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Art & Displays

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage through Art

Orange County Library System Locations*

Through October

In celebration of *Hispanic Heritage Month*, the Orange County Library System and the Casa de Dominicana de Cultura present a system-wide exhibition featuring artwork from artists representing different Hispanic countries. Bring your family and experience the creative richness and diversity of various Hispanic cultures through art. *Call 407.835.7481 for locations.

Joy's Horizon, Bridging Communities - Recycled Plastic Bottle Exhibit

Orlando Public Library

Through October

The art of Dale Wayne—created using colorful recycled plastic bottles—is on display in the stairwells of the downtown library. This sustainable art exhibit transforms discarded plastic trash into a celebration of color and form. From grade school students who delight in polka dots to artists who perfectly execute fringe and petals, individuals of all ages and capabilities took scissors to discarded bottles and experienced the wonder of possibility. For more information about Dale Wayne and her work, visit dalewayne.com.

Chinese Brush Painting and Calligraphy Workshop

South Creek Branch Saturday, October 3, 1 – 4 p.m.

This is an introductory workshop to Chinese painting. Explore the use of ink stone, ink sticks, brush and paper also known as "The Four Treasures." Materials are provided or you may bring your own brush, ink or rice paper. For ages 18 and older. Registration required. Call 407.835.7323 to register. Suggested donation of \$15 for supplies and materials. Payments (cash or checks) should be made to Women in the Arts, Inc. This is a Community School of the Arts event sponsored by Women in the Arts, Inc.

Meet the Artist: JJ Dennis

Southwest Branch Tuesday, October 13, 7 p.m.

Meet local artist JJ Dennis as she discusses her exhibit "A Hat Full of Sky." It features her collection of photographs and mixed media pieces. Her artwork will be on display through December. Light refreshments will be served.

Art 101: Mexican Folk Art

Orlando Public Library, Palm Room Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about Mexican Folk Art and create your own Day of the Dead-inspired artwork. Mexican Folk Art is traditionally created by those with no formal artistic training. Space is limited. Registration required. Register online at ocls.info or please call 407.835.7323. This event is intended for those ages 15 and older.

Call to Artists

Women in the Arts, Inc. and the Orange County Library System invite professional female artists to submit their work to be exhibited during *Women's History Month*. Five finalists will be chosen from the entries submitted. Selected art will be featured in the upcoming 5th Annual *Celebrating the Genius of Women* exhibition at the Orlando Public Library in March and April 2016. Finalists will be eligible for \$1500 in cash prizes.

Apply online at **womeninthearts.org**. The deadline for submissions is Saturday, January 23. For more information, please call 407.835.7481.

This event is sponsored by Women in the Arts, corporate and private donors, Studio T Photography and Baterbys Art Gallery.

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