ages 3–5. Registration required.

Sing & Sign Storytime
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, February 1–32, 11 a.m.

Come join us for some stories, songs and signs! Learn new American Sign Language signs while singing and dancing! Ages 3–5.

Kids’ Corner Crafts
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, February 1–22, 11 a.m.

Kids can create a fun craft each week! Ages 3–5.

Bicycle Playtime
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, February 1, 10:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch
Friday, February 10, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, February 9, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch
Monday, February 13 & 27, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch
Monday, February 20, 10:30 a.m.

Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create!

Artsy Toddler
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, February 2, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch
Friday, February 11 & 17, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch
Monday, February 20, 10:30 a.m.

Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create!

Palette Inspectors

Ages 2–4. Seating is limited.

Registration recommended.

Preschoolers will hear songs and stories to help them begin learning the skills that they will need to start kindergarten. This series of six events will introduce reading, math, basic concepts, basic skills, health and safety and art. Ages 3–5. Registration is limited. Get more ideas for how to prepare your child at ocls.info/kindergarten.

Baby Bash
Southwest Branch
Monday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Monday, February 13, 11:15 a.m.

Alafaya Branch
Monday, February 27, 10:30 a.m.

Bring your baby to our fun series with hands-on activities, songs and games! Learn new American Sign Language signs while singing and dancing! Ages 3–5. Registration required.

My Senses
Orlando Public Library
Monday, February 6, 10 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.

Hernand Branch
Wednesday, February 22, 10:30 a.m.

Touch, see, hear, smell and taste! Explore the wonders of your five senses while walking through interactive stations that will put your senses to work! Ages 2–4.

Get Ready for K
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, February 6–20, 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, February 7 & 14, 10:15 a.m.

Preschoolers will hear songs and stories to help them begin learning the skills that they will need to start kindergarten. This series of six events will introduce reading, math, basic concepts, basic skills, health and safety and art. Ages 3–5. Registration is required. Get more ideas for how to prepare your child at ocls.info/kindergarten.

PIGGLEBRATION
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 4, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch
Monday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch
Monday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch
Friday, February 10, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 22, 10 a.m.


Never Land Adventures
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, February 9, 2 p.m.

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, February 18, 11:30 a.m.

Ahyo, friends! Journey to find treasure with stories and fun activities inspired by the Disney Junior® series Jake and the Never Land Pirates! Ages 3–5.

Under the Sea
Edgewater Branch
Friday, February 10, 10:15 a.m.

Hernand Branch
Wednesday, February 15, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch
Saturday, February 18, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch
Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m.

West Oaks Branch
Thursday, February 23, 2 p.m.

Travel under the sea and discover all the treasures therein with activities, crafts and more. Ages 3–5.

Move and Play!
Alafaya Branch
Monday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a dance party where we will move, play and work on developing motor skills. Ages 0–2.

Color Mix It Up!
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, February 3, 3:15 p.m.

Learn how colors change when they mix together with stories, activities and crafts. Ages 2–5. Registration recommended.

Texture Inspectors
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 8, 10 a.m.

Edgewater Branch
Sunday, February 19, 2 p.m.

Help your child learn by playing as we weave early literacy practices into fun interactive stories, songs, rhythm and dance. Ages 2–5. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Texture Inspectors
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 15, 10 a.m.

Soft or hard? Rough or smooth? Enhance your toddler’s sensory development with hands-on discovery of a variety of textures. Ages 2–4.
AGES 6-12

Something About Presidents
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, February 2, 3 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Monday, February 20, 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 21, 5 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, February 25, 2 p.m.

Celebrate Presidents’ Day by learning all about who they are, what the great ones accomplished and who got their faces on our money. Ages 6–12.

Southwest Homeschool Club: Presidents’ Day Party
Southwest Branch
Monday, February 6, 1 p.m.
Have you ever wanted to know what it’s like to be president? Join us for trivia, activities and games to see if you have what it takes to be commander-in-chief! Ages 6–12.

Presidents’ Day Movie
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 7, 5 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, February 16, 3 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Monday, February 20, 10:30 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Monday, February 20, 2 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, February 20, 2:30 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Monday, February 20, 3:30 p.m.

Take a break from school with a great movie. Ages 6–12.

Presidents’ Day Historical Jubilee
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, February 19, 2 p.m.
Join us in celebration of Presidents’ Day! Learn about different presidents and enjoy activities and crafts. Ages 6–12.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GEORGE!
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 4, 11 a.m.
In honor of Presidents’ Day, join us for an early learning event about our founding father, George Washington. We will celebrate with stories and a craft. Ages 3–5.

HONEST ABE AND OTHER FAMOUS DUDES
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, February 15, 3:30 p.m.
Learn about Abraham Lincoln and other famous dudes from history. There will be activities and crafts to go along with these presidential stories. Ages 6–12.

One Groovy Cat
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 18, 11 a.m.
Grab your white shoes and magic sunglasses and join us for groovy stories, songs and crafts! Ages 3–5.

Storybook Yoga
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, February 18, 11 a.m.
Join us for an introduction to yoga with Maggie Mathwich. Learn poses inspired by your favorite picture books. Ages 3–6. Registration required.

Parachute Play
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, February 23, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, February 27, 10:30 a.m.
Join us with your toddlers for a special parachute playtime. Enjoy rhymes, songs and tons of parachute fun. Ages 18 months–3 years. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Manners and Me!
Washington Park Branch
Friday, February 24, 10:15 a.m.
We cordially invite you and your little one to celebrate good behavior at the library, with stories, songs, videos and mobile apps. See you there, please and thank you! Ages 3–5.

Countdown to Spring
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, February 28, 11 a.m.
4-3-2-1! Spring is coming soon! Help us get ready with stories and activities to welcome the season. Ages 3–5.
Drop In Chess
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 1, 2 p.m.
Drop in for a game of chess at the library on the first Wednesday of each month. Chess sets are available for play and rule sheets are provided. All ages.

Crafternoons
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesdays, February 1–22, 3:30 p.m.
Stop by the library for an hour of crafting fun with friends. Ages 6–12.

The CREATE Space
Orlando Public Library
Fridays, February 3–24, 3 p.m.
What will you create today? Explore hands-on activities. Ages 8–15.

DANCE Alafaya
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 4, 11 a.m.
Get active at Alafaya with DANCE! Learn about dance techniques and choreographed routines. Please wear appropriate dance clothes or something comfortable you can move in. Ages 8 and up.

ROBOTS Remixed
North Orange Branch
Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m.
Visit the North Orange Branch for a new spin on robot coding. Tinker with different robots and games to learn about robots and coding. Ages 4–12. Registration required.

LOVE MONSTER
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, February 7, 3 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
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Windermere Branch
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North Orange Branch
Tuesday, February 14, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 28, 5 p.m.
Drop in for a sweet time with monster love crafts and activities. Ages 3–12.

MAKING MINDS
North Orange Branch
Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.
Put your brain to the test. Play number puzzles, games and solve puzzles to become an expert! Ages 8–12. Registration required.

LEGO® Madness
Construction Toys for Kids:
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m.
LEGO® Rock Band
Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m.
LEGO® Parts Party
Wednesday, February 28, 5 p.m.
Join us for a screening of The LEGO® Movie 2: The Second Part. You’re invited to a screening of The LEGO® Movie! Join the quest to save the galaxy and make a craft. Ages 6–12.

Crafternoon
Herndon Branch
Sunday, February 2, 5 p.m.
Join the Orlando Police Department and the Winter Garden Police Department for cookies and milk! Interact with officers in a fun and informative environment. Sponsored by Be An Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry. Ages 6 and up. Registration required.

Science Rocks and Rolls
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, February 15, 3 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, February 23, 4:30 p.m.
Learn about the geography, culture, language and history of foreign countries around the world. This month we explore Vietnam! Ages 6–15.

Cookies & Milk with a Cop
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, February 14, 3 p.m.
Meet our local police officers for cookies and milk! Interact with officers in a fun and informative environment. Ages 6–12. Registration required.

Hurray for Hippos
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, February 16, 6 p.m.
Practice basic painting techniques and take home your very own work of art. Ages 6 and up. Registration required.

Crazy 8s Math Club
North Orange Branch
Saturday, February 23, 2 p.m.
Join Bedtime Math Crazy 8s, where you’ll build, run and jump, make music, and a mess. It’s a totally new kind of math club! Ages 6–12. Registration recommended.

Mardi Gras Celebration for Kids
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 25, 2:30 p.m.
Create fun crafts, sample New Orleans inspired snacks, dance to music and more at an exciting, family-friendly Mardi Gras celebration! Ages 6–12.

The Gift of Music
Learn Music at the Library
Saturday, February 25, 2:30 p.m.
Learn about music theory in a fun and informative way. Hear music, participate in a music-related game and learn about one of the library’s music-related databases. Ages 6–12.

Angel Paws to Read
Sign up to practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a lovable, furry listener. Be An Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry presents this reading program for children with certified therapy dogs. Meet these pups at multiple locations. Visit ocls.info/paws for dates, times and locations.

SQUAD GOALS
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, February 14, 3 p.m.
Celebrate National Hippo Day and learn everything you never knew about the hippopotamus. Ages 6–12.

Family Paint Night
Herndon Branch
Thursday, February 16, 7 p.m.
Are you ready to paint your masterpiece? Join us as we present a fun-filled craft night suited for the whole family! Practice basic painting techniques and take home your very own work of art. Ages 6 and up. Registration required.

SQUAD GOALS
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, February 21, 3 p.m.
Let the good times roll—let the good times roll! Enjoy festive crafts to help celebrate the occasion and “laissez les bon temps rouler”—let the good times roll! Ages 6–12. Registration required.

Homeschool Globetrotters
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, February 21, 1 p.m.
Homeschoolers, join the Alafaya Branch to learn more about the geography, culture, language and history of various foreign countries around the world. This month we explore Vietnam! Ages 6–15.

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ADDITIONAL VALENTINE’S DAY EVENTS ON PAGE 16 & 17

Maker Monday
Alafaya Branch
Mondays, February 6–27, 4:30 p.m.
Make art with hands-on tinkering and play. Discover the maker in you as we complete challenges, STEM projects and experiments. Ages 8–15. Registration required.

Science Tuesdays
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, February 7–28, 6 p.m.
Join us to make, create and build with hands-on activities. Ages 6–12.

Machines, Motion and Engineering Using K’NEX®
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, February 8, 3 p.m.
Use K’NEX® construction system to build machines. Make learning about simple machines, motion and engineering fun! This is a hands-on event, so come ready to build! Ages 8–12.

The LEGO® Movie and Craft
Hendrom Branch
Wednesday, February 8, 3:30 p.m.
Come see your library transform into a mini-golf course just for you! Grab a putter and dare your friends to a challenge. Ages 6–12.

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Trading Card Games
Alafaya Branch
Thursdays, February 9–23, 4:30 p.m.
Welcome to the Trading Card Game Series. Learn to play today’s most popular trading card games such as Pokémon®, Yu-Gi-Oh® and Magic: The Gathering®.

Construction Toys for Kids: LEGO®️️️ Madness
Herndon Branch
Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m.
Play LEGO®️️️ Rock Band while you build awesome constructions! Ages 6–12.

Library Mini-Golf
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m.
Come see your library transform into a mini-golf course just for you! Grab a putter and dare your friends to a challenge. Ages 6–12.

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Southwest Branch
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Orlando Public Library

Jason Reynolds, co-author of All American Boys and author of Ghost, has vowed never to write boring books and has kept his word with When I Was the Greatest (recipient of Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent), As Brave as You (Coretta Scott King Honor Book) and Ghost, finalist for the Coretta Scott King Book Award. The Southwest Branch event will include a book giveaway while supplies last. The Orlando Public Library event will include a book signing. Registration recommended.

Writer’s Workshop with Jason Reynolds
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, February 22, 3 p.m.


How to Survive a Heartbreak
Saturday, February 25, 2-3:30 p.m.

Does your heart wear a frown? Well then don’t be late for this survival date. Spend some time at the Library with fun crafts and activities.

Game Changer Afterschool Adventures
Orlando Public Library
Monday–Thursdays, February 1–28, 4–6 p.m.

Gaming and homework help collide at the Orlando Public Library. Complete your homework with the help of a tutor, and then join your peers for an awesome adventure playing Dungeons & Dragons! So sharpen your pencils and swords, because you’ve never had homework and writing help like this before! Game Changer Afterschool Adventures will not take place Monday, February 20.

Pop Up Gaming
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, February 2, 3:30 p.m.

Take the bored out of board games at this ultimate teen game challenge. You’ll think you know the rules, but we pop up with something new!

Step Off
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, February 4, 2:30 p.m.

Break the Stage Step up your game for the 12th Annual Step Off competition! Local teams will put their best foot forward in a battle to be crowned the top step team around. Cash prizes sponsored by McCoy Federal Credit Union. Seating is limited.

Nail Polish Party
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, February 15, 3:30 p.m.

Discover fun and creative ways to decorate your nails!

Teen Voices
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m.

Join your local library board to meet new people and develop teen library programs and services while earning community service hours. Ages 13–18.

Chapters Teen Book Club
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, February 23, 6:30 p.m.


Teen Library Corps
Volunteer with the Teen Library Corps and give back a little “TLC” to your library and your community. Plan programs, help out at events, give suggestions for teen services, meet new people and earn community service hours for school. If you are between the ages of 13–18 and love to have fun, join TLC today! For more information, call 407.835.7323 or go online at ocls.info/TLC.

Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Celebration
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 15, 3:30 p.m.

Join Mayor Buddy’s Book Club to celebrate the completion of our latest book, win prizes and be there for the announcement of our next book club title. Sign up online and see what we are reading at mayor.ocls.info.

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Nail Polish Party
If you love gaming like we love gaming, come get your game on at the Library! Join us for action-packed fun at multiple locations. Visit ocls.info/sunshineseries for dates, times and locations.

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Southwest Branch
Monday, February 20, 6 p.m.
Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m.

Co-authors of the award-winning All American Boys will read from and discuss their novel about police brutality, racial tension and the power of social media, as seen from the eyes of two teens—one black and one white. Brendan Kiely is also the author of The Last True Love Story and The Gospel of Winter, named one of the Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults in 2015. Jason Reynolds has vowed never to write boring books and has kept his word with When I Was the Greatest (recipient of Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent), As Brave as You (Coretta Scott King Honor Book) and Ghost, finalist for the Coretta Scott King Book Award. The Southwest Branch event will include a book giveaway while supplies last. The Orlando Public Library event will include a book signing. Registration recommended.

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Wednesday, February 22, 3 p.m.

YOUTH ART SHOW

Thursday, February 9, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library

You are invited to view artwork created by local students. Enjoy these masterpieces and converse with other art enthusiasts. Awards will be presented to the Youth Art Contest winners. Artwork will be exhibited at the Orlando Public Library until February 28.

SOLUTIONS

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Author Event: Jackson Pearce
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, March 9, 6 p.m.
Jackson Pearce, co-author of Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures, on the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award list for third to fifth grade, reads from and discusses her book. Pearce is the author of The Inside Job and The Double Cross, both for children, and Sisters Red, Sweetly, Fathomless and Cold Spell for teens. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia. A book signing follows the event. Registration recommended. Visit ocls.info/sunshineseries for more information. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

Writer's Workshop for Children
with Jackson Pearce
West Oaks Branch
Friday, March 10, 3:30 p.m.
Jackson Pearce, co-author of Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures, on the Sunshine State Young Reader’s Award list for third to fifth grade, presents a writing workshop for children ages 9–14. Registration required. Visit ocls.info/sunshineseries for more information. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.
LOCATIONS

Orlando Public Library
101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 9 am - 6 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

Alafaya Branch
12000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32826
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

Chickasaw Branch
870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Eatonville Branch
200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751
Hours: Monday - Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Edgewater Branch
5049 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32810
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Herndon Branch
4324 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32803
Hours: Monday - Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Hiawassee Branch
7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32818
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

North Orange Branch
1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

South Creek Branch
1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

South Trail Branch
4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr., Orlando, FL 32839
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Southeast Branch
5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Southwest Branch
7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL 32819
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Washington Park Branch
5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center
1821 E. Silver Star Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

Windermere Branch
530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Winter Garden Branch
805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday Hours:

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Using your bar code number on your library card and on checked out items you can renew all items, or check on holds and fines.

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