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NEXT FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 20, Noon

GIFTS & GREETINGS
Orlando Public Library
407.835.7494
Monday–Thursday: 11 a.m.–2 p.m. & 4–7 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday: 1:30–4:30 p.m.

BOOKSTORE
Orlando Public Library
407.835.7495
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday: 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Help support your library by becoming a Friend of the Orange County Library System. Membership starts at just $15 per year and it comes with some benefits, including discounts in our bookstore and gift shop and invitations to special members-only preview sales. Visit oclsfriends.info and Join today!
FROM THE DIRECTOR

It has been 30 years since the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English came up with the idea to sponsor an African-American Read-In. The event, held each year during Black History Month, highlights the contributions of African-American authors to literature.

Since the NCTE adopted the concept, the African-American Read-In has gained momentum. Each February, organizations all around the world host events in their communities. In 2018, 73,345 people participated in read-ins across 34 states and Canada, shining a spotlight on African-American authors and encouraging young people to take an interest in reading.

The ultimate goal is to promote diversity in literature. Authors of color, including African-American authors, are underrepresented in literature in general, and are particularly difficult to find in children's literature. According to the Cooperative Children’s Book Center, a research library that focuses on the field of children’s and young adult literature, African-American and Latino authors wrote only 7 percent of new children’s books published in 2017. Of 3,700 children's books reviewed by CCBC in 2017, only 340 of them featured African-American characters or content, and only 100 of them were actually written by black authors. That's a significant diversity gap that the African-American Read-In hopes to change.

I'm proud to say that the Orange County Library System is one of the organizations that participate in this important event each year. As part of our celebration of Black History Month, we'll host the African-American Read-In on February 24 at 2 p.m. at the Orlando Public Library. The event features music, dance and readings by local authors, leaders, storytellers and athletes. Our list of participants this year includes Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings, Orange County Clerk of Courts Tiffany Moore Russell, Nerd Nite Orlando host Ricardo Williams, Paralympic athlete April Holmes and WESH-2 News anchor Jasmin Bailey. This is always an uplifting and fulfilling event with an important mission, and I hope you will join us.

Of course, that's not the only event we're hosting in honor of Black History Month – we'll also have a variety of other events and programs, including a Black History Month celebration at our Southeast Branch, a showing of the PBS documentary Race: The Power of Illusion at our Edgewater Branch, music from Afropop band Wassalou in the Orlando Public Library, and plenty more. Check out our Black History Month events on pages 18–19 for more events, locations and details.

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**BILLY KEMP**

**SONGS AND STORIES OF HEART AND HOME**

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

**Saturday, February 16, 2 p.m.**

Enjoy a live performance from musician, songwriter, singer, composer and producer Bill Kemp. Billy is an experienced solo performer having toured worldwide for thirty years. He performs original songs and compositions, mostly roots music. To learn more, visit billykemp.com.

**ART**

**Life is 3D**

Orlando Public Library, Second Floor
Traveling Exhibit Space

**On Display Through February**

Explore a selection of stereoscopic images printed on archival materials and viewable with traditional red/blue 3D glasses. For more information about this exhibit, visit lifeis3d.com.

**The Printer’s Journey**

Southwest Branch

**On Display Through March**

The incredible patterns, lines, shapes and textures that define our natural environment became the primary basis for Kusuma’s prints and book arts. Her work draws attention to parallels between natural and man-made objects and has been exhibited at several locations including the Orlando Museum of Art’s First Thursdays, the SOBO Gallery, the Hyatt Regency Orlando and more.

**Valentine’s Show Featuring Shannon Rae & JJ Speights**

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

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**THE ART OF HEMLER MAURICETTE**

Hiawassee Branch

**On Display Through February**

Hemler Mauricette is an internationally acclaimed Haitian artist and a survivor of the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti. He is a self-taught painter that is inspired by nature and his personal experiences. His paintings have been displayed worldwide including venues in Mexico, Chili, France, Spain and Haiti.
AARP Income Tax Assistance
West Oaks Branch
Fridays, Beginning February 1, 10 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Mondays & Fridays, Beginning February 4, 10 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Mondays & Thursdays, Beginning February 4, 10 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesdays & Thursdays, Beginning February 6, 10 a.m.

AARP Volunteers will provide free income tax assistance. Attendees will need 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, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

The Ghost Society
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room Sunday, February 3, 2 p.m.
The Ghost Society is an open forum hosted by The Beyond Investigators paranormal team. Share your personal experiences, learn what’s new in the field and discuss books and shows in a casual and fun atmosphere.

FUNdamentals of Improv
Orlando Public Library, Library Central Wednesdays, February 6–March 31, 6 p.m.
This eight-week course covers improv skills, including learning the basics of agreement and support, getting over shyness and being “in the moment.” Ages 16 and up. Registration required.

Meditation for Everyone
Southwest Branch
Wednesdays, February 6 & 20, 7 p.m.
Create some space for peace. Enjoy a guided breathing meditation to help reduce your daily stress and anxiety. Learn how to use meditation practice to live with more peace, compassion and wisdom. Registration recommended. Ages 13 and up. Chairs provided.

Create Your Own Greeting Cards
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, February 7, 6–7:30 p.m.
Join us for a relaxing card-making event. Use a variety of stamps, markers, colored pencils and other craft supplies to make greeting cards for any occasion. Recommended for adults.

Craft Club for Adults:
Painting Wine Glasses
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, February 9, 2:15–3:30 p.m.
Enjoy craft therapy by painting wine glasses. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own wine glass. Seating is limited. Registration required.

Orlando Public Library
Pokémon League
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room Sundays, February 10 & 24, 3 p.m.
Calling all trainers! Join the official Orlando Public Library Pokémon League. Battle for fun or for glory with the Pokémon Trading Card Game and Pokémon video games. Earn cool prizes, meet other trainers and have fun. Trainers of all ages and skill levels welcome. For more information, visit ocls.info/pokemon.

Snack & Learn –
Making a Healthy Change
Hiawassee Branch Tuesday, February 12, 11 a.m.
Are you struggling with healthy eating, exercising or reducing stress? Learn seven simple steps for making a healthy change. This event is part of the ongoing Snack & Learn series presented by Casman Mosby, CarePlus Health Plans. Snacks will be provided.

Nature Walk and Book Talk
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, February 13, 10 a.m.–Noon
Do you enjoy taking a walk and love to discuss books? Join the Southwest Branch for a casual walk followed by a discussion of the book Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance. Enjoy the benefits of exercising your mind and body! Meet at the Southwest Branch to carpool to a local park walking trail. Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Light refreshments will be provided.

Introduction to Foundation Center Resources
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 13, 3–5 p.m.
Learn about the Foundation Center’s online resources such as GrantSpace.org, Foundation Grants to Individuals, and Foundation Directory Online and how you can use these sources of grant information. Registration required. To register, call 407.835.7323 or visit ocls.info.

Savvy Savers
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, February 16, 1–3 p.m.
Join in the savings! Become a savvy saver by sharing coupons and savings tips at this monthly meeting.

Free Clothing Giveaway by Out of the Closet
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 16, 2–3 p.m.
Out of the Closet (OOTC) is a free traveling clothing boutique sponsored by Zebra Coalition. Come for free, fashionable clothing and hygiene products.
Retro Gaming
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, February 17, 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 behind and come enjoy the retro experience! All ages.

Real Men Read
Windermere Branch
Monday, February 18, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
The Windermere Branch invites you to the first Real Men Read event. Listen to male role models as they read one of their favorite children’s book. Refreshments will be served. Registration recommended.

Downsizing in Five Easy Steps
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday, February 19, 1:30–3 p.m.
Consider downsizing as a gift to your children! Discover the steps that will make downsizing easier to manage and less overwhelming. This event is an extension of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flahaven, Certified Senior Housing Professional. Registration recommended. To register, contact Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291 or register online at yourfloridahaven.com under the Smarter Senior Seminar Series section.

Crochet and Knit Group
Southeast Branch
Wednesday, February 20, 3–4:30 p.m.
Bring your own knit or crochet project or start a new one. Share tips and learn from each other. All ages and levels are welcome. Please bring your own yarn and needles.

An Evening of Coffee, Tea and Stories for Adults
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 p.m.
Treat yourself to an evening filled with wondrous, unusual, funny tales of real life. Whose life? Yours, of course! Relax, take a break from your daily routine and enjoy stories presented by the library’s talented storytellers. Find your inner storyteller and swap anecdotes with other adults as you enjoy light refreshments. Refreshments available while supplies last.

Altered Books
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, February 23, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Scrapbook, journal, cookbook, planner? Bring your creativity and explore all the possibilities of altered books. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring any embellishments, recipes or photos to personalize your creation. Recommended for teens and adults.

Stress Buster Art: Monoprinting
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, February 27, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Color, create, paint and meditate. Relax and unwind at the library. Create a monoprint with professional printmaking artist Lynda Kusuma in this de-stressing art adventure. No art experience required. All supplies will be provided. Ages 18 and up. Space is limited. Registration required.

Food 101: Pasta
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, February 27, 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. Learn about pasta and how it’s consumed around the world. Samples limited. Registration required.
CAR SEAT SAFETY  
Chickasaw Branch  
Tuesday, February 5, 10:15am  
Three out of four car seats are installed and used incorrectly. Certified technicians from Safe Kids Orange County will be available to check your car seat on a first come, first served basis.

Family Zumba  
Chickasaw Branch  
Wednesday, February 27, Noon  
Get your family moving with this energizing workout class! Learn basic Zumba moves to help you dance your way to fitness. Zumba uses dance aerobics to create a fun workout. Comfortable exercise clothing and cross training or aerobic style shoes recommended. Recommended for adults and children ages 4–13.

Personal Finance Using Morningstar  
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center  
Mondays, January 28–March 4, 6 p.m.  
Get the basics of budgeting and investing using Morningstar’s Investing for the Long Run: Strategies and Solutions to Help You Shape Up Your Personal Finances. This six-week series welcomes anyone interested in their financial well-being. Program topics include: budgeting, investing in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, asset allocation and portfolio review. Learn financial fundamentals in a fun, supportive and educational environment. In addition to the Morningstar Investment Research Center library database, participants will receive other information and resources.

FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER WORKSHOP  
Chickasaw Branch  
Saturday, February 9, 10:15 a.m.–4:45 p.m.  
Operation HOPE Inc., a nonprofit HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency, will present a first-time home buyer class where participants will learn about the home-buying process from start to finish. Attendees will receive a certificate that meets the requirements for both Orange County and State of Florida Down Payment Assistance Programs. Registration required. Call or text Porsha Porter at 407.446.1931 or email Porsha.Porter@OperationHOPE.org to register. To learn more, visit operationhope.org.

Finding Financial Success  
Windermere Branch  
Tuesday, February 19, 6 p.m.  
What’s the difference between planning and investing? What should be considered in your estate, tax, financial and healthcare plan? Jeannette Bajalia and Goretti Garcia of Petros Estate & Retirement Planning and Woman’s Worth will share best financial success practices for every stage of life. They will discuss how to best save, invest and spend to ensure your financial health; educate you about how longevity is redefining savings and investing decisions; and the importance of the health-wealth connection! Attendees will receive a copy of one of Jeannette Bajalia’s books, available while supplies last.
Storytime for Grownups!
West Oaks Branch
Tuesdays, February 5 & 19, 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.

HIDDEN BENEFITS UNDER MEDICARE
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, February 21, 12:10 p.m.
Discover the hidden "low cost or no cost" Medicare preventative benefits, many of which have no deductible or coinsurance obligation. These benefits include screenings, counseling sessions and medical treatments. This seminar is part of the LIFE Information for Elders series presented by the Orange County Library System and Orange County's Commission on Aging. To register, call 407.836.7446 or email officeonaging@ocfl.net. A small lunch is provided to the first 70 people to RSVP.

Senior Scams: Part Two
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Fraud specialists will provide information on how to prevent yourself from being the target of senior scams. This event is part of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flahaven, Certified Senior Housing Professional. Registration recommended. To register, contact Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291 or register online at yourfloridahaven.com under the Smarter Senior Seminar Series section.

Introduction to Pilates for Adults
Herndon Branch
Tuesdays, February 12 & 26, 2 p.m.
Exercise your way to fitness in this introduction to Pilates class. 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.

CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED ocls.info/citizenship
Alafaya Branch
Mondays, February 4–25, 5:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Sundays, February 17–March 3, 2 p.m.
Students meet each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview. To be eligible for U.S. Naturalization, you must be able to read, write and speak basic English. This series is for adult learners and is free to Orange County district resident cardholders, fee cardholders and Orange County Property Owner cardholders. Registration is required. Register online at ocls.info/citizenship or call 407.835.7323.
Do you speak English and would like to learn a second or third language?
Visit ocls.info/language for classes, book recommendations and online resources.

EXPLORE AND LEARN ENGLISH

in a classroom with an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) instructor or practice independently at one of our Open Language Labs. Visit ocls.info/ESOL, to view workshop dates, locations and times.

Open Language Lab Including ESOL Various Locations
Explore and learn English or another language of your choice via computer-based learning in an Open Language Lab. Choose from ELLIS, Pronunciator, Mango Languages or Rocket Languages.

Practice Makes Perfect Various Locations
Each week 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.

Speaking Clearly & Writing Clearly: Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced Southeast Branch, South Creek Branch & Windermere Branch
This ESOL series focuses on listening comprehension, pronunciation, spoken, grammar and written English.

Reading Clearly: Beginner & Intermediate South Creek Branch & Southeast Branch
An English class designed to work on reading skills and strategies to increase reading comprehension. Participants must have a basic understanding of English. Even if participants do not speak English well, they can participate if they understand some English.

English Conversation Hour Alafaya Branch, Chickasaw Branch, Hiawassee Branch, Southeast Branch, South Creek Branch, Washington Park Branch & Winter Garden Branch
Practice your English speaking skills and chat with us in a casual setting.

Improve Your English Reading Workshop Hiawassee Branch
Wednesdays, February 13–27, 6–8 p.m.
Improve your English conversational skills, vocabulary, pronunciation and comprehension by reading a book. This workshop is presented through a partnership between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League Inc. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call 407.422.1540 or visit adultliteracyleague.org.

English Classes for Families Chickasaw Branch
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, January 8–March 13, 6–8 p.m.
This 10-week series is designed to develop English skills for the whole family. Bilingual teachers will help parents and children work on their language skills and provide strategies to address challenges they may face at work or school. Snacks will be provided. Sponsored in part by the Florida Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Please be prepared to attend all class sessions.

Clases de inglés para la familia Chickasaw Branch
martes y miércoles, 8 de enero–13 de marzo, 6–8 p.m.
Esta serie de diez semanas está diseñada para desarrollar habilidades de inglés para toda la familia. Instructores bilingües ayudarán a los padres e hijos a trabajar en sus habilidades lingüísticas que podrán enfrentar en el trabajo o la escuela. Patrocinado en parte por el Florida Humanities Council y National Endowment for the Humanities.
NEW! English From Zero & Open Language Lab
Orlando Public Library
Saturdays, Friday 9–23, 1 & 3 p.m.
New to the Orlando Public Library, English From Zero offers a special experience – learn the basics of spoken English in a warm, welcoming environment led by library staff. After each session, get extra practice in the Open Language Lab using interactive programs on the library’s computers. Space is limited. To register, visit ocls.info/ESOL or call 407.835.7323.

NUEVO! Inglés desde cero y Open Language Lab
Orlando Public Library
sabados, 9–23 de febrero, 1 & 3 p.m.
Nuevo en la biblioteca pública de Orlando, inglés desde cero ofrece una experiencia especial aprendiendo los fundamentos del inglés hablado. Todos bienvenido a esta clase conducida por el personal de la biblioteca. Después de cada sesión, obtenga práctica adicional en el Open Language Lab con programas interactivos. El espacio es limitado. Para registrarse, visite ocls.info/ESOL o llame al 407.835.7323.

English from Zero
Alafaya Branch, Chickasaw Branch, Hiawassee Branch, North Orange Branch, Orlando Public Library, Southeast Branch, Southwest Branch, South Creek, South Trail Branch, Washington Park Branch & Windermere Branch
ESOL workshops, vocabulary and basic grammar for English learners with no English language skills.

Pongalo ofrece la colección más amplia de telenovela y películas de Hollywood en español disponible en todos los dispositivos populares. Visite ocls.info/pongalo para obtener más información.
Tracing European Ancestors: A Genealogy Course
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Join us for a genealogy research series focusing on researching European ancestors. Each month we will journey to a different area of Europe to explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors; February’s focus is tracing French ancestors. No matter which country your ancestors are from, learn more about the types of documents available and research strategies to utilize. Discussion and Q&A will follow each session.

Do It Yourself DNA Research Open Forum
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.
Received your DNA test results and don’t know what to do next? 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.

Genealogy for African-Americans
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.
Learn more about African-American genealogy and research. Members of the Central Florida Chapter of Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) will share information, tips and techniques on researching African-American history, heritage and genealogy.

Finding the Birth Parents of an African-American Adoptee: Who Were the Biological Parents of Pansy McGee?
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 p.m.
Learn how DNA and the paper trail can intersect to help discover the biological parents of a woman adopted in Pennsylvania in the 1920s.

Finding the Family of an African-American Adoptee: Pansy McGee Redux, Continuing the Journey
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, February 27, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for this exciting case study that furthers the research into the biological family of Pansy McGee on her paternal line. See how creative search techniques discovered a family’s previously undocumented name change.

Finding Your Roots: A Genealogy Course
Estates, Wills and Probate Records
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, February 7, 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.

Journey Through Immigration Records
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, February 14, 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. A brief overview of the laws that caused the creation of these records will also be presented.

Exploring Church and Cemetery Records
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, February 21, 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 type of information is contained in these records, how to access them and how they can help enhance your family history research.

Marching Through Military Records
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, February 28, 11 a.m.
Military records have been created throughout our history regardless of whether or not a war was being waged. Learn how these records can help you uncover information on your ancestor and how they can provide evidence into family relationships.

FAMILY HISTORY FAIR!
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, February 9, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Celebrate the four-year anniversary of the grand re-opening of the West Oaks Branch Library and Genealogy Center at our Family History Fair. Explore your roots! If you are a beginner, this event can help you get started researching your family history. Experienced genealogists can learn tips about additional resources to aid in your research. The Central Florida Genealogical Society, local lineage and family history societies, and library staff will be available to share information on how to research and document your family history in the 21st century.
GET THE TOOLS YOU NEED TO LAUNCH YOUR CAREER!
In-depth jobseeker classes are available online, at multiple library locations and in multiple languages. Certificates of completion are available to enhance your professional portfolio.

CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL
A second chance! Career Online High School (COHS) is an accredited program that enables students to earn their high school diplomas while gaining real-world career skills. For more information, visit ocls.info/COHS.

CAREER ACADEMY
Weekly sessions to help you stand out with prospective employers.

Searching for Jobs
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, February 5, 1:30 p.m.
Uncover resources and formulate strategies to search and apply for jobs.

Resume Writing
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, February 2, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, February 12, 1:30 p.m.
Create and refine your resume to best reflect your qualifications.

Improve Your Interview
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, February 9, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, February 26, 1:30 p.m.
Give your interview skills a boost and show why you are the best person for the job!

Cover & Thank You Letters
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, February 19, 1:30 p.m.
Go the extra mile and compose the perfect cover letter and thank you letter.

Ferguson's Career Guidance Center
Ferguson’s Career Guidance Center profiles many different careers, with expert tips and videos. Take the Career Interest Assessment to discover which career is best for you!
FOUR PERFECTLY QUICK VALENTINES ENTREES

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Monday, February 4, 6:15 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, February 6, 6 p.m.

Why spend a fortune dining out when you and your loved one can prepare a delightfully romantic meal in the time it takes to drive to your favorite restaurant? Join Chef Warren Caterson as he demonstrates Valentine’s Day meals you can make at home. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.
HEALTHY COOKING FOR TWO
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 9, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.
Cooking for two can be a challenge. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will show you how to make tasty meals for two without wasting food. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit breakingbreadwithmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

STAYING SAUCED
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Saturday, February 23, 2 p.m.
Sauces add instant flavor to any dish. Explore the infinite combinations of tantalizing tastes and textures of different sauces. Presented by Joycelyn Bryant, owner of Joycelyn's Southern Kitchen. Registration required.

CAKE POPS!
Washington Park Branch
Tuesday, February 19, 4 p.m.
Learn to make your own scrumptious cake pops. Library staff will demonstrate cake pop construction and attendees will decorate the delightful confections.
Meet the Author: ShaKera Akins
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, February 9, 1 p.m.
Learn about the inspiration behind ShaKera Akins’ book *The Little Brown Girl Experience* from the author herself. Discover what life is like through the eyes of the main character, Zuri, a curious dreamer and doer. Book sale and signing will follow the event.

Local Authors Festival: In Celebration of Black History Month
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, February 17, 2–4 p.m.
Celebrate Black History Month with this meet and greet event featuring area writers. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.

Goal Setting for Writers
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m.
New Year’s Resolutions already out the door? Learn some practical tips for breaking down those big goals and mastering your time. Author Kerry Evelyn will teach you how to work backward from your big dream to the spark of an idea and how to get it all done. Bring your task list and calendar to optimize your experience.

OCLS Writers Group
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Sunday, February 10, 4 p.m.
Gather with your fellow writers for supportive critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

I am an Author: Social Media Presence and Putting Yourself Out There
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, February 19, 7 p.m.
You wrote a book (or you’ll finish soon) and you want to let people know, but imposter syndrome can make you timid and shy about your status as an author. Author LE Perez will show you how to let everyone know you’re an author using social media, networking and publicity.
Southeast Book Club
Southeast Branch
Monday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.
The Southeast Book Club will discuss, *The Underground Railroad: A Novel* by Colson Whitehead. This award-winning novel tells the story of Cora, a young girl, who attempts to escape slavery through the Underground Railroad. This historical fiction explores compelling themes and imagines a real Underground Railroad with tracks during the pre-Civil War era.

Central Florida Book Club
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday, February 12, 10:15 a.m.–Noon
The Central Florida Book Club will discuss *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover, an unforgettable memoir in the tradition of *The Glass Castle* about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University.

Hiawassee Book Club
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, February 18, 6:30–8 p.m.
The Hiawassee Book Club will discuss *Love and Ruin* by Paula McLain. After meeting and falling in love while she covered the Spanish Civil War in Madrid, Martha Gellhorn is forced to choose between her marriage to Ernest Hemingway and her career as a war correspondent.

Southwest Book Club
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, February 26, 7–8:45 p.m.
The Southwest Book Club will discuss *Beneath the Ruthless Sun: A True Story of Violence, Race, and Justice Lost and Found* by Gilbert King this month. King, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Devil in the Grove*, documents the mid-20th-century case of a developmentally challenged youth who was falsely accused of raping a wealthy woman. King traces the efforts of a crusading journalist to uncover the virulent racism and class corruption that led to his incarceration without a trial.

Winter Garden Book Club
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, February 28, 6 p.m.
The Winter Garden Book Club’s will discuss *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America* by Erik Larson. This historical non-fiction book takes a look at both the 1893 World’s Fair and a young doctor who built a hotel near the fair to lure and kill victims.

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club
South Creek Branch
miércoles, 6:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
martes, 5 de febrero, 6:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
jueves, 7 y 21 de febrero, 6:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
martes, 12 de febrero, 6:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
jueves, 14 y 28 de febrero, 6:30 p.m.
Eres amante de los buenos libros, la música y la poesía? Te gusta socializar con hispanos en tu comunidad? Acércate a la Biblioteca más cercana a tu domicilio y asiste a nuestras reuniones!

Meetup
You can now find Orange County Library System on Meetup.com where you can join three groups: Writers Corner, Adult Craft and Book Clubs.
Visit ocls.info/databases and click on American History Through Decades from the 1920s to the 2000s

Featured subjects:

- Critical Insights: Zora Neale Hurston | Alice Walker
- Great Lives from History: African-Americans
- Speeches: Civil Disobedience, Social Justice, Nationalism & Populism, Violent Demonstrations and Race Relations
Celebrate Black History Month
Southeast Branch
Saturday, February 2, 2–3:30 p.m.
Learn about the fascinating culture and heritage of Africa through stories and musical instruments. Create your own tribal mask.

Everyone Has Good Hair:
Ditching the Creamy Crack
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, February 2, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.
Join Naturalista Kayla Davis for the first of a two-part series on the history and benefits of maintaining natural Afro-textured hair. Break the chain of chemically processed hair and begin the journey to embracing your natural Afro-textured hair. Learn how to care for chemically damaged hair and the importance of implementing an effective hair-care routine when transitioning from relaxed to natural hair. Registration required.

Everyone Has Good Hair:
Curls for Days
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, February 16, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.
Join Naturalista Kayla Davis for the second part of a two-part series on the history and benefits of maintaining natural Afro-textured hair. Whether kinky or curly, you can fully embrace your hair in its natural state. Learn tips for maintaining curls and moisture with a healthy, all-natural hair care routine. Registration required.

MAMMA GRIO AND HER ROCKING STORY BAG!
South Trail Branch
Saturday, February 16, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, February 16, 2 p.m.
In this interactive family-friendly event, Dr. Naima Johnston Bush shares traditional folktales and songs that participants choose and sometimes create by selecting items from her Rocking Story Bag. Dr. Bush performs as a griot, a member of a class of traveling poets, historians, musicians and storytellers who maintain a tradition of oral history in parts of West Africa. Each item tucked away in Mamma’s bag represents a story or song from countries around the world. This event is an engaging, joyous celebration of music, the universal bonding that occurs through storytelling and the beauty of diversity.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN READ-IN
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, February 24, 2 p.m.
Celebrate African-American literature in poetry, story and song, performed by local luminaries in conjunction with the 29th Annual National African-American Read-In. Among the notable readers this year are Paralympic athlete April Holmes, Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings, Emmy Award-winning journalist and WESH 2 anchor Jazmin Bailey, Nerd Nite’s Ricardo Williams, and more. Find out more at ocls.info/readin.

Race: The Power of an Illusion
PBS Documentary Screening and Discussion
Edgewater Branch
Mondays, February 4, 11 & 25, 6 p.m.
How valid are your beliefs about the human species? Race: The Power of an Illusion is a three-part PBS documentary series that investigates and challenges the concept of race in society, science and history. Following each screening, join the discussion with Dr. Ada Crosby and Deacon Tommy Tate as they confront the myths associated with race. They will deconstruct the word “race,” which has created and continues to foster social inequalities.

Echoes of My Sisters’ Voices
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, February 12, 6 p.m.
Dr. Naima Johnston Bush explores 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. The stories include: Anna Kingsley’s From Slave to Plantation Mistress, Sojourner Truth’s Ain’t She a Woman? and Mariah of Carnton Plantation’s Caring for the Enemy Dead.

Music in the Library: Wassalou
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, February 23, 12:30 p.m.
Wassalou is an Afropop 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 costuming and dance straight out of Africa.

Early Motoring in Florida: Race and Mobility, 1903–1943
Eatonville Branch
Monday, February 25, 6 p.m.
This presentation examines the construction of race in the development of American car culture in the New South. Black automobility was a challenge to the colonialism of caste while dominant car culture sought to demean and exclude African-Americans.

For more Black History Month events for the whole family, see page 25.
Fall in Love with Programming

Fall in love with new and updated web design and programming classes. Create and style websites with HTML and CSS. Code and design mobile web apps while learning the basics of programming.

**Programming Fundamentals Levels 1–2**
- **Herndon Branch**
  - **Saturday, February 9**, 10:30 a.m.
  - **Alafaya Branch**
  - **Sunday, February 10**, 1:30 p.m.
  - **Orlando Public Library**
  - **Wednesday, February 13**, 10 a.m.
  - **West Oaks Branch**
  - **Wednesday, February 13**, 10:30 a.m.
  - **North Orange Branch**
  - **Monday, February 18**, 6 p.m.
  - **Edgewater Branch**
  - **Wednesday, February 20**, 1 p.m.

Start your programming adventure with the fundamentals. Create a mobile web app while learning key concepts, such as algorithms, conditions, functions and variables.

**Web Design: HTML Levels 1–4**
- **Southwest Branch**
  - **Tuesday, February 5**, 1 p.m.
  - **West Oaks Branch**
  - **Tuesday, February 5**, Noon
  - **Edgewater Branch**
  - **Wednesday, February 6**, 6:30 p.m.
  - **Hiawassee Branch**
  - **Wednesday, February 6**, 6:30 p.m.
  - **Herndon Branch**
  - **Saturday, February 9**, 2:15 p.m.
  - **Orlando Public Library**
  - **Monday, February 11**, 10 a.m.
  - **Winter Garden Branch**
  - **Tuesday, February 26**, 5:30 p.m.

Create dynamic and interactive websites with HTML. Learn web design processes, including page layout, tables and forms.

**Web Design: CSS Levels 1–2**
- **North Orange Branch**
  - **Monday, February 4**, 6 p.m.
  - **Edgewater Branch**
  - **Wednesday, February 6**, 1 p.m.
  - **Alafaya Branch**
  - **Saturday, February 9**, 1 p.m.
  - **Orlando Public Library**
  - **Wednesday, February 12**, 10 a.m.
  - **West Oaks Branch**
  - **Tuesday, February 12**, Noon
  - **Herndon Branch**
  - **Saturday, February 23**, 10:30 a.m.

Customize the look of your websites with CSS. Learn how to unify your design with external style sheets and add functionality with maps and transitions.

iHeart iPads

Whether you have a new iPad or are looking to fall in love with your older model all over again, our new iPad classes will turn you into a pro in no time.

**iPad and iPhone: Basics**
- **Southwest Branch**
  - **Wednesday, February 6**, 10:30 a.m.
  - **Edgewater Branch**
  - **Thursday, February 7**, 6:15 p.m.
  - **Winter Garden Branch**
  - **Tuesday, February 12**, 5 p.m.
  - **Alafaya Branch**
  - **Friday, February 14**, 6 p.m.
  - **West Oaks Branch**
  - **Tuesday, February 19**, 11 a.m.
  - **Orlando Public Library**
  - **Wednesday, February 20**, 10 a.m.

Get up and running with your new iPad or iPhone. Learn to navigate an iPad or iPhone using gestures, install and organize apps, modify general and privacy settings, and more.

**iPad and iPhone: Productivity**
- **Southwest Branch**
  - **Wednesday, February 6**, 11:45 a.m.
  - **Edgewater Branch**
  - **Thursday, February 7**, 7:30 p.m.
  - **Alafaya Branch**
  - **Thursday, February 14**, 7:30 p.m.
  - **West Oaks Branch**
  - **Tuesday, February 19**, 12:30 p.m.
  - **Orlando Public Library**
  - **Wednesday, February 20**, 11:15 a.m.

Get organized with your iPad or iPhone. Learn to create and edit events, reminders, lists and notes with the Calendar, Reminders and Notes apps.

**iPad and iPhone: Camera**
- **Winter Garden Branch**
  - **Tuesday, February 12**, 6:15 p.m.
  - **Southwest Branch**
  - **Wednesday, February 13**, 10:30 a.m.
  - **West Oaks Branch**
  - **Wednesday, February 20**, 11 a.m.
  - **Orlando Public Library**
  - **Wednesday, February 20**, 2 p.m.
  - **Alafaya Branch**
  - **Friday, February 22**, 1:30 p.m.

Never miss out on capturing a memory with your iPad or iPhone. Learn about the camera options and modes and how to use them to take amazing photos. Perform simple edits within the Camera app to clean up your images.
Fiber Arts Classes and Events
ocls.info/fiberarts

Baby It’s Cold Outside
When you’ve got to away, prepare for the cold with handmade clothes and accessories.

Let’s Knit Scarves – Beginner Level
Orlando Public Library
Saturdays, February 2–March 9, 1 p.m.
Build your knitting skills each month with a sampler scarf. Starting this month, knit a stylish scarf composed of six sections, each featuring a popular stitch pattern.

Let’s Knit Sweaters – Intermediate Level
Orlando Public Library
Tuesdays, February 5–March 12, 10 a.m.
Keep warm with your first knitted sweater. Knit your sweater step-by-step, from measuring gauge for correct sizing to executing professional finishing touches. Available in sizes newborn to 4XL, this pattern fits everyone on your knit list.

Sewing: Kwik Serge a Hooded Sweatshirt – Intermediate Level
Orlando Public Library
Monday–Thursday, February 11–14, 2 p.m.
Ready for your first serger project? We will teach you sewing techniques for finished seams using pro-finish sergers. Students are required to bring fabric.

Hooks and Books: Literary Crochet Series
Cuddle up with a good book! Discuss a classic book while creating a super-cute, friendly character from the story.

Hooks and Books: Elizabeth Bennet
Orlando Public Library
Fridays, February 8 & 22, 4 p.m.
It is a truth universally acknowledged that a good book must be in want of a cute, crocheted companion. This month discuss Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice while crocheting Elizabeth Bennet.

Hooks and Books: Sherlock Holmes
Orlando Public Library
Fridays, March 8 & 22, 4 p.m.
When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be a cute, crocheted detective. This month discuss Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes while crocheting your own sleuth.
The 2019 Melrose Creative Expo marks the fifth anniversary of the Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation and Creativity. Join us on Saturday, February 16 from 1–4 p.m. for an afternoon of family-friendly activities throughout the Melrose Center, including virtual reality and video green screen demonstrations, live audio recording sessions, short film screenings, theatre performances, photo studio portraits and vehicle simulator experiences. Visit with a host of exhibitors from the tech and creative communities, and help us celebrate the best audio, video, photo and digital design projects created during the past year at the Melrose Awards presentation.

Throughout its first five years, the Melrose Center has allowed the Orange County Library System to significantly expand its role as a provider of technology education, allowing customers 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.

The Melrose Center is also about collaboration and community. Staff hold monthly meetups pertaining to audio, video, photo, design, theatre and makerspace activities, while local groups also host meetups on topics ranging from robotics and podcasting to web development and game design. Events such as Technoween, the Melrose Film Festival, Melrose in the Mix: Live Recording Sessions, Open Mic: The Voice of Melrose, and Script Orlando, further define the Center as a venue for emerging and established performers as well as inspirational and informative speakers from across Central Florida.

The Melrose Creative Expo provides the perfect opportunity to explore all the amazing resources the Melrose Center has to offer. Come see for yourself, help us celebrate our first five years, and learn how you can be a part of the next five!

by Jim Myers
Melrose Center Department Head
Melrose Meetups:
Design – Digital Painting Color Blocking
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, February 9, 4 p.m.
Color blocking digital art can help an artist to render a better-quality digital painting. Discuss and learn how this very important step is applied and can expedite the digital painting process.

Melrose Meetups:
Audio – Start Making Money with Your Music
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Wednesday, February 13, 6 p.m.
Michael Redman, author of The Best Jobs In The Music Industry, shares his insights regarding music supervisors and music libraries.

Melrose Meetups:
Video – Fundamentals of Screenwriting
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Wednesday, February 20, 6 p.m.
If you are new to screenwriting or planning to write a script, this event is just for you! Learn the basics of script formatting, get some useful tips and see a demo of a free script writing software.

Melrose Meetups:
Design – Digital Painting Rendering
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, February 23, 4 p.m.
The rendering process can convey more realism into digital art by accurately painting highlights and shadows. Explore rendering techniques that can greatly impact the quality of your digital painting.

Melrose Meetups:
Maker – Makerspace Jewelry
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesday, February 26, 6 p.m.
Join us in the Fab Lab to create pieces of jewelry and art using a variety of tools and materials.

NEW! Motion Capture Fundamentals
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, February 23, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, February 26, 4 p.m.
Discover the world of motion capture animation. Using the Perception Neuron motion capture suit and Axis Neuron software, learn techniques to record, edit and export motion capture data.
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.

**ORISIRISI AFRICAN FOLKLORE**
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, February 13, 3 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 16, 11:30 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Monday, February 18, 2 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Monday, February 18, 6 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, February 23, 2 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, February 27, 3 p.m.
Share the beauty of African life and culture through a unique folkloric performance filled with drumming, dance and storytelling. Recommended for preschool, lower and upper elementary.

**Mad Science Live: Big Top Science**
Windermere Branch
Saturday, February 2, 11 a.m.
From a bed of nails to a pin in a balloon, this is one circus you won’t want to miss! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

**Central Florida Zoo Presents Animals in Action**
Orlando Public Library
Friday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Saturday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, February 23, 2 p.m.
Animals move in many ways. How many can you list? How many can you imitate? Discover all the right moves and get moving during this lively presentation! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

**Magic & Mayhem Presents 8**
Southeast Branch
Saturday, February 9, 3 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Monday, February 18, 10:30 a.m.
Eight notes on a music staff, eight colors in a standard crayon box and only eight actual magic effects, but when you combine them, they offer an infinite number of opportunities for creativity! Presented by Magic & Mayhem Productions. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

**Math-U, the Counting Cowboy**
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.
Yeehaw! Round up your littles and head to the library for music, rope spinning and a whole lot of counting! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

**Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day**
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 26, 5 p.m.
Perform an adaptation of Judith Viorst’s *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* with Dramatic Education! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.
Check out five items with your juvenile library card at any Orange County Library System location during February and receive a free general admission student ticket to the Central Florida Fair running from February 28–March 17, 2019. Ask your librarian for details.

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.
BABY

Mother Goose on the Loose
Southwest Branch
Mondays, February 4–25, 5 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Wednesdays, February 6–27, 1 p.m.
Using rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more, we will be interacting together to help develop important pre-literacy skills in our littlest ones!

Mama Gansa
Southwest Branch
Mondays, February 4–25, 5:15 p.m.
A Spanish immersion Mother Goose on the Loose with interactive songs, rhymes and activities to grow your baby’s early literacy and Spanish skills!

Creepy Crawlies in Your Backyard
Alafaya Branch
Monday, February 4, 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy hands-on activities and stories from the world of bugs. Recommended for babies and toddlers.

Sing-A-Long with Friends
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, February 5–26, 10:15 a.m.
Join us for a brief sing-a-long to familiar songs for you and your baby or toddler.

Baby Bash
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 23, 10:30 a.m.
Bring your little one to sing, play and work on motor-development skills.

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Storytime Crafts
Winter Garden Branch
Fridays, February 1–22, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesdays, February 5–26, 10:35 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesdays, February 6–27, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursdays, February 7–28, 10:30 a.m.
Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Busy Builders
Herndon Branch
Saturdays, February 2 & 16, 11 a.m.
Participate in fun independent play and building activities! Recommended for toddlers, preschoolers and lower elementary.

Muppet Make Believe!
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 2, 11:30 a.m.
Use your imagination and join us for books, games and crafts all about your favorite Muppet Babies! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Artsy Toddler
Southwest Branch
Monday, February 4, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, February 21, 11 a.m.
Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create! Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences. Registration recommended.

I Love You to the Moon and Back
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, February 4, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, February 12, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 13, 10 a.m.
Celebrate love, family and friendship as we share a story and interact with Valentine’s Day activities and crafts.

Pajama Party
Alafaya Branch
Monday, February 4, 6 p.m.
Put on your PJs and join us for a nighttime storytime! Enjoy stories and songs for the whole family.

Bubble Playtime
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, February 6, 10:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Thursdays, February 7–28, 10:30 a.m.
Hiwassee Branch
Friday, February 8, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, February 18, 10:30 a.m.
Help your child with their motor-development skills in this interactive bubble class. Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

On the Farm with The Little Red Hen
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 6, 10 a.m.
Explore the farm with stories, interactive stations and a craft. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

BABY’S FIRST VALENTINE’S DAY!
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate Valentine’s Day with themed sensory play, where they will explore, stimulate their senses and develop motor skills.
Party in Your PJs
Edgewater Branch
Wednesdays, February 6–27, 6:30 p.m.
Get ready for fun with a pajama party full of stories, games and crafts. Don’t forget to wear your PJs! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Count on Me
North Orange Branch
Thursday, February 7, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, February 13, 11 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Friday, February 15, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, February 18, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, February 19, 10:30 a.m.
How much do I love you? Let’s count the ways! Use simple math counting exercises to show what’s in your heart. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Love Bugs
Edgewater Branch
Friday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, February 11, 10:30 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, February 12, 10:15 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Thursday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, February 14, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, February 14, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Thursday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.
Love is buzzing all around us! Flutter down to the library to celebrate the feeling and participate in bug-themed fun.

Toddler G.A.M.E.S.
South Creek Branch
Fridays, February 8 & 22, 2 p.m.
Growing, Active, Musical, Educational, Silly – join us for a super fun interactive event for your little ones. This drop-in event will feature age appropriate toys for children and their caregivers to use for play.

OPMI – Music First Class
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 9, 2:30 p.m.
This class combines sensory stimulation, body awareness, rhythmic coordination and movement through finger plays, circle songs, word and site imitation, repetition, through the use of simple songs, rhymes and rhythm instruments.
Much of this class focuses on the introduction to various musical styles and instruments – broadening their conceptual understanding of sound, language, beat, melody (pitch), as well as sharing. Presented by Orlando Premier Music Instruction (OPMI). Registration required.

Tall as a Giraffe
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Thursday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, February 15, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, February 19, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 20, 10 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, February 20, 10:30 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Friday, February 22, 10:30 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, February 22, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 26, 11 a.m.
Have fun comparing and grouping with basic math concepts like short, tall, big and small.

Play with Me
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, February 11, 11 a.m.
Little ones are invited to bring their favorite person to this special event. Read, sing, craft and come dressed for a mess with your extraordinary caregivers.

stories & Stretches
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.
Calling all yogis and wigglesworms! Join us for a special movement storytime focusing on motor development that is filled with stories, songs and fun! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Come Fly with Me
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, February 15, 11 a.m.
Explore birds and their origins with stories and crafts. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Super Storytime!
North Orange Branch
Thursday, February 21, 11 a.m.
Hero dress up is welcomed as we listen to a superhero sized storytime with mighty stories and activities. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Bubble, Bubble Pop!
North Orange Branch
Friday, February 22, 11 a.m.
Blow, pop and explore with bubbles! Your toddler will have a blast hearing stories and creating their very own sudsy fun. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

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North Orange Branch
Friday, February 22, 11 a.m.
Blow, pop and explore with bubbles! Your toddler will have a blast hearing stories and creating their very own sudsy fun. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.
Mama Goose for Little Geese
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, February 25, 11 a.m.
Enjoy nursery rhyme themed learning, fun and activities with your little goose.

Traffic JAM!
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 27, 10 a.m.
It’s time for a tough truck party with a celebration of things that go, go, go! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

C is for Cookie Monster
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, February 27, 11 a.m.
Come and celebrate our favorite blue monster! Join us for stories, crafts and so much fun! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

K Ready!
Southwest Branch
Fridays, February 1–22, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Tuesdays, February 5–26, 10:30 a.m.
This eight-part series readies preschool children to excel in kindergarten through creative play, cooperative learning and activities that stimulate the imagination! This series introduces important concepts and 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 ocls.info/kready for more information.

Cuentame un Cuento: Tell Me a Story
Bilingual Stories and Fun
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, February 8, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, February 26, 10:30 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.

Stories & Science
Edgewater Branch
Tuesdays, February 5, 19 & 26, 10:30 a.m.
Calling all little scientists! Join us for a fantastic time filled with stories, songs and science experiments.

Color Your World!
Southeast Branch
Wednesdays, February 6–27, 10 a.m.
Create art with crayons at this weekly event!

Button Up
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, February 7, 11 a.m.
Brrr … it’s cold outside! Be sure to button up before coming to the library. Join us for stories, crafts and activities all about buttons.

Force, Motion & You!
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, February 8, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, February 26, 10:30 a.m.
Bring your little one for some learning and fun as we explore the science behind force and motion through hands-on activities and more!

Fancy Nancy Tea Party
Orlando Public Library
Friday, February 8, 11 a.m.
It’s time to get Fancy with our favorite girl, Nancy! Wear your fanciest clothes and join us for stories, activities and crafts that will be magnifique (that’s French for wonderful). Don’t forget to accessorize.

YEAR OF THE PIG
Edgewater Branch
Friday, February 1, 10:30 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, February 1, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, February 5, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Tuesday, February 5, 4 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, February 6, 11 a.m.
Ring in the Chinese New Year at the library! Enjoy stories, crafts and activities to kick off the Year of the Pig.
LITTLE CHEF: AVOCADO SMASH & CHIPS!

Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch
Saturday, February 16, 11 a.m.

Southeast Branch
Saturday, February 16, 3 p.m.

Orlando Public Library
Friday, February 22, 11 a.m.

Chop, scoop and smash! Learn how to make guacamole with fresh ingredients and enjoy it with a side of chips. This is a “mommy or daddy and me” event. Adult participation is required. Registration is required. Food will be served at this event, please see staff about specific needs concerning food allergies.

Community Helper Storytime
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.

Many people in our community work together to help keep it clean, beautiful and safe. Bring your family to storytime and meet local community helpers. Registration recommended.

Morning Walk!
Southeast Branch
Tuesday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.

Too busy for exercising long hours? Join us for a quick indoor morning walk at the library! You will be energized the rest of the day just by walking! All ages.

My Purrfect Valentine
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 12, 11 a.m.

Do you love Valentine’s Day? Do you love cats? Join us for stories, games and crafts all about love and kittens but remember, actual cats are not permitted in the library.

PBS Kids Time!
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, 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’re learning about STEM with The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That! Created in partnership with WUCF, Central Florida’s PBS Station.

Join our professional storytellers for storytime designed to help your child develop early literacy skills through picture books, songs, finger plays, movement activities and more.

TINY TALES (ages birth–18 months)
Orlando Public Library: Mondays & Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 11:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
Alafaya Branch: Thursdays, 10:15, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 11:45 a.m.
Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 11:15 a.m.

TODDLER TIME (ages 18 months–3 years)
Orlando Public Library: Mondays & Saturdays, 10 a.m.
South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:45 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Alafaya Branch: Fridays, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.

STORYBOOK FUN (ages 3–5 years)
Orlando Public Library: Mondays & Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:45 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Alafaya Branch: Fridays, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.

SMARTY PANTS (ages birth–5 years)
Edgewater Branch: Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
Washington Park Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Eatonville Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
South Trail Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Food will be served at this event, please see staff about specific needs concerning food allergies.
SMART Start
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, February 18, 11 a.m.
Join us for hands-on early learning adventures observing science, math and art in a sensory-rich environment. Dress for a mess. Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

F is for Florida
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 19, 11 a.m.
Celebrate the ABCs and 1-2-3s with crafts, stories and Florida fun! Recommended for preschoolers.

Little Chef: Mickey Waffles
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, February 20, 10:30 a.m.
Have a magical breakfast with a classic Mickey Waffle! Slice, spread and sprinkle delicious toppings for a magical treat. This is a “Mommy or Daddy and Me” event. Registration required.

Little Chef: Teddy Bear Toast
Herndon Branch
Thursday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.
Kids will learn how to make teddy bear toast for a healthy breakfast or snack! This is a “Mommy or daddy and me” event. Registration required.

Chinese Tales
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, February 22, 11 a.m.
Enjoy animal fables, crafts and activities at this library celebration of Chinese tales.

Little Princess Spa
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 23, 11:30 a.m.
Calling all princesses and knights! Join us for fun magical transformations at the enchanted spa. Recommended for preschoolers and lower elementary.

Rescue Patrol
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, February 24, 3 p.m.
All paws on deck! No job is too big; no kid is too small. We are off on a mission to learn, laugh and play with stories and activities inspired by Nick Jr’s TV Series, Paw Patrol.

Cardboard World!
Alafaya Branch
Monday, February 25, 10:30 a.m.
Play in our cardboard city! Crawl through tunnels, interact with sensory boards, zoom in cardboard cars, and climb into our cardboard houses. Registration recommended.

Fairytale Adventures
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, February 26, 11 a.m.
Explore the magical and imaginary world of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood through bilingual stories, songs and activities!

How I Feel
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, February 28, 11 a.m.
How do you feel? Put a smile on your face and come to the library and enjoy great stories, games and crafts all about feelings.

D IS FOR DINOSAUR
Herndon Branch
Thursday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.
Dino time is near; let’s give a roaring cheer! We are off on a dinosaur adventure using stories and activities while experiencing a good time together!
The CREATE Space
Orlando Public Library
Fridays, February 1 & 15, 3 p.m.
What will you create today? Explore, experiment or be entertained. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

Bee My Valentine
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 2, 2:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, February 8, 3:30 p.m.
The buzz is all about Valentine’s Day. Join us for fun Valentine’s stories, crafts and fun!

History Happenings: Ancient China
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, February 2, 3:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, February 6, 4:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, February 7, 3:30 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, February 13, 4 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, February 21, 4:30 p.m.
Travel with us to the Forbidden City to discover the ancient world of the Ming Dynasty. Through crafts, activities and games, you will learn more about the fascinating history and culture of Ancient China. Recommended for upper elementary.

LEGO Block Party
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 2, 10:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.
Is there anything you can’t build with LEGO? Let’s find out! Join us for lots of building fun. We provide the LEGO, you provide the creativity. LEGO will be provided but cannot go home with you.

Weather Watchers
Edgewater Branch
Monday, February 4, 4 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, February 7, 3:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 19, 5 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, February 27, 3 p.m.
Can it really rain frogs? Tune into the library’s weather forecast as we learn about the world’s wacky weather events through stories, activities and crafts.

Southwest Homeschool Club
Southwest Branch
Monday, February 4, 1 p.m.
Join us for math, science, history, art and literature-based learning to support your homeschool curriculum. Recommended for upper elementary.

Black History Science Smart
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 5, 5 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, February 6, 3 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Monday, February 11, 3:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Monday, February 11, 4 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, February 20, 4:30 p.m.
Celebrate Black History Month with a look at scientists and inventors who’ve made us change the way we look at the world. Enjoy facts, trivia and challenges.

Making Music
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m.
Let’s make music! Create an instrument of your own and play along as we sing some songs.

ArtStyle
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, February 6, 3 p.m.
Create art in the style of famous artists! A different artist will be featured each month.

Slithering Snakes
Washington Park Branch
Monday, February 4, 4:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, February 13, 4:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, February 20, 2:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, February 23, 3:30 p.m.
Sssssstep right up to learn all about our interesting friend, the snake.

Game Day
Edgewater Branch
Tuesdays, February 5–26, 4 p.m.
Play everything from Xbox and Chess to Pokémon and more at our Cool to Do After School series!

Honest Abe and Other Famous Dudes
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, February 6, 3:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Monday, February 18, 1:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Monday, February 18, 4:30 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.

Crafternoons
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesdays, February 13 & 27, 3:30 p.m.
An hour of crafting fun with friends. Registration recommended.

Children’s events continued on the next page
Handy Crafts
Edgewater Branch
Wednesdays, February 6, 20 & 27, 4 p.m.
Explore topics from emerging trends in fiber arts at our Cool to Do After School series!

STEAM Club
Southeast Branch
Wednesday, February 6, 4 p.m.
An afternoon of scientific fun that will put our STEAM skills to the test.

Afternoon Art
Edgewater Branch
Thursdays, February 7, 21 & 28, 4 p.m.
Learn about a different artist and artistic style each month, then create your own masterpiece.

Kingdom of Board-om
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.
Come one, come all to the Kingdom of Board-om as we explore both classic board games and the cutting edge of current gaming! All ages.

Yarn Doodles
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, February 9, 3:30 p.m.
Design a unique work of art using yarn as your medium. Recommended for upper elementary.

Super Science
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 9, 2 p.m.
Each month we conduct awesome new experiments, learning all about chemistry, physics, earth science and more. Registration required. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

Southwest Homeschool Club, Jr.
Southwest Branch
Monday, February 11, 1 p.m.
Hands-on learning to support your homeschool curriculum in the areas of science, math, history, art and literature. Seating is limited. Registration required. Recommended for lower elementary.

Drop In Chess & Games
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 13, 2 p.m.
Drop in for a game of chess or games at the library! Chess sets and other board games are available for play and rule sheets are provided. All ages.

Fiber Arts Experience
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, February 13, 3 p.m.
Become part of the fiber arts trend! From visual to wearable art, a different experience awaits you each month.

Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Discussion Group
Orlando Public Library
Thursdays, February 7 & 21, 3:15 p.m.
Join the Mayor Buddy’s Book Club! Meet and chat with other book club members, share experiences and have fun. See what we are reading and sign up for the club at mayor.ocls.info. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

A World of Color
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, February 13, 4:30 p.m.
Create abstract art using vivid colors inspired by the work of Disney artist, Mary Blair.

Cookies & Milk with a Cop
North Orange Branch
Saturday, February 16, 11 a.m.
Meet our local police officers for cookies and milk! This will be a great time to interact with officers in a fun and informative environment. Sponsored in part by the Apopka Police Department and Oerther McDonald’s.

PINCH POTS
Southwest Branch
Friday, February 8, 3:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 9, 2:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, February 13, 4 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, February 14, 4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, February 16, 4 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Monday, February 18, 11 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Saturday, February 23, 2:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 23, 2:30 p.m.
A pinch of creativity goes a long way! Participants will learn a new art technique as they create a clay pot to paint and keep. Supplies limited. Registration recommended. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.
**ALMA THOMAS ART**
Alafaya Branch  
Wednesday, February 13, 4:30 p.m.  
Eatonville Branch  
Thursday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.  
Edgewater Branch  
Thursday, February 14, 4 p.m.  
Winter Garden Branch  
Saturday, February 16, 2:30 p.m.  
Washington Park Branch  
Monday, February 18, 4:30 p.m.  
Chickasaw Branch  
Wednesday, February 20, 3 p.m.  
Herndon Branch  
Wednesday, February 20, 3:30 p.m.  
South Creek Branch  
Thursday, February 21, 4 p.m.  
West Oaks Branch  
Saturday, February 23, 2 p.m.  
Orlando Public Library  
Tuesday, February 26, 3:15 p.m.  
Hiawassee Branch  
Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 p.m.  
Windermere Branch  
Wednesday, February 27, 3:30 p.m.  

Celebrate Black History Month by honoring artist Alma Thomas and creating your own colorful abstract work of art.

**Doodle Bugs**  
South Creek Branch  
Saturday, February 16, 2:30 p.m.  
In this monthly series, kids can unleash their creative side and design art based on fun and unique themes. Recommended for upper elementary.

**Science and Robotics**  
Edgewater Branch  
Mondays, February 18 & 25, 4 p.m.  
Explore science-related topics including science fair experiments, math concepts, engineering, plant biology and food science in our Cool to Do After School series.

**Tinker Time**  
Southwest Branch  
Wednesday, February 20, 3 p.m.  
Explore the world of tinkering and learn new things you never knew you never knew! Registration required.

**Family Maker**  
Alafaya Branch  
Saturday, February 23, 2 p.m.  
Maker spaces foster learning through hands-on tinkering. Discover the maker in you as we complete challenges, STEAM projects and experiments. Registration required. Recommended for the whole family.

**Marvelous Marvel Party**  
South Creek Branch  
Saturday, February 23, 2:30 p.m.  
Marvel comics and movie characters are the inspiration for this event filled with fun trivia, exciting crafts and all kinds of surprises. Excelsior! Recommended for upper elementary.

**STEM Club**  
Herndon Branch  
Monday, February 25, 6 p.m.  
Have fun with science experiments and build technology with KNex, Snap Circuits, littleBits and so much more!

**Homeschool Field Trip**  
Alafaya Branch  
Tuesday, February 26, 2 p.m.  
All homeschoolers are invited for a learning adventure! Registration required. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

**Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Celebration**  
Orlando Public Library  
Wednesday, February 27, 4 p.m.  
Celebrate the completion of our latest Mayor Buddy’s Book Club book selection. Win prizes and be there for the announcement of our next book club title. For more information and to sign up online, visit mayor.ocls.info. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

**Family Craft Night**  
Alafaya Branch  
Wednesday, February 27, 6 p.m.  
Let’s craft as a family! This month we’ll sew felties. Registration required. Please register each family member. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

**Family Art Night: Doodle Art**  
Chickasaw Branch  
Thursday, February 28, 6 p.m.  
Doodle your way to becoming an artist. Discover how to use simple repetitive patterns to create brilliant works of art. Recommended for families.

**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 featuring certified therapy dogs. Meet these pups at multiple locations. Visit ocls.info/paws for dates, times and locations.
The XYZ Files
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, February 2, 2 p.m.
Take a step back into history – we need your detective skills! We’ve acquired eyewitness accounts to use as evidence and need your help to uncover the unknown of The XYZ Files.

Afterschool Adventures with Hero Spark
Orlando Public Library
Mondays–Thursdays, February 4–28, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Mondays–Thursdays, February 4–28, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
Gaming and homework help collide at the library. Complete your homework with the help of a tutor and then join your peers for an awesome adventure playing Dungeons & Dragons. Sharpen your pencils and swords, because you’ve never had homework and writing help like this before! Please note Afterschool Adventures will not meet Monday, February 18.

Time Out for Teens
Southwest Branch
Tuesdays, February 5–26, 5 p.m.
Get together with other teens to talk about school and other issues while participating in fun activities to help you relax, de-stress, learn new life skills and become a better you! Recommended for teens.

Teen Art Adventures: Watercolor Rose
North Orange Branch
Thursday, February 7, 4:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, February 16, 2 p.m.
Create a beautiful watercolor rose using glue and basic art supplies.

Love or Something Like It
North Orange Branch
Sunday, February 10, 2 p.m.
Express your love or something like it this Valentine’s Day. Create personalized messages and decorate cards to give to family and friends.

Ancient Swipe Right
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.
These days some relationships are over before your next Snap Story. Celebrate love with trivia, activities and more.

Test Your Taste Buds: Oreo Edition
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, February 21, 3:15 p.m.
Do you have what it takes to identify each mysterious flavor of Oreo placed before you? Grab your glass of milk and get dunking! Registration recommended.

Trivia U.S.A.
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, February 21, 3:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, February 23, 2 p.m.
How much do you know about the good old U.S.A.? Fulfill your civic duty by playing games and enjoying facts about America’s past and present!

SEW IN LOVE
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, February 5, 3:15 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, February 9, 2 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Monday, February 11, 4:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, February 12, 4:30 p.m.
Love is in the air and what better way to show it than with a handmade gift? Share the love by making a simple and quick cross-stitched project for that special someone! Registration recommended.

Sewing & Stitching
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, February 5, 3:15 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, February 9, 2 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Monday, February 11, 4:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, February 12, 4:30 p.m.
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Teen Library Corps
**All Locations**
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](http://ocls.info/TLC).

Gaming at the Library!
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/GamingEvents](http://ocls.info/GamingEvents) for dates, times and locations.

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL
**Eatonville Branch**
*Wednesday, February 6, 2:30 p.m.*
**Winter Garden Branch**
*Wednesday, February 20, 3:30 p.m.*
**South Trail Branch**
*Tuesday, February 26, 4:30 p.m.*
**Washington Park Branch**
*Wednesday, February 27, 4:30 p.m.*
**Southeast Branch**
*Wednesday, February 27, 5 p.m.*
**North Orange Branch**
*Thursday, February 28, 4:30 p.m.*

*Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!*
Parade on down to the library with your krewe to celebrate Mardi Gras.

Youth Art Show
**Orlando Public Library**
**Thursday, February 21, 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.
LOCATIONS

Orlando Public Library
101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Hours: Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.–6 p.m.

Alafaya Branch
12000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32826
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.–6 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Eatonville Branch
200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Edgewater Branch
5049 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32810
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Herndon Branch
4324 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32803
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch
7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32818
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

North Orange Branch
1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.–6 p.m.

South Creek Branch
1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.–6 p.m.

South Trail Branch
4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr., Orlando, FL 32839
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Southeast Branch
5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Southwest Branch
7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL 32819
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Washington Park Branch
5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

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

Windermere Branch
530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
900 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday Hours:

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