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Step Off, the Superhero POP Musical and tons more fun for kids at the library

On February 3 the Orlando Public Library hosts the 13th annual Step Off competition, in which teen step teams from around the region compete onstage for cash prizes and the honor of being named the top step team in town.

If your child dreams of being a Broadway star, sign them up to participate in the Superhero POP Musical at the Eatonville branch on February 6. Kids ages 6-12 will learn choreography to hit pop songs and perform an educational musical at the end of the program.

The Orlando Public Library hosts the annual Youth Art Show on February 15, where local students from grades 6 through 12 will have their work on display throughout the month of February. Awards will be presented to the Youth Art contest winners.

If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, contact us at 407-835-7323. You can also check for more library events online at www.ocls.info.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club Discussion Group

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

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.

Cuisine Corner Junior: I Dip. You Dip. We Dip!

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Friday, February 2, 3:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Thursday, February 8, 4 p.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Saturday, February 10, 3 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesday, February 14, 2:15 p.m.

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Wednesday, February 21, 3:30 p.m.

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

Wednesday, February 21, 5:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

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.

This is My Name

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Friday, February 2, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden

Saturday, February 3, 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

Sunday, February 4, 2:30 p.m.

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

Tuesday, February 13, 11 a.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden

Tuesday, February 20, 10:30 a.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.

Your name is special, just like you! Help your little one learn to recognize and spell their name through fun crafts and activities. Ages 2–4.

Science of Love

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Saturday, February 3, 2 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Monday, February 5, 4 p.m.

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

Monday, February 12, 4:30 p.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Tuesday, February 13, 4 p.m.

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

Tuesday, February 13, 5 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden

Wednesday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Wednesday, February 14, 4 p.m.

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

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.

Step Off

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, February 3, 2:30 p.m.

Break the Stage! Step up your game for the 13th 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 and will be on a first come, first served basis.

Build a Story with *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

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.

Superhero POP Musical!

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

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.

I Love You to the Moon and Back

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

Thursday, February 8, 2 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Monday, February 12, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesday, February 14, 10 a.m.

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

Thursday, February 22, 11 a.m.

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

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.

Little Chef: Strawberry Yogurt Parfait

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Wednesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Monday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

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

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

Thursday, February 15, 2 p.m.

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Friday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

Friday, February 23, 11 a.m.

You're never too young to get your start in the kitchen! What can you make with strawberries, graham crackers and yogurt? Join us in the kitchen to find out! Bring your little one to learn cooking 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.

Central Florida Zoo Presents ZOOper Heroes

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Friday, February 9, 11 a.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

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.

Valentine Origami

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturday, February 10, 2:30 p.m.

Cut, fold and paste your way to the cutest valentines ever! Ages 11–18.

Retro Gaming

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, February 10, 3 p.m.

It's a blast from the past! Enjoy the look and feel of the classic systems like SNES, Sega Genesis, N64, PS1 and more! Leave your touch screens and VR and come enjoy the retro experience! All ages.

Youth Art Show

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Thursday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.

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.

Black History Month: Great American Music

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

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.

Homeschool Field Trip – African Valentine Traditions

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

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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