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Libraries Rock! Summer Reading isn't just for kids, a home buyers workshop, hip-hop artist EyeQ live in the Melrose Center and more

You are invited to celebrate the 2018 Adult Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Celebration on June 2 at the Southwest branch. Join us for fun crafts, games and light refreshments, along with the chance to win virtual badges and prizes.

On June 3 the Melrose Center, located on the second floor of the Orlando Public Library, hosts Melrose in the Mix featuring Brooklyn hip-hop artist EyeQ, who will perform in front of a live studio audience in the audio studio. This is your chance to find out what it's like to be in a professional audio studio when an artist is recording.

On June 23, the Chickasaw branch presents First-Time Home Buyer Workshop. Operation HOPE Inc will be on hand to talk about important details on purchasing a home. Those in attendance will also receive a certificate required for both Orange County and the State of Florida Down Payment Assistant Programs.

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

Melrose Film Festival

The Melrose Film Festival seeks to highlight the work of imaginative filmmakers across the globe. Interested in submitting your short film, animation or music video? Submissions are being accepted through June 15 at filmfreeway.com/MelroseFilmFestival. The festival will be held in

September in the Melrose Center, featuring screenings of selected films, industry panels and Q&A discussions.

Money Talks for Women

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Tuesdays, Continues until June 26, 6:30 p.m.

Join the conversation! Learn about library services such as Morningstar Investment Research Center, goal-oriented tools for saving, investing and more. Discuss what works for achieving financial confidence for women and share money management best practices across the financial spectrum. This will be a six-week series starting on Tuesday, May 22 and running weekly through Tuesday, June 26. Come at early to meet and chat before the event.

Adult Summer Reading Kick-Off Celebration

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Saturday, June 2, 2–4 p.m.

Libraries Rock this summer! Join us for an adult summer reading kick-off celebration with crafts and coloring. Learn about Beanstack to win badges and prizes this summer. Light refreshments will be served. Limited supplies. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Recess Monkey Rocks the Library!

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, June 2, 2 p.m.

Start the summer with Grammy-Nominated family music band, Recess Monkey! These teachers-turned-rockers will have us dancing and singing along to their clever songs. All ages. Seating is limited. Registration required.

Melrose in the Mix: EyeQ

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Sunday, June 3, 3:30 p.m.

Join us for another unique, live recording session as our Melrose in the Mix series features indie hip-hop artist EyeQ. Raised in Brooklyn, New York and now based in Florida, EyeQ is an emcee and visionary whose musical sights are set on merging his wide assortment of musical influences and love of Anime into one. Seating is limited. Reserve your spot at ocls.info/melrosinthemix.

Write a Novel This Summer

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Tuesday, June 5, 7 p.m.

If you've always wanted to write a book, this is the perfect time to start. Author Sarah Nicolas will cover the basics of writing a novel, including character development, plot, creating conflict, point of view, dialogue, setting, voice and more to get you started on your novel-writing journey.

PTSD in First Responders: An Audio-Visual Experience and Conversation

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesday, June 6, 6 p.m.

One week before marking two years since the Pulse tragedy, **90.7 WMFE**, **ProPublica** and the **Orlando Public Library** are hosting an event to illuminate how PTSD affects first responders and their families. Join us for an immersive audio-visual experience based on WMFE health reporter Abe Aboraya's stories on those impacted, followed by a conversation with them and public officials on how to better address this urgent, but little-discussed, issue. For more details and to RSVP, visit wmfe.com/events.

Cuisine Corner: Summer Meals

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m.

Beat the heat with a summer friendly meal. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to make a delicious easy packed lunch to go. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit breakingbreadwithmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

Celebrate Your Heritage: African-American Family History Festival

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

Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Celebrate your history and heritage at our 2nd Annual African-American Family History Festival. Learn more about your heritage! Library staff, EPOCH, the African-American Historical & Genealogical Society and Wells Built Museum will share information on their resources and services.

Summer Improv Comedy Camp

Orlando Public Library, Library Central, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesdays, Beginning June 13, 6–7:45 p.m.

Sign up for the Summer Improv Comedy Camp for adults and teens ages 16 and up. This eight-week camp begins June 13 and runs every Wednesday. At the end of the eight weeks, there will be a student improv showcase where students will perform and entertain a live audience. With the assistance of a teacher, you can gain on stage confidence, learn to think on your feet and connect with the audience. This camp reinforces positivity, creativity, teamwork, using your imagination, supporting your teammates and so much more! Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

The Ultimate Guide to Your Golden Years

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Wednesday, June 20, 2 p.m.

Orlando Elder Law Attorney Geoff Hoatson teaches you the importance of preparing for your golden years. You'll learn how to protect everything you hold dear. Topics covered include setting up your advance directives, wills and trusts, and how to pay for long-term care. For more information, visit FamilyFirstFirm.com.

First-Time Home Buyer Workshop

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Saturday, June 23, 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.

Potterversary

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, June 23, 2 p.m.

Celebrate 20 years of everything Harry Potter. Magic awaits with trivia, games and fun for the entire family. All ages.

Cuisine Corner: Guyanese Roti

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Monday, June 25, 6:15 p.m.

Devour it with curry, eat it with sides, you can even enjoy it with melted butter, but no matter how you consume it, one thing is for sure: there is nothing else like a hot and flaky paratha roti. Join Alica from Alica's Pepperpot as she shows you how to create this popular Guyanese staple in celebration of Caribbean Heritage month. For more information, visit alicaspepperpot.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

Companion Planting: Diving Into Plant Communities

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesday, June 27, 6:30 p.m.

Join Caroline Chomanics from Fleet Farming as she explores native plant interrelationships found in the Florida environment and discusses how to apply the concept to our own herb, vegetable and pollinator gardens. Companion planting can aid in plant nutritional uptake, pest control, water conservation, creating animal habitat and preserving our earth. Gardening is easy with the understanding of what plants need to be healthy, happy and flourish. For more information, visit fleetfarming.org.

Story Development: Gathering Ideas and Building a Narrative

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, June 30, 2–4 p.m.

It's impossible to write a great novel, short story or screenplay without one important thing – a great idea. Sometimes, though, when we sit down to write, we can't come up with anything – or at least anything we like. Join award winning author and screenwriter Jennie Jarvis as she walks you through practical ways of enhancing your creativity, generating ideas for new narrative works and shaping those pieces of inspirations into fully developed narratives.

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