February 2018

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH
It’s hard to believe that it has been four years since we cut the ribbon on the Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation and Creativity. When it first opened, on February 8, 2014, our idea was to give Orlando a place where technology, and the education needed to learn to use it, was accessible and free for the public. We wanted to give everybody with a library card a chance to try new things, like video production or soldering, and also a place to connect with a community of like-minded creatives who share their passion for technology.

Four years later, I believe we have exceeded our goals! Today, the Melrose Center has more than 9,800 members and holds more than 4,000 classes every year. In 2017, more than 12,300 people attended a class in the center, and we had 837 bookings in our audio, video and photography studios. The Melrose Center is home to multiple meetups, an open mic night, live studio recording sessions the public can attend, music composition workshops, virtual reality classes and so much more. That’s a lot of creative energy!

We celebrate the opening of the Melrose Center on February 17 with the Melrose Creative Expo. We invite exhibitors to set up displays showcasing their projects, musicians play live on the Melrose Center stage and everyone is invited to tour the center and participate in demos in the studios and fab labs. We also name the winners of the annual Melrose Awards, which recognize some of the best work made using Melrose Center resources.

If you haven’t visited the Melrose Center, the Melrose Creative Expo is the perfect opportunity to come see what it’s all about. See page 22, or visit ocls.info/melrose-creative-expo for more details. Hope to see you there!

This month we also celebrate Black History Month with an event that’s become something of a tradition at the Orlando Public Library. On February 11, we host the annual African-American Read-In, which features local luminaries reading works by black authors. The read-in takes place beginning at 2 p.m., and we’ll have local authors, media figures, politicians and celebrities reading short excerpts from some of their favorite works. See page 18 for more information.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

LET US HELP YOU WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER.
Splish Splash!  
A Journey Through the ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s  
Orlando Public Library, Library Central  
Sunday, February 4, 2 p.m.  
Get ready to travel through the past with Ross Malcolm Boyd and Jamie Feinberg. Enjoy their tight harmonies while Ross leads popular tunes such as *That’ll Be the Day*, *Beyond the Sea* and *Walkin’ After Midnight* on guitar and ukulele.

Ray Kamalay’s Musical Flea Market:  
Trifles and Treasures From Our Melodious Past  
Chickasaw Branch  
Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m.  
Professional musician Ray Kamalay will perform an entertaining collection of diverse styles of music, including Bach, yodelling, Brazilian, vaudeville, Irish, ragtime, blues and others. Ray’s repertoire of historic music is familiar, intriguing and fun. To learn more about Ray Kamalay, visit raykamalay.com.

Conquer Your Clutter  
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room  
Thursdays, February 1 & 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Address areas of your home organization in a relaxed and open environment in the continuation of this six-workshop series. For more details about each workshop, visit ocls.info/back2basics. Attendees are encouraged to bring a pen and notebook.  
2/1 – Master Bedroom  
2/15 – Closet & Bathroom  
3/1 – Financials  
3/15 – Common Areas  
3/29 – Storage Areas  

Basic Cooking Skills  
South Creek Branch  
Saturday, February 3, 1 p.m.  
Local chef Farah Davids will show you how to conquer basic cooking skills. This event will focus on boiling, poaching and preparing eggs. Registration Required. To register, visit ocls.info or call 407.823.7323.

Established as a city in 1885, Orlando has grown immensely from its humble beginnings as a hub of Central Florida’s citrus industry. While now commonly referred to as the tourist capital of the world, the collected images on display illustrate the time in Orlando’s history when the city was a quieter destination for families, traders and homesteaders. More Than a Memory features photographs reproduced from the collections of the Orange County Library System and the Orange County Bicentennial Committee. For more information about the photographs in this exhibit and the history of the city of Orlando, visit orlandomemory.info.

HOP, FROGGY, HOP!  
Chickasaw Branch  
Saturday, February 10, 11 a.m.  
It’s time for a family concert with Ross Malcolm Boyd and Jamie Feinberg. Dance and sing along with original rock, pop and jazz tunes like *Hop, Froggy, Hop* as well as new takes on classic songs.

More Than a Memory:  
A Photographic Exhibition of Orlando’s History  
Orlando Public Library  
On Display Through April
to answer your gardening questions and the County Extension Office will be available. Volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange and ask questions! Master Gardener.

Bring your plants, get your soil pH tested Thursday, February 1, 2–4 p.m. Winter Garden Branch Plant Clinic on a first come, first served basis.

AARP Volunteers will provide free income tax assistance. Attendees will need to provide Social Security Card, any tax forms and Annual Benefits Statements (if necessary). For more information, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

West Oaks Branch
Beginning February 2, 10 a.m.

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Southeast Branch Mondays & Fridays, Beginning February 1, 10 a.m.

Alafaya Branch Monday, February 5, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch Monday, February 19, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

North Orange Branch Monday, February 26, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Orlando Public Library Monday, February 12, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

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Herndon Branch AARP Income Tax Assistance
Mondays & Thursdays, Beginning February 1, 10 a.m.

West Oaks Branch Fridays, Beginning February 2, 10 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Pokémon League

Pokémon Orange Branch

Spring Branch

Sunday, February 11 & 25, 3 p.m.

Pokémon League Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Saturday, February 24, 10:15 a.m.–4:45 p.m. Learn about the home-buying process from start to finish in this first-time home buyer class presented by Operation HOPE Inc. Attendees will receive a certificate that meets the requirements for both Orange County and State of Florida Down Payment Assistance Programs. Operation HOPE Inc. is a nonprofit HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency. To learn more about Operation HOPE Inc., visit operationhope.org. Call or text Porsha Porter at 407.446.1931 or email Porsha.Porter@OperationHOPE.org to register.

The Hive Presents Chasing Coral, an Ocean Adventure Film
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, February 25, 3 p.m.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 15

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

WHO
Full-time educators teaching 3rd-12th grade in the Orange County School District for the 2018 year with an Orange County library card in good standing.

WHEN
THURSDAY, JUNE 14
8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

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

MODERN PARENTING

Mindfulness to Help Teens De-stress
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m.
Being a teenager can be stressful! Learn how mindfulness, a simple but powerful tool, can help you handle stressful situations and transform difficult relationships. This event is recommended for teens and parents.

Car Seat Safety
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, February 27, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Is your child in the safest car seat? Stop by and find out! Certified technicians from Children’s Safety Village will be on hand to check cars on a first come, first served basis.

DIY Greeting Cards
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, February 1, 6:30 p.m.
Stop by and create a greeting card for someone special in your life. Materials will be provided. Registration recommended.

Healing Arts Series: Building a Vision+Action Board
Southwest Branch
Saturday, February 3, 2–4 p.m.
Learn to build a visual representation of your dreams, desires and goals. Focus on writing action items to map out activities you can do today to achieve your vision. Each participant will receive one poster board and magazines will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring any extra materials they desire. Part of the Healing Arts Series at the Southwest Branch. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Access to Art!
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 6, 10–11:30 a.m.
Learn the basics of pencil sketching! This is a great way to relax and unwind while channeling your inner artist. Join us for a fun time of creating and coloring. Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite colored pencils or markers. Ages 18 and up.

DIY Greeting Cards
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 7 p.m.
Arts and crafts aren’t just for kids! Release your inner child and come to adult crafting. This month, join us for relaxing meditative painting. Registration recommended.

Creative Coloring for Adults
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 10, 3–4:30 p.m.
Creating a great way to relax and unwind while channeling your inner child. Join us for a fun time of creating and coloring. Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite colored pencils or markers. Ages 18 and up.

Craft Club for Adults: Canvas Art
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, February 10, 3–4:30 p.m.
Create a beautiful canvas painting for Valentine’s Day in a relaxing, social environment.

Craft Club for Adults:
Painting Wine Glasses
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, February 22, 6–8 p.m.
Enjoy craft therapy by painting wine glasses. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own wine glasses. Seating is limited. Registration is required.

Unbound: An Altered Book Workshop
Southwest Branch
Saturday, February 24, 2–4 p.m.
Unleash your inner artist by deconstructing and rebuilding a used or discarded book to create a memory book or art journal. The library will provide the materials, but feel free to bring any pictures, mementos or found objects you would like to include in your work of art. Make a mess and have fun! Presented by local artist, JJ Dennis. etsy.com/shop/theparlourobscura. Seating is limited. Registration required.
Empanadillas
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m.
Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to make empanadillas. Similar to an empanada, empanadillas are lighter and baked. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit facebook.com/breakingbreadwithmira. Space is limited. Registration required.

Date Night for Two
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Monday, February 12, 6:15 p.m.
Award-winning cookbook author Warren Caterson shares dozens of kitchen tips, cooking hints and humorous anecdotes about the joys and challenges of cooking. Chef Warren will demonstrate how easy it can be to cook for two, using fresh and readily available ingredients. Book sale and signing to follow. For more information, visit chefwarrencaterson.com.

Healthy Living is a Sip Away
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.
Join Karon Cannon with Tea Craze as she shares all about tea! Learn about the history, types and health benefits of drinking tea. Enjoy a tea tasting and tips on brewing the perfect cup of tea! Registration required.

Food 101: Coffee and Tea
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, February 28, 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 coffee and tea and how they’re consumed around the world. Samples limited; registration required.

Registration is required for Cuisine Corner. Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info/cuisinecorner or call 407.835.7323.

Winter Garden’s Cooking Day
Saturday, February 24, 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
Winter Garden’s First Annual Cooking Day! Join us for cooking demonstrations for all ages. We will have basic cooking programs for children and adults. Special guests include Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, and local chef Ha Roda.

Macaroni and Cheese
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m.
Learn how you can make mouthwatering macaroni and cheese. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to make this classic favorite. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit facebook.com/breakingbreadwithmira. Space is limited. Registration required.

Bánh Bao (Steamed Buns)
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 24, 2:30 p.m.
Local chef and author Ha Roda will share tips on making Bánh Bao (Steamed Buns). Bánh Bao are a Vietnamese appetizer/snack. Stop by for a fun demonstration and tasty samples. For more information on Ha Roda and Pho Queen Cooking, visit haroda.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Tasty Latest & Greatest
by Tasty
641.5 TAS
From the popular Buzzfeed series, this cookbook compiles the best fan favorite recipes. The cookbook provides simple to follow recipes from delicious desserts to hearty meals that will be enjoyed by the whole family.

The Ultimate Recipes Across America Cookbook
by Mr. Food Test Kitchen
641.5 ULT
Mr. Food Test Kitchen compiles the best American recipes from traveling through the country in search of the most authentic cuisine.

A Vietnamese Kitchen: Treasured Family Recipes
by Ha Roda
641.59597 ROD
Local chef Ha Roda compiles authentic Vietnamese recipes from her family. From pho to spring rolls to delicious desserts, the readers will find delicious recipes adapted for the American kitchen.
Digging Up Land Records
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, February 1, 11 a.m.
Land records are often an underutilized resource for genealogy. Learn about deeds, mortgages, platting and surveys. Discover the difference between metes and bounds states and public land record states. Uncover how land records can help you jumpstart your research.

Do It Yourself DNA
Research Open Forum
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.
 Spend an evening analyzing your own DNA test results. Our Genealogy Specialist will be available to help guide you through roadblocks and assist with answering questions as you conduct your own DNA analysis. You will need to bring your own laptop or mobile device to access your results online.

Estates, Wills and Probate Records
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, February 8, 11 a.m.
Learn what these records are, where they are located and how to best utilize them in your family history research. Topics to be discussed will include wills, indexes, estate inventories, newspaper notices, bonds, settlements and guardianships.

NGSS Study Group – Searching for Parents in Missouri
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 PM
Interested in furthering your genealogical research skills? Then the NGSS Study Group is for you! Each month we will study and discuss one article from the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, focusing on the genealogical techniques presented. February’s article will be Wehrner, Nancy Niles. “Parents for Richard M. Vaughan (1844–1921) of Howell County, Missouri.” National Genealogical Society Quarterly 105 (June 2017): 139–48.

Journey Through Immigration Records
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, February 15, 11 a.m.
Immigration records are an incredibly rich source of information for the family historian. Learn more about your family’s history by using passenger lists, passports, alien registration cards and naturalization records.

Anatomy of a Civil War Pension File
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.
Discover what types of documents are contained in a Civil War pension file. Analyze several pension files from both union and confederate veterans, as well as a widow’s pension file, to uncover what types of information are typically contained within these tremendous genealogical resources.

Exploring Church and Cemetery Records
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, February 22, 11 a.m.
Church and cemetery records are a strong source of information for births, marriages and deaths especially in the period before the civil registration of vital statistics. Discover what information is contained in these records, how to access them and how they can help enhance your family history research.

Genetic Genealogy in Practice
Study Group
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for our genetic genealogy study group and learn how DNA test results can help to confirm, extend and deepen your genealogical research. Each session will focus on a chapter from Genetic Genealogy in Practice by Blaine T. Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne. February’s discussion will be on Chapter 4: Genealogical Applications for mtDNA (Pages 45–65).

Storytime for Grownups!
Chickasaw Branch
Mondays, February 5 & 26, 2 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Tuesdays, February 6 & 20, 2 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursdays, February 8 & 22, 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesdays, February 13 & 27, 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! Each branch will have a unique storytime. Be sure to check out your local branch for unique event details. For more information, visit ocls.info/grownupstorytime.

Healthy Living
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Keeping a healthy lifestyle can be challenging as we age. Senior experts will provide information and education on how to take steps towards creating and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. This event is part of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flahaven, E-Pro, SFR, CSP. To learn more about YourFloridaHaven, visit yourfloridahaven.com. To register, contact Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291.

Introduction to Pilates for Adults
Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, February 13 & 27, 2 p.m.
Exercise your way to fitness in this introduction to Pilates class. You will learn simple moves that will work your muscles, help alignment and encourage flexibility. Comfortable exercise or loose fitting clothing required, yoga mats encouraged. Registration recommended. Register online at ocls.info/nextchapter or call 407.835.7323.
You are welcome to attend multiple classes.

Kidney Smart
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Certified educators with Kidney Smart will teach you how your kidneys function. Learn how medications, diet and nutrition work together to help keep you healthy and how to manage other related conditions, including diabetes and hypertension.

Sailing Into Your Senior Years
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, February 22, 2:30 p.m.
Elder law attorney, Geoff Hoatson, teaches you how to make your golden years a delightfully smooth cruise! Set a course for preservation – you’ll learn how to protect yourself and everything you hold dear from guardianship, probate and long-term care facilities. To learn more about Geoff and the Family First Firm, visit FamilyFirstFirm.com.

NUTRITION AND THE GOLDEN YEARS
Windermere Branch
Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m.
Mamta Rao, MS, CDN, RDN, associate professor at Valencia College shares tips on nutrition and related health issue for seniors. Learn about important nutritional recommendations and supplements that are vital for a senior’s wellbeing. Also learn about issues with food intake that may prevent good nutritional absorption, especially relating to dysphagia (difficulty in swallowing), skin care and importance of massage and fluid intake.
BOOK CLUBS

**Southwest Book Club**
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, February 27, 7–8:45 p.m.
Join the Southwest Book Club to discuss this month’s selection, _The Leavers_ by Lisa Ko. Winner of the 2016 PEN/Bellwether Prize for Fiction, this debut novel follows the life experiences of a Chinese youth, Deming, after his undocumented immigrant mother fails to return home. Adopted and renamed Daniel, Deming struggles to reconcile his new life.

**Hiawassee Book Club**
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, February 19, 6:30–8 p.m.
Join us for coffee and conversation as we discuss _Love and Other Consolation Prizes_ by Jamie Ford. A half-Chinese orphan, whose mother sacrificed everything to give him a better chance, is raffled off as a prize at Seattle's 1909 World's Fair, only to land in the ownership of the madam of a notorious brothel where he finds friendship and opportunities, in a story based on true events.

**Alafaya Book Club**
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 7 p.m.
The Alafaya Book Club’s February selection is _Never Let Me Go_ by Kazuo Ishiguro. Hailsham is a pleasant English boarding school, however students are taught nothing of the outside world. When Kathy and friends leave the school grounds, they realize the full truth of what Hailsham is.

**Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club**
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.
This book club is held in Spanish and is open to all. The book for this month is _The Golden Lion_. It's a tale of love, adventure, and friendship. The story revolves around a young girl named Linda and her friend, Peter, who are forced to flee their home due to a mysterious curse. They embark on a journey filled with danger and mystery, learning important life lessons along the way.

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ocls.info/blackhistorymonth

AFRICAN-AMERICAN READ-IN
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m.
Celebrate African-American literature in poetry, story and song, performed by local luminaries in conjunction with the 28th Annual National African-American Read-In. For more information, visit oclls.info/read-in.

MAMMA GRIOT AND HER ROCKING STORY BAG!
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, February 17, 2 p.m.
In this interactive, family friendly program, Dr. Naima Johnston-Bush shares traditional folktales and songs that participants choose and create by selecting items from her rocking story bag. Dr. Naima, performing as a griot (musician-entertainers of western Africa) will tell stories and sing songs from her griot bag from countries around the world. This program is an engaging joyous celebration of music, the universal bonding that occurs through story-telling and the beauty of diversity.

The Power of Black Music: From Field Hollers and Work songs to Rap and Hip-Hop Culture
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a discussion of African-American Music from the 17th Century to the present as it relates to the ongoing liberation and civil rights challenges that the community of black Americans have faced. Presented by Professor Dan Harrell of the University of Central Florida History Department’s Africana Studies Program, Burnett Honors College and Orissini African Folklore.

Celebrate Through Films:
Black History Month
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Monday, February 5 – 19, 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. 2/5 – Ray 2/12 – Selma 2/19 – Race 2/26 – 42

African-Americans in the New South
Southeast Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 7 p.m.
In the aftermath of the Civil War, former slaves sought an opportunity to create community and pursue their American dream. This talk will explore the experience of African-Americans searching for social, political and economic space in the American South. African-Americans created community, started institutions and pursued the American dream in the face of entrenched resistance. The legacy of this struggle still shapes Southern communities today. A talk by Dr. Julian Chambless, author and professor of history at Rollins College.

MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY: WASSALOU BAND
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, February 18, 2 p.m.
Wassalou is an Afro-pop band that presents a unique talent to the North American cultural landscape. It’s the only band of its kind in Florida, bringing language, colorful traditional costumes and dance straight out of Africa.

The Many Black Panthers: Building the Saga of the Black Panther from Print to Film
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, February 10, noon
From his debut in 1966 to the new film, the Black Panther has evolved to reflect contemporary dialogue about race and society in the United States. This presentation will address questions of identity, community and power linked to the Black Panther. A talk by Dr. Julian Chambless, author and professor of history at Rollins College.

Music in the Library:
Wassalou Gcabahe
South Trail Branch
Thursday, February 15, 3:30 p.m.
Wassalou band will bring music out of Africa with language, colorful traditional folklore and dance straight out of Africa. It’s the only band of its kind in Florida.

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, February 21, 4 p.m.
African American singer, songwriter, guitarist and record producer from Durban, South Africa. Nathi brings a taste of Africa with his musical adventure that explores the musical legacy of the Negro Spiritual as a historical American art form. Dr. Johnston-Bush captures her audience with the stories behind the spirituals, little known facts and a dynamic voice that brings each song alive. Tracing the history of this powerful musical expression of faith, Dr. Johnston-Bush leads her participants from the 1600s to the present illustrating the impact and influence of African-American spiritual music in all musical genres today.

Black History Month:
Great American Music
South Creek Branch
Monday, February 19, 2:30 p.m.
See how famous African-American musicians innovated rhythm and melody in music’s most popular genres. Construct instruments, craft rhymes and create beats, all while learning important history. Ages 6–12.

Family Science Night:
Black History Month
Chicksaw Branch
Monday, February 26, 11 a.m.
Explore science as a family with books and hands-on activities. Ages 6–12.

Science Field Trip:
Black History Month
Chicksaw Branch
Monday, February 26, 11 a.m.
Explore science as a family with books and hands-on activities. Ages 6–12.

Celebrate Black History
Through Rhythm
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, February 25, 2 p.m.
Join Kreative Kids and Beyond Inc., a nonprofit organization, as they educate by bringing awareness and appreciation of the cultural arts of Western Africa through dance. For more information, visit kreativekidsandbeyond.org.

Homeschool Field Trip – African Valentine Traditions
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, February 27, 2 p.m.
Inviting all homeschoolers to join us for a learning adventure! This month, we will learn about Valentine’s Day traditions from African cultures. Registration required. Ages 8–15.

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Alafaya Branch
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NEW PHOTOSHOP CLASSES
Are you ready to add new skills to your Photoshop abilities? These new classes will take your images to the next level.

Photoshop Black and White Effects
Make photos pop with black and white effects. Learn multiple ways to convert photos to black and white, apply adjustment layers and create enhancing effects.

Photoshop Layer Blending Modes
Apply blending modes to image layers to quickly fix problems with exposure, shadows and highlights. Learn to use blending modes to generate artistic and creative effects on photos.

PROGRAMMING/CODING
Learn the fundamentals of PHP, a widely used programming language for designing web apps. Register today to begin your coding education. From HTML to JavaScript and more, we can get you started on the road to programming success.

New! PHP Level 1
Dive into the world of developing interactive webpages. Create your first variable, string and calculation with PHP.

New! PHP Level 2
Take your webpages coding skills to the next level! Learn how to build dynamic data-driven content with PHP.

UPCOMING: SPRING BREAK CAMPS
Various Locations
Monday–Friday, March 19–23

Sewing Camps
Take the fashion world by storm! We will teach you everything you need to know to start sewing like a pro. Create a project from start to finish in these five-day camps. Learn sewing safety, reading patterns and constructing garments or home décor. Proudly supported by the Mayor’s Matching Grant. Ages 11–17.

Technology Camps
Discover new topics and ways to incorporate technology into learning. Create documents and presentations, film and edit videos and collaborate in teams on projects.

Ages and duration of camps vary. Find camp details at ocls.info/springbreak

BLOCK OF THE MONTH
Build a custom quilt or afghan block by block. Join us each month for a new design, come for one class or take them all. At the end of the year, attendees will have a complete project perfect for keeping warm or giving to a loved one. Participants are required to bring their own materials.

Let’s Crochet Granny Squares
Orlando Public Library
Sunday, February 4, 1:15–3:15 p.m.

Sewing: Quilt Block of the Month
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 7, 10 a.m.–Noon

Let’s Knit Dishcloths to Afghans
Orlando Public Library
Monday, February 12, 10 a.m.–Noon

ATHLEISURE WEAR
Join us for a series of classes on making athleisure wear. Create yoga pants, joggers, tanks and athletic shorts. Get inside information on working with stretch materials and their unique attributes. Participants are required to bring their own fabric.

NEW! Sewing: Joggers/Sweatpants
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday–Friday, February 13–16, 10 a.m.–Noon

FIBER ARTS CLASSES
ocls.info/fiberarts

Beginner Sewing Classes
Did you get a sewing machine for the holidays? Have one sitting unused? Then it’s time to learn to make your own garments, home décor and craft projects. Take our beginner classes to get started in the wonderful world of sewing.

Sewing: Introduction to the Sewing Machine
Join us in this basic sewing class and learn about sewing safety, basic sewing machine skills and stitching seams. Get hands-on experience as you explore the world of sewing.

Sewing: Patterns and Fabric
Reading the hieroglyphics on a sewing pattern can be quite intimidating. Let us take you to that next level. Join us in this basic sewing class and learn to read a professional sewing pattern, how to layout fabric and prepare material for a project.
New! Design a Printed Circuit Board Level 1
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, February 10, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28, 1 p.m.
Create a schematic for a printed circuit board using Eagle software from Autodesk. Learn to name, move, rotate and connect components in this easy-to-use schematic editor.

New! Design a Printed Circuit Board Level 2
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, February 10, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28, 3 p.m.
Create beautiful PCB layouts quickly using Eagle software from Autodesk. Precisely arrange and order PCB design objects with a complete set of alignment tools in this easy-to-use PCB editor.

Live Video Production
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Friday–Monday, February 23–26, 3 p.m.
Get hands-on experience creating an instructional or promotional video. Learn the basics of story development and production, while getting familiar with video studio equipment. This four-day workshop will take you from planning and rehearsing to putting it all together in a real-time video production.

Video: 360 Video Fundamentals
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Wednesday, February 7, 11:30 a.m.
Monday, February 19, 5:30 p.m.
Immerse yourself in 360 videos. Learn how to operate a 360-degree camera to create a highly engaging video for your webpage, YouTube or Facebook.
CHECK IT OUT: CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIR
All Locations: February 1–28
Check out five items with your juvenile library card at any Orange County Library System location, February 1–28, and receive a free general admission ticket to the Central Florida Fair running from March 1–18, 2018.

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, home delivery or electronic book downloads.

The 106th Central Florida Fair
March 1–18, 2018
Closed Mondays and Tuesdays
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, visit centralfloridafair.com or call 407.295.3247.

Amazing Animals
North Orange Branch
Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m.
Use your imagination to travel around the world with Amazing Animals Inc. Meet some of the interesting animals that can be found in different lands and in your own backyard. Ages 6–12.

ArtReach
Windermere Branch
Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, February 10, 2:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, February 17, 2 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 24, 2:30 p.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.

Superhero POP Musical!
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.
Join us in song and dance as we perform an original dramatic education superhero musical! Kids will learn choreography to hit POP songs and perform at the end of the workshop. Ages 6–12.

The Magic of Eric Carle
Southwest Branch
Friday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.
Washington Park Branch
Friday, February 23, 10:15 a.m.
Inspired by the classic stories of Eric Carle, join in the fun as some of his most well-known stories, including The Very Hungry Caterpillar, are presented live, followed by several interactive activities. Presented by Actor’s Reaching Out. Ages 2–6.

Central Florida Zoo Presents ZOOPER Heroes
Orlando Public Library
Friday, February 9, 11 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, February 10, 2 p.m.
Investigate the world of super heroes who have special animal abilities. From fact to fiction, we’ll discover what kind of amazing adaptations it takes to be Spider-Man, Batman, Catwoman and more! Ages 6–12.

Comedy Maks’ Variety Show
Herndon Branch
Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m.
There’s something for everyone in this high-energy variety show. Comedy Maks will dazzle you with juggling, magic, plate-spinning and more! Ages 6–12.

ORISIRISI AFRICAN FOLKLORE
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 4:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 11 a.m.
Share the beauty of African life and culture through a unique folkloric performance filled with drumming, dance and storytelling. Ages 6–12.

Animal Storytime Presented by the Central Florida Fair
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, February 10, 2:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 17, 2:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, February 20, 4:30 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Friday, February 23, 10:30 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Saturday, February 24, 3 p.m.
Join us for a furry tale followed by an animal meet and greet! Visiting animals will vary by location. Ages 3–5.

Amazing Animals
March 1–18, 2018
Visit ocls.info/Family-Fun for upcoming events. Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Call 407-835-7323 to register.
EARLY LEARNING

TINY TALES (ages birth–18 months)

- Eatonville Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Washington Park Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Edgewater Branch: Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
- SMARTY PANTS Orlando Public Library: Fridays & Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
- Orlando Public Library: Fridays & Saturdays, 10 a.m.
- Alafaya Branch: Fridays, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.
- Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
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- South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
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- Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
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SMARTY PANTS (ages birth–5 years)

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TODDLER TIME (ages 18 months–3 years)

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STORYBOOK FUN (ages 3–5 years)

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BABY & TODDLER

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PRESCHOOL

Never Pet a Porcupine
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, February 1, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch
Saturday, February 3, 3 p.m.

Windermere Branch
Saturday, February 10, 11 a.m.

North Orange Branch
Tuesday, February 27, 11 a.m.

Porcupine wants to have fun with you while exploring textures. From fluffy cotton balls and soft feathers to sticky paint, we are going to play with it all using stories, activities and more! Ages 3–5.

So, You Want to Learn a New Language – French
Herndon Branch
Fridays, February 2–16, 10:30 a.m.

French

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

LITTLE CHEF: STRAWBERRY YOGURT PARFAIT
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library
Monday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.

Herndon Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 23, 11 a.m.

This eight-part series introduces preschool children to cooking and baking skills such as kitchen safety, layering, measuring, smearing, tasting and presentation as you interact with a delicious recipe. This class is a “Mommy or Daddy and me” event. Space is limited. Registration required. Ages 3–5.

Backyard Nature Investigations
Southwest Branch
Friday, February 2, 10:30 a.m.

Learn to be a nature detective by exploring living things in your own backyard. What will you discover? Ages 3–5.

Cuentame un Cuento: Tell Me a Story Bilingual Stories and Fun
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, February 2, 11 a.m.

Enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime, crafts and activities. Ages 3–6.

Build a Story with Goldilocks and the Three Bears
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.

Explore the magical world of your favorite fairy tales and build your imagination with stories and activities. Ages 3–5.

K Ready!
Windermere Branch
Monday, February 5–March 12, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 15, 2 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
Mondays, February 5–March 12, 10:30 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, February 7–21, 11 a.m.

This eight-part series introduces preschool children to develop their basic skills that align with the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards for Four-Year-Olds. In order to fully experience this series, register and attend all eight sessions. Call 407.835.7323 or visit oclt.info/kready for more information. Ages 4–5.

Storytime Yoga
Alafaya Branch
Monday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.

Read, move and stretch with us as we learn basic yoga poses inspired by picture books. Ages 3–6.

PBS Kids Time!
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.

Every month we learn and explore with our favorite PBS characters! Enjoy a story, craft and episode. This month we’ll learn about the arts and celebrate Pinkalicious Day! Created in partnership with WUCF, Central Florida’s PBS Station.

Shapes That Roll
Orlando Public Library
Monday, February 26, 10:30 a.m.

Explore the magical world of your favorite fairy tales and build your imagination with stories and activities. Ages 3–5.

Princess Tea Party
Southwest Branch
Monday, February 19, 10:30 a.m.

Dress in your fanciest clothes and get ready for fun with princess stories, activities and a special treat. Each young guest will be treated like royalty and receive a princess hat for attending. Food will be served at this event, please see staff about specific needs concerning food allergies. Registration recommended. Ages 2–5.

Rapunzel & Merida’s Medieval Festival
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, February 25, 2:30 p.m.

Join our very own Rapunzel and Merida for an interactive storytime, crafts and activities. Registration recommended. Ages 3–8.

So, You Want to Learn a New Language – Spanish
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.

Spanish speaker to be present. Comfortable clothing is encouraged and mats are welcomed. Ages 3–6.

ZOO ZEN
North Orange Branch
Thursday, February 1, 11 a.m.

West Oaks Branch
Thursday, February 1, 2 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, February 8, 4 p.m.

Saturday, February 10, 10:30 a.m.

Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch
Friday, February 16, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library
Monday, February 26, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, February 27, 10:15 a.m.

It’s time for an introduction to yoga with zoo animals and friends! Learn fun movements as you go on a wild and magical journey full of movement and stories. Comfortable clothing is encouraged and mats are welcomed. Ages 3–6.

Enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime, crafts and activities. Ages 3–6.

Explore the magical world of your favorite fairy tales and build your imagination with stories and activities. Ages 3–5.

So, You Want to Learn a New Language – Spanish
North Orange Branch
Saturday, February 3, 3 p.m.

Spanish speaker to be present. Comfortable clothing is encouraged and mats are welcomed. Ages 3–6.

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Children’s

Ages 6–12

SPARKLE LIKE A UNICORN
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Monday, February 5, 5:30 p.m.
Eatonton Branch
Tuesday, February 6, 4 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, February 15, 5 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Thursday, February 17, 2:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, February 20, 3:15 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 3:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursday, February 22, 4 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Monday, February 26, 4:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, February 27, 4:30 p.m.

Fantastical fun awaits with stories and crafts. Celebrate the unique, magical and mystical unicorn! Ages 6–12.

Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Discussion Group
Orlando Public Library
Thursdays, February 1–22, 4:30 p.m.
Join the Mayor Buddy’s Book Club discussion group to talk, meet other book club members, share experiences and have fun. This month we are reading The Hero Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson. Sign up for the club at mayor.ocls.info. For more information about Sharon Robinson and the Sunshine State Author Series, visit ocls.info/sunshineseries. Ages 9–14.

Afternoon Art
Edgewater Branch
Thursdays, February 1 & 8, 5 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, February 28, 3:30 p.m.

Join us for an art adventure! Learn about a different artist and artistic style each month, then create your own masterpiece. Ages 6–12.

Kingdom of Board-om
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, February 1, 6:30 p.m.

Come one, come all and join the Kingdom of Board-om as we explore both classic board games and the cutting edge of current gaming! All ages.

The CREATE Space
Orlando Public Library
Fridays, February 2 & 16, 3 p.m.

What will you create today? Explore, experiment or be entertained. Ages 6–18.

Southwest Homeschool Club: Can You Build It?
Southwest Branch
Monday, February 5, 1 p.m.

Ready for a challenge? This STEAM event will push your brain to the limit and test your construction skills. Ages 6–12.

Maker Monday
Alafaya Branch
Mondays, February 5–26, 4:30 p.m.

Discover the maker in you as we complete challenges, STEM projects and experiments. Registration required. Ages 8–15.

Fix-It-Up Math
Edgewater Branch
Monday, February 5, 5 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, February 9, 3:15 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 3:30 p.m.

Measure twice; cut once! Learn how to use basic math and simple hand tools to build it or repair it yourself. Ages 8–12.

Framed!
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 6, 5 p.m.

Be a part of a mystery at the library! Join us for a role-playing game based on Framed!, James Ponti’s book on this year’s Sunshine State Young Readers Award list.

Game Day
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday, February 6, 20 & 27, 5 p.m.

Play everything from Xbox and Chess to Pokemon and more at our Cool to Do After School series! Ages 6–12.

Crafternoons
West Oaks Branch
Monday, February 18, 3 p.m.

There are hundreds of bird species in Florida and many of them share our backyards. Listen to stories about birds, learn how to identify some of Florida’s popular bird species and get tips on creating a comfortable habitat for our fine feathered friends. Ages 6–12.

STEAM Club
Southeast Branch
Wednesday, February 7 & 21, 4 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of scientific fun as we put our STEAM skills to the test. Ages 6–12.

Be a Leader
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 5:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, February 12, 11 a.m.
Hilasee Branch
Saturday, February 17, 2:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Monday, February 19, 4:30 p.m.
Eatonton Branch
Tuesday, February 20, 4 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, February 24, 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, February 25, 3 p.m.

Calling all future leaders of the world! Join us as we look at past leaders and the awesome qualities they all have in common. We will have activities, stories and discussion based on what it takes to make you a good leader. Ages 6–12.

Construction Toys for Kids
Herndon Branch
Saturdays, February 10 & 24, 2 p.m.

Learn the basics of building and learning with Snap Circuits, K’NEX and Magformers. Ages 6–12.
Retro Gaming
AlaLady Branch
Saturday, February 10, 3 p.m.
It’s a blast from the past! Enjoy the look and feel of the public systems like SNES, Sega Genesis, NES, NES and more! Leave your touch screens and VR and come enjoy the retro experience! All ages.

Treehouse Adventures
Edgewater Branch
Monday, February 12, 5 p.m.
Join us for high adventure and interactive activities based on the popular Magic Tree House series. This month’s event will be all about Dinosaurs Before Dark. Ages 6–9.

Drop In Chess
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 14, 2 p.m.
Drop in for a game of chess at the library! Chess sets are available for play and rules sheets are provided. All ages.

Handy Crafts
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, February 14–28, 4 p.m.
Explore topics from emerging trends in fiber arts at our Cool to Do After School series! Ages 6–12.

School Age Storytime
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, January 16, 11 a.m.
Join us for a storytime geared towards grades K–2. Groups larger than five should call to ensure space is available.

Super Science
AlaLady Branch
Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m.
Each month we will conduct awesome new experiments, learning all about chemistry, physics, earth science and more. Registration recommended. This event is intended for scientists ages 8–13.

Fact or Fiction, U.S.A.
Eatonville Branch
Monday, February 19, 2 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, February 19, 4 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 20, 2 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 3 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m.
Do you know where you live? Test your knowledge and learn quirky facts about the great U.S. of A. with stories, activities and crafts. Ages 6–12.

Stinky Science
Edgewater Branch
Monday, February 19, 5 p.m.
Explore the sense of smell and discover bizarre and gross facts about some of the world’s most smelly stuff. Ages 6–12.

STEM Club
Henderson Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 6 p.m.
Come and join us as we have fun with science experiments and building technology with K’NEX, Snap Circuits, littleBits and so much more! Ages 6–12.

Achoo!
Sniffles, Sneezes and Boogigers too!
Edgewater Branch
Monday, February 26, 5 p.m.
Is your nose running? Come to the library to catch it! Join us for stories, activities and crafts all about what tickles your nose. Ages 6–12.

Small World: China!
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, February 28, 4:30 p.m.
Travel with us as we explore our planet and discover unique cultures through activities, food, language and music. This month, discover China! Ages 5–14.

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.

Healthy Snacks
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, February 5, 4 p.m.
The buzz is all about Valentine’s Day. Come and join us for fun Valentine’s stories, crafts and fun! Ages 6–12.

Cuisine Corner Junior:
I Dip, You Dip, We Dip!
Edgewater Branch
Friday, February 2, 4 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, February 8, 4 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 10, 3 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 14, 2:15 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 3:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 5:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 27, 5 p.m.
Celebrate Valentine’s Day with this month’s Cuisine Corner Junior event. Experience fondue fun while getting creative with chocolate covered treats! Ages 8–18.

Cuisine Corner Junior:
Breakfast Banana Split
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 3:30 p.m.
Get a jump start on the day by diving into a delicious breakfast bowl featuring the super food powers of the acai berry. Ages 8–18. Registration required.

Cuisine Corner Junior:
Healthy Snacks
AlaLady Branch
Saturday, February 3, 2 p.m.
Join us for healthy snacks that kids can make themselves! Space is limited. Registration required. Ages 8–18.

Bee-utiful Valentines
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m.
Valentine’s Day is coming and we’ve all buzzed! Celebrate with a story time and an un-bee-lievable craft. Ages 3–5.

Science of Love
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, February 3, 2 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Monday, February 5, 4 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Monday, February 12, 4:30 p.m.
Henderson Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 4 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 5 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 4 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 4:30 p.m.
Celebrate Valentine’s Day with fun science experiments and challenges. We may not be making love potions, but this event is sure to get your heart beating. Ages 6–12.

I Love You to the Moon and Back
Henderson Branch
Monday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, February 8, 8 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, February 12, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 14, 10 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, February 22, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, February 23, 11 a.m.
Celebrate love, family and friendship as we share a story and interact with Valentine’s Day activities and crafts. Ages 2–4.

Bee My Valentine
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 4 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Friday, February 9, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, February 10, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, February 11, 3 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, February 12, 6 p.m.
AlaLady Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 4:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 4:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 5:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 5:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, February 16, 3 p.m.
The buzz is all about Valentine’s Day. Come and join us for fun Valentine’s stories, crafts and fun! Ages 6–12.

Valentine Hugs
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 10, 11 a.m.
Give your loved ones a great big hug! Join us for a storytime and craft you’ll love to share. Ages 3–5.

Valentine’s Princess Party
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 10, 2:30 p.m.
Celebrate Valentine’s Day the royal way with our very own Queen of Hearts! Dress in your favorite prince or princess party attire and join us for stories and games. Registration required. Ages 6–12.

Happy Valentine’s Day
Office Hours

Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Sunday, 1–4 p.m.

Tuesdays–Thursdays
12:30–9:30 p.m.
Fridays
12:30–9:30 p.m.
Saturdays
9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Sundays
1–4 p.m.
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

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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