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Orlando Public Library hosts 'Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human?'

The Orlando Public Library has been chosen as one of 19 U.S. public libraries to host *Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human?*, a traveling exhibition developed by the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) and the American Library Association (ALA).

Based on the Smithsonian's *What Does It Mean to Be Human?* permanent exhibition hall at the NMNH, *Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human?* seeks to shed light on what we know about human origins and how we know it.

The Orlando Public Library will host the 1,200-square-foot exhibition for four weeks from May 9 - June 5. The exhibition will be accompanied by a series of free library programs including presentations by Smithsonian scientists.

Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human? was organized by the NMNH in collaboration with the ALA Public Programs Office. This project was made possible through the support of a grant from the John Templeton Foundation and support from the Peter Buck Human Origins Fund.

Through panels, interactive kiosks, hands-on displays and videos, the exhibition invites audiences to explore milestones in the evolutionary journey of becoming human — from walking upright, creating technology and eating new foods, to brain enlargement and the development of symbolic language and complex societies — advancements that define the unique position of humans in the history of life.

The Orlando Public Library is located at 101 E. Central Blvd. The exhibition is free and open to the public. For information on the exhibit, related events and library hours, visit ocls.info or call 407-835-7323.

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