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Bestselling YA author Jeff Zentner, *Girls Rocking Robotics* and more library events kids will love

Jeff Zentner, award-winning author of *The Serpent King*, comes to Orlando on March 7 for a Meet the Author event at the South Creek Branch and a teen writing workshop at the Edgewater Branch. Zentner gives teens ages 11-18 insights and tips to improve their writing skills, then heads to South Creek for a 7 p.m. book talk and signing. See below for details, and visit ocls.info/sunshineseries for more upcoming Sunshine State Author events.

The Orange County Library System teams up with National Center for Women & Information Technology's Aspire IT, as well as Intel, Northrop Grumman and Google, to bring together young women ages 10-14 for Girls Rocking Robotics. Every Saturday from March 31 through April 14, participants will learn about technology through fun, interactive activities using LEGO Mindstorms robotics kits, all the while being inspired to pursue STEM-related careers from professional women in the field. See below for additional information.

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.

Bilingual Storytime: Women's History Month

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.
Thursday, March 1, 10:15 a.m.

Enjoy bilingual stories and crafts in honor of Women's History Month. Storytime will be given in both English and Spanish. The whole family is welcome.

Cuentame un Cuento: Tell Me a Story Bilingual Stories and Fun

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Friday, March 2, 11 a.m.

Enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either or both languages. The whole family is welcome.

DIY Chia Pets

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, March 3, 2 p.m.

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

Saturday, March 10, 2 p.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Wednesday, March 14, 4 p.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Tuesday, March 20, 2:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, March 24, 2 p.m.

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

Wednesday, March 28, 3:30 p.m.

Decorate, dig and seed your very own potted plant pet, then take it home and watch it grow! Ages 6–12.

Seuss for Teens

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Saturday, March 3, 2 p.m.

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

Monday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Wednesday, March 7, 3:30 p.m.

“From there to here and here to there, funny things are everywhere.” Join us for fun games inspired by Dr. Seuss. Are you up for the challenge? Ages 11–18.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Pi Day

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

Tuesday, March 6, 5 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Tuesday, March 13, 3:15 p.m.

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Tuesday, March 13, 3:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 14, 4:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, March 14, 5:30 p.m.

Make math sweet! Celebrate the infinite quality of Pi with a treat. Ages 8–18.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Potato Bites

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Tuesday, March 6, 4 p.m.

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

Tuesday, March 6, 5:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Monday, March 26, 3:15 p.m.

A savory bite of potatoes await you! Learn this simple recipe that's perfect for your next St. Paddy's celebration! Ages 8–18.

Teen Writing Workshop with Jeff Zentner

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Wednesday, March 7, 3 p.m.

Calling aspiring teen writers! Nashville novelist and songwriter Jeff Zentner presents a writing workshop for teens ages 11–18 with writing prompts and tips. Zentner is the author of *The Serpent King*, on the 2017–18 Florida Teens Read list. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. Registration required. Register at ocls.info/sunshineseries.

Meet the Author: Jeff Zentner

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m.

Jeff Zentner's novel, *The Serpent King*, received the William Morris Award for best young adult debut book and appears on the 2017–18 Florida Teens Read list. He is also the author of *Goodbye Days*, published in 2017. Zentner's writing career began as a songwriter. He is an accomplished guitarist and singer, having released solo albums and recorded with the Southern Gothic trio Creech Holler and with Iggy Pop, Nick Cave and Debbie Harry, among others. Zentner lives in Nashville, Tennessee. A book signing follows the event. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. Registration recommended. Register at ocls.info/sunshineseries.

Wonder Women

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

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

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Thursday, March 15, 3:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

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

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

Friday, March 23, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Monday, March 26, 11 a.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Monday, March 26, 5 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Tuesday, March 27, 4 p.m.

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

Saturday, March 31, 11 a.m.

Celebrate women in history! Join us for brainy trivia and brilliant activities. Ages 6–12.

The Magic of Eric Carle

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

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

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

Thursday, March 22, 2 p.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 some interactive activities. Presented by Actors Reaching Out. Ages 2–6.

Melrose Camp: Paper Engineering

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

Monday–Friday, March 19–23, 11 a.m.

Design your own pop-up cards. Learn how paper engineers create and fold paper into stunning designs. Combine different paper folds, including the box, V and X folds into a unique card. Ages 11–17.

TechKrew: Introduction to Virtual Reality

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

Tuesday, March 20, 2 p.m.

Explore a world of possibilities with the latest in virtual reality equipment and software. Learn about the principles of VR technology and major platforms. Ages 11–17.

DIY Dreamcatchers

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Tuesday, March 20, 3:30 p.m.

Have a good night and sweet dreams always by creating your very own dreamcatcher. Stick around to learn where they came from and what your dreams may really mean. Ages 8–18.

Melrose Camp: Lights, Camera, IMPROV!

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

Wednesday–Friday, March 21–23, 2 p.m.

This camp will have students acting and working in a studio environment. Students will have the opportunity to learn improv techniques in a live production while also creating practical and digital effects using a green screen and multi-camera setup. Ages 11–17.

Small World: Bali!

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

Monday, March 26, 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 Bali! Ages 5–14.

Girls Rocking Robotics

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Saturdays, March 31–April 14, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

The Orange County Library System is inspiring girls and young women to pursue careers in technology by teaching computing concepts with fun, interactive activities. Working with the National Center for Women & Information Technology's Aspire IT program, OCLS will offer a three-day hands-on robotics program for girls, ages 10–14. Participants will use engineering design processes to tackle a social issue, using LEGO Mindstorms robotic kits. Working in small groups under the guidance of a mentor, participants will bring their designs to life. By engaging

with professional women in technology, girls will discover opportunities in STEM-related careers. Sponsored by NCWIT AspireIT and supported by Intel, Northrop Grumman and Google.

Lunch and snacks are provided. Girls who complete the program will receive a \$20 LEGO gift card. Space is limited. Registration required. A \$5 materials fee is required at time of registration. The program is only open to girls, ages 10–14. To register, call 407.835.7323.

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