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Sunday: 1:30–4:30 p.m.
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LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Next Board Of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, March 10, 6 p.m.

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Next Friends Of The Library Board Of Directors Meeting:

Virtual
Wednesday, March 16, Noon



FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR

Last year, a member of our Youth Services staff was reaching out to local businesses to ask them if they'd be interested in supporting the library's Summer Reading Program. We always receive a warm response from our local business community, but one business owner in particular responded to our request with enthusiasm.

When Brian Tillman, owner of Window World of Central Florida, heard what the library had in store for kids for summer 2021, he pledged \$50,000 to support it. The donation helped the library provide incentives to read, learn and participate in virtual events and programs all summer long. That gift helped encourage kids to read more than 1.8 million minutes over the summer, exceeding our community goal of 1 million reading minutes, and check out more than 170,000 books.

"I love kids, I love Orlando, I love Orange County Library System," Tillman said when asked what inspired him to make such a generous donation. "I participated in summer programs when I was a kid, and I spent more hours than I can count at the library. I love that Window World can help kids have a special summer and get them interested in worthwhile things."

This year, when we were reaching out to local businesses to support our 2022 Summer Reading Program, Tillman was just as enthusiastic. He once again pledged \$50,000 to make the Summer Reading Program a success.

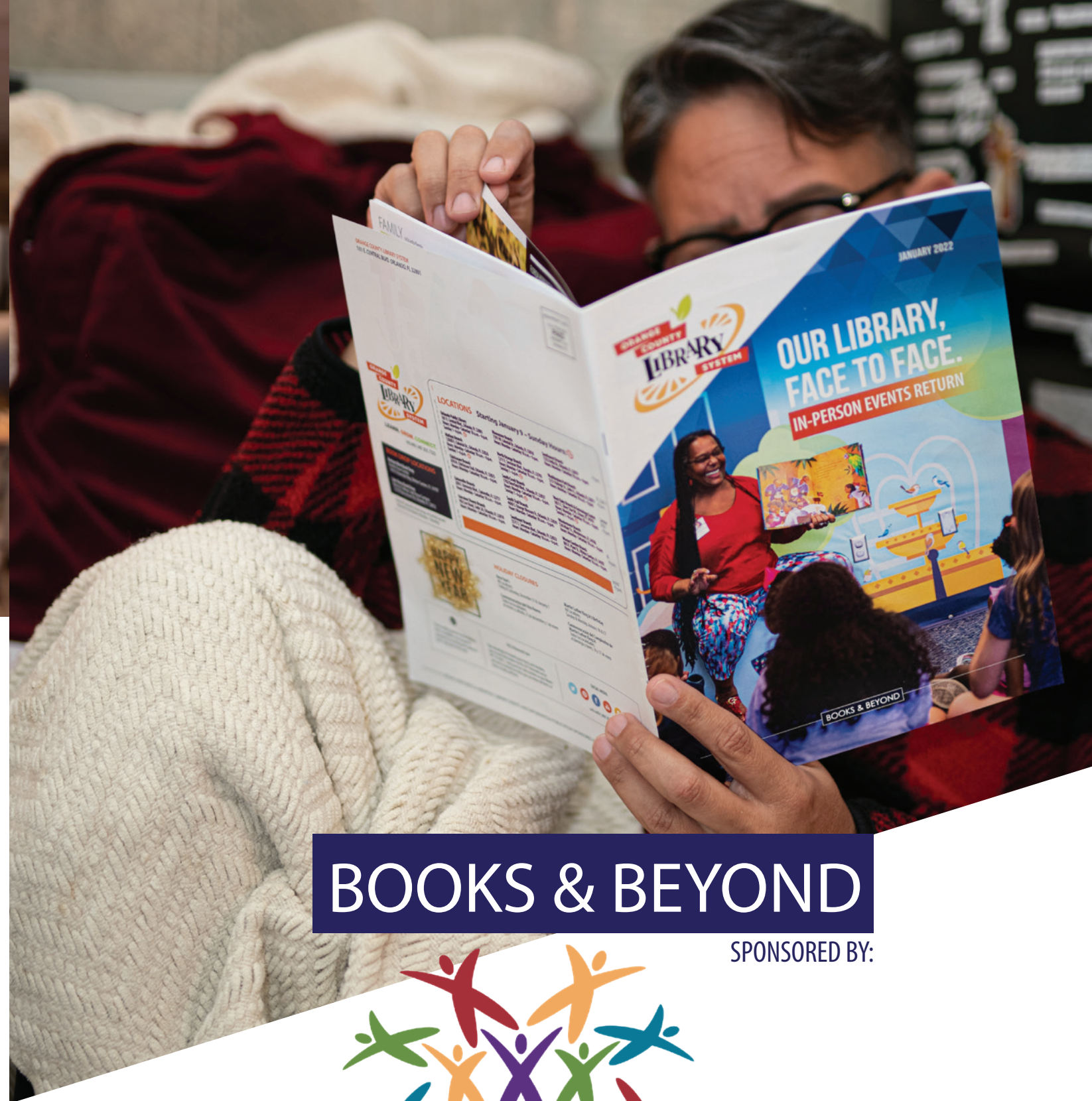
"I want to make it as easy as possible for kids to connect with the library," Tillman told us, and we are so grateful for his support. When people come to the library, we often hear them express surprise at the quality of what we have to offer. They can't believe the things they can do at the library at no cost, and they love how invested we are in making sure they have a great experience when they visit a location, attend an event or participate in a reading challenge. Well, I'm here to say that we couldn't do it if we didn't have the right ingredients:

First, you need staff that go above and beyond for our customers every day. Second, you have to add customers willing to return to your events again and again. Finally, you need community partners like Window World who make sure we have the resources to go the extra inch for our community.

Steve Powell
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IN-PERSON

**SUSTAINABILITY AT HOME –
CREATING AN ECO-HOME**

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, March 2, 12:15 p.m.
Local horticulturalist Caroline Chomanics
shares the basics of creating the
ultimate eco-home related to reducing
energy costs, improving water conservation,
creating closed-loop systems and more.

IN-PERSON

**COMPOSTING 101 WITH
O-TOWN COMPOST**

Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 26, 11 a.m.
Charlie from O-Town Compost goes through the
basics of starting your home compost pile. Learn
which kinds of foods and additives can get you
started off with the right method for your space.

IN-PERSON

West Oaks Plant Swap

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 5, 10 a.m.–Noon
Meet other nature enthusiasts to celebrate spring at this
plant exchange. Bring your own plants and cuttings to
share with others and you might walk away with a new
favorite for your own garden.

The Garden Tourist's Florida

Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 5, 11 a.m.
Discover 15 amazing public gardens in Florida, including
the most well-known, as well as some hidden gems.
Author Jana Milbocker will provide a history of each
garden and discuss their highlights.

West Oaks Wildflower Club

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 5, 11:30 a.m.
Meet up with other nature lovers to celebrate wildflowers.
Each month, we'll spotlight a different plant and host
discussions and crafts that promote native Florida plants.
Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Tea & Conversation

South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 5, 2:30 p.m.
This monthly social is designed to bring adults together.
Share your stories and have a cup of tea in this celebration
of everyday life.

Snack & Learn – Good Food for Your Gut

Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, March 8, 11:30 a.m.
Explore foods that help your digestive system run
smoothly and foods you should avoid. This event is part
of the ongoing Snack & Learn series presented by Casman
Mosby, CarePlus Health Plans.

Ageless Grace: Body and Brain Fitness

Southwest Branch
Saturdays, March 12 & 26, 10:30–11:45 a.m.
Experience simple, playful exercise based on the science
of neuroplasticity! Learn tools that work your brain
and body. Led by certified Ageless Grace educators.
Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Altered Books Workshop

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 12, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Junk journal, scrapbook, diary? Bring your imagination
and discover all the possibilities of altered books at this
monthly workshop. Recommended for ages 13 and up.

Introduction to Calligraphy

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m.
Explore the basics of the beautiful art form, calligraphy.
Students will be introduced to a variety of pens and
materials used to create different lettering styles.
Registration required.

Mexican Danza

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, March 20, 2 p.m.
Experience a live, Mexican folkloric dance performance.
Enjoy colorful costumes and traditional Mexican music.

VIRTUAL

Money Talks for Women

Tuesdays, March 1–22, 6–7:30 p.m.
Join the conversation! Learn about library services such as
Morningstar Investment Research Center in this nine-week
series on investing for the long run.

Southwest Film Club

Tuesday, March 1, 7–8:30 p.m.
This month we will be focusing on a film that has comedic
elements.

Semamori Paper Stitched Patterns

Friday, March 4, 10:30–11:45 a.m.
Semamori are traditional, Japanese, auspicious patterns. Learn
about the meaning and history of the featured semamori
pattern and then pierce and stitch the pattern on paper.

Yoga

Monday, March 7, 9 a.m.
Get moving with this energizing and relaxing yoga sequence
for all-levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and
relaxation that your body can provide you. Registration
required.

Meet the Artist: JJ Dennis

Tuesday, March 8, 4 p.m.
Meet local artist JJ Dennis as she discusses her photography
exhibit, *There and Back Again: A Road Trip from Florida to Maine*. JJ
specializes in digital photography/manipulation.

A Good Night's Sleep

Wednesday, March 9, 11 a.m.
Join Jessica Daly, faculty librarian and assistant professor with
AdventHealth University, as she discusses how important sleep
is to your health, both physically and mentally. Registration
required.

Acrylic Painting

Friday, March 11, 11 a.m.
Create a beautiful work of art through guided instruction using
acrylic paint. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Let's Talk: Podcast Discussions

Tuesday, March 15, 7–8:30 p.m.
Just like book club, but for podcasts. Join a community of
podcast listeners as we explore a human interest topic by way
of three to five podcast episode selections. Recommended for
ages 18 and up.

Tech Talks – 3D Printing Beyond the Plastic

Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.
Tech Talks are an ongoing conversation where we talk to
luminaries in the tech world and beyond. This session we talk
to Casey Perkowski, mechanical engineer and project manager
with Sciperio Inc.

Beginner's Chinese Calligraphy

Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m.
Join artist Jojo Liu as she teaches the art of traditional Chinese
calligraphy which includes how to hold a brush, write basic
strokes and write standing. Registration required.

The Story of the Blues:

Finding Your Voice – Through A Historic Genre

Friday, March 25, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
The blues is a unique style of music with a rich history.
This workshop features the history of the blues and will teach
participants how to write their own blues style song.

Chair Yoga

Monday, March 28, 11 a.m.
Get moving with this energizing and relaxing chair yoga
sequence for all-levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility
and relaxation that your body can provide you. Requires use of
a chair.



CUISINE CORNER

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VIRTUAL

Beet and Bok Choy Salad

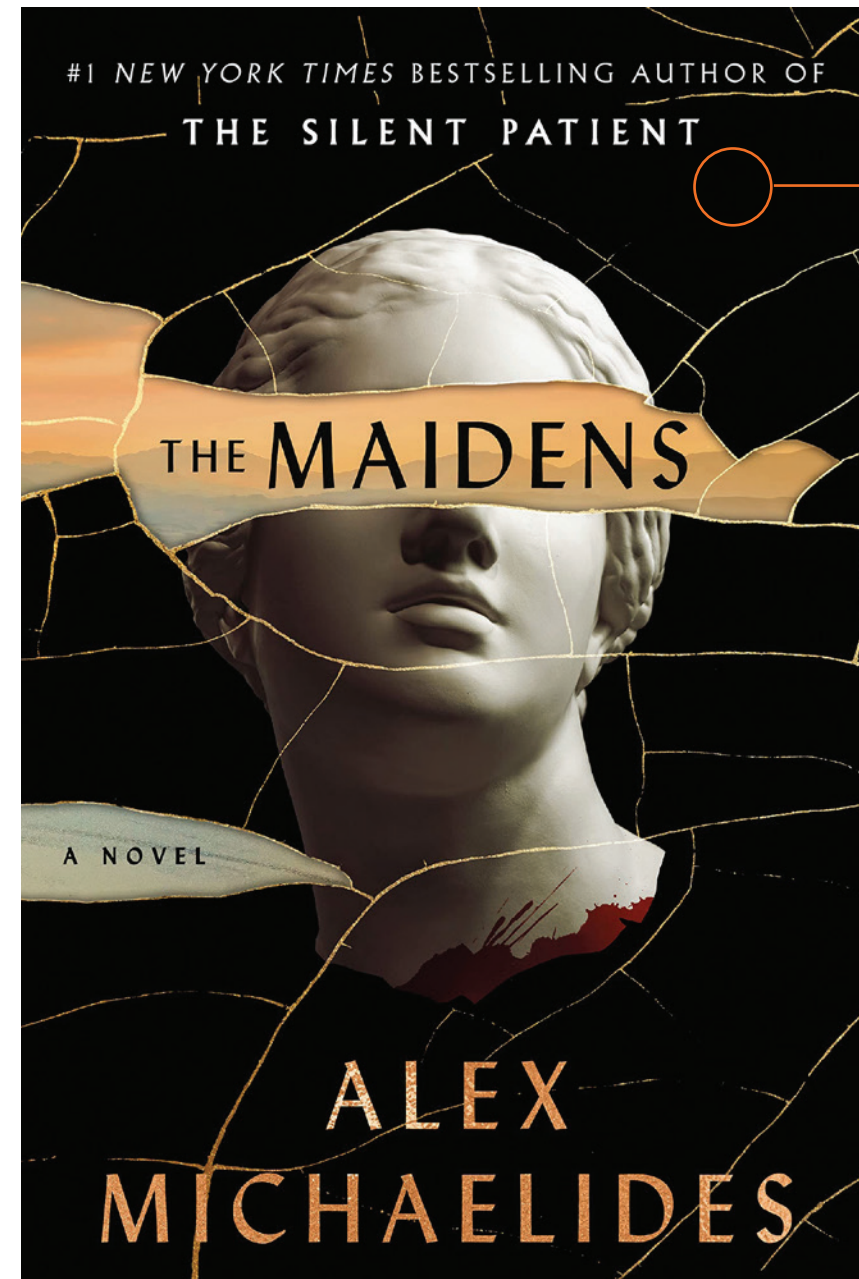
Wednesday, March 16, 6 p.m.

Rock the beet salad! Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show us how to make a satisfying beet and bok choy salad.

Indian Desserts

Monday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make two festive Indian desserts. Warm semolina custard with mango, a rich, savory rice pudding, followed by a rich and creamy mango lassi.



BOOK CLUBS

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IN-PERSON

Nature Walk Book Club Southwest Branch

Thursday, March 10, 10 a.m.–Noon

Join the Southwest Branch for a walk at a local park followed by discussion of a pre-selected book. Exercise your mind and body! Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

VIRTUAL

Alafaya Book Club Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m.

The Alafaya Book Club's March selection is *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides. When a member of a secret society known as The Maidens is murdered, a brilliant but troubled group therapist finds her obsession with proving the guilt of an untouchable Cambridge University professor spiraling out of control, threatening to destroy her credibility as well as her life.

Hiawassee Book Club Monday, March 21, 7 p.m.

In March, the Hiawassee Book Club will discuss *Infinite Country* by Patricia Engel. Moving their family to what they believe will be a safer but temporary home in Houston, two young parents are forced to choose between an undocumented status in America and returning to the violence of war-torn Bogotá.

Southwest Book Club Tuesday, March 22, 7–8:45 p.m.

Join us to discuss *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou. Critically acclaimed author and poet recalls the anguish of her childhood in Arkansas and her adolescence in northern slums. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

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IN-PERSON

Blakemore School of Music Orlando Public Library, Library Central Sunday, March 6, 2 p.m.

Enjoy a live performance by the students of the Blakemore School of Music. Students of all ages will perform classical music.



WRITERS CORNER

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VIRTUAL

The Four Act Story Structure Thursday, March 3, 7 p.m.

The four act structure for screenplays and books is an alternative to the three act structure. Author Jamie Pacton will discuss how to use this structure to plot your novel and develop its story.

How to Write a Picture Book Tuesday, March 8, 7 p.m.

Writing a picture book is harder than you might think. Amanda Rawson Hill, author of *My Pet Cloud*, will discuss how to write a picture book that will capture children's imaginations.

10 Questions to Break Through Writer's Block Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m.

Most writers experience writer's block at some point in their careers. Author EJ Wenstrom will introduce 10 questions to help you beat the block.

OCLS Writer's Group Sunday, March 13, 4 p.m.

Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.



NEXT CHAPTER
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IN-PERSON

Qigong Movement and Breathing
Southwest Branch
Friday, March 11, 11:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 23, 11 a.m.
Jasmine Win shows basic qigong techniques and how using them in your daily life can benefit your health. Qigong is a crucial tool in Chinese medicine which involves movement, breathing and meditation.

What is Elder Law? –
LIFE Information for Elders
Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room
Thursday, March 17, 12:10 p.m.
Join the Elder Law Center of Kirson & Fuller to discuss Medicaid planning, special needs planning, estate planning, guardianship planning and probate-trust administration. Part of the monthly LIFE Information for Elders series.
To register, email
OfficeonAging@ocfl.net.

Know Your Community:
Available Resources
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.
Join Stephanie Malally, clinical brain health social worker, to learn about senior-focused resources that can be beneficial and provide support for a caregiver and their loved ones.

Senior Living Options –
Smarter Senior Seminar Series
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Discuss senior living options with experts in our community. Part of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flahaven, certified senior housing professional. To learn more, visit yourfloridahaven.com.

VIRTUAL

Qigong Movement and Breathing
Tuesday, March 15, 10:30 a.m.
Jasmine Win shows basic qigong techniques and how using them in your daily life can benefit your health. Qigong is a crucial tool in Chinese medicine which involves movement, breathing and meditation.



GENEALOGY
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VIRTUAL

Researching in NYC
The Five Boroughs
Tuesday, March 1, 1 p.m.
Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of repositories in the five boroughs of New York City. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Genealogy in the States –
Massachusetts
Wednesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m.
Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Massachusetts. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Finding Your Roots Series:
DNA Testing
Thursday, March 3, Noon
Learn the basics of genetic genealogy and how DNA testing can supplement your traditional genealogical research. Explore the different types of tests that are available.

Family Tree Guide to DNA
Testing Study Group
Tuesdays, March 15–29, 1 p.m.
Join us for our genetic genealogy study group and learn how DNA test results can help to confirm, extend and deepen your genealogical research.

Genealogy Research Report
Writing & Numbering
Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.
Learn about the different types of genealogy reports and numbering systems.

Genealogy 101
Thursday, March 17, Noon
Are you interested in learning about your family history but don't know where to begin? This program will help you get started by introducing you to genealogical terms, techniques and resources.

Sunday Morning Genealogy
Sunday, March 20, 11 a.m.
Grab a cup of coffee (or tea) and join us for this Sunday morning genealogy hangout. Feel free to ask any type of genealogy question or propose a genealogy discussion topic.

Global Genealogy Sweden
Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m.
Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors. This session focuses on Sweden.

Building Your Family
Tree on Ancestry.com
Thursday, March 24, Noon
Discover all of the tools and resources Ancestry.com has to help you build your family tree online.

Genealogy Research
Question Workshop
Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 p.m.
Sharpen your genealogy skills and learn about resources by sharing your research questions.

Genealogy Research
Project Start-to-Finish
Thursday, March 31, Noon
Get your genealogy research on track. Learn how to organize information at the beginning of your genealogy research project in order to help you develop and implement an effective research plan.





ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

IN-PERSON

- English from Zero**
Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 22 & 29, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursdays, March 3–31, 4:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Fridays, March 4–25, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, March 5–26, 10:30 a.m.
Designed for beginning English learners, each workshop targets specific vocabulary, grammar structure and conversation practices.
- Writing Clearly for Beginners**
Southeast Branch
Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 23 & 30, 2:30 p.m.
This class is designed to introduce learners to the basics of English grammar by focusing on the parts of speech, sentence organization and vocabulary building.
- English Conversation Hour**
Chickasaw Branch
Thursdays, March 3–17 & 31, 12:15 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Fridays, March 4–25, 3:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, March 5–26, Noon
Practice your English speaking skills with us. Each session will have specific topics for discussion. All proficiency levels are welcome.
- Speaking Clearly for Beginners**
Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, March 1–29, Noon
A pronunciation class for beginners designed to introduce learners to the basic sounds of English for pronunciation.
- Reading Clearly for Intermediate**
Southeast Branch
Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 23 & 30, 1 p.m.
Learn, practice and discuss reading strategies and complex English vocabulary.

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- Conversation Hour**
Tuesdays, March 1–29, 6:20 p.m.
Mondays, March 7–28, 4:15 p.m.
Practice your English speaking skills in a virtual Conversation Hour. Each session will have specific topics for discussion.
- English from Zero**
Wednesdays, March 2–30, 6:45 p.m.
Thursdays, March 3–31, 10:30 a.m. & 6:20 p.m.
Fridays, March 4–25, 10:30 a.m.
Designed for beginning English learners, each workshop targets specific vocabulary, grammar structures and conversation practices.
- Reading Clearly for Intermediate**
Thursdays, March 3–31, 12:30 p.m.
Learn, practice and discuss reading strategies and complex English vocabulary.
- Speaking Clearly for Intermediate**
Fridays, March 4–25, Noon
A pronunciation class for intermediate speakers designed to introduce learners to spelling and pronunciation rules of English words and phrases.
- Speaking Clearly for Beginners**
Mondays, March 7, 21 & 28, Noon
A pronunciation class for beginners designed to introduce learners to the basic sounds of English for pronunciation.
- Writing Clearly Intermediate**
Mondays, March 7, 21 & 28, 1:30 p.m.
Writing Clearly is a grammar and writing course for intermediate learners that focuses on grammatically complex ideas, including sentence structures, phrases and vocabulary building.

SPANISH CLASSES

IN-PERSON

- Spanish Interactions with Ms. Brenda**
Southeast Branch
Thursdays, March 3 & 10, 4–5:30 p.m.
Learn, develop and practice your Spanish speaking skills with Ms. Brenda.
- Basic Spanish**
Tuesdays, March 1–29, 10:30 a.m.
Get an introduction to basic Spanish pronunciation, alphabet, sounds, syllables and vocabulary building.
- Spanish from Zero – Basics with Ms. Brenda**
Tuesdays, March 1, 22 & 29, 4 p.m.
Learn the basic sounds of Spanish with Ms. Brenda.
- Basic Spanish with Ms. Wilnelia**
Tuesdays, March 1–22, 6 p.m.
Join Ms. Wilnelia in this workshop for individuals who speak little to no Spanish.

Intermediate Spanish
Wednesdays, March 2–30, 10:30 a.m.
Get an introduction to Spanish grammar by focusing on the parts of speech, verb conjugations, sentence structure and vocabulary building.

- “Hola Amigos” – Spanish from Zero for Kids**
Mondays, March 7–28, 6 p.m.
This basic introduction to Spanish for kids includes pronunciation, greetings, short sentences, descriptions and vocabulary.
- Spanish from Zero – Intermediate with Ms. Brenda**
Tuesdays, March 22 & 29, 5 p.m.
Learn Spanish grammar with Ms. Brenda.

NUEVO EN LA BIBLIOTECA



- Recuerda aquella vez** por Adam Silvera
traducción de Antonio Padilla Esteban
¿Y si pudieras borrar de tu mente los recuerdos que te impiden ser feliz? El Bronx, Nueva York, en un futuro no muy lejano ... Aaron Soto, de dieciséis años, lucha por encontrar la felicidad a pesar de las cicatrices que arrastra, tanto físicas como emocionales. Afortunadamente, existe una sede del instituto Leteo, que ofrece la posibilidad de erradicar los recuerdos difíciles con un tratamiento revolucionario. Una historia original y valiente sobre el olvido que ningún lector podrá olvidar.
- Malibú renace** por Taylor Jenkins Reid
traducción de Marta de Bru de Sala i Martí
Ambientado en la cultura del surf de Malibú de la década de 1980, sigue a la hija de un cantante famoso que, una vez que alcanza la fama, debe lidiar con el hecho de que su padre la abandonó a ella ya sus hermanos cuando eran pequeños.
- El regreso** por Nicholas Sparks
traducción de Ana Duque
En la línea de *Querido John*, Nicholas Sparks nos trae una conmovedora historia acerca de un doctor herido en el ejército y de las dos mujeres cuyos secretos cambiarán el rumbo de su vida.
- App kid: cómo un hijo de inmigrantes consiguió un pedazo del sueño americano** por Michael Sayman
traducción de Melanie Márquez
Una historia inspiradora y profundamente personal de uno de los empresarios más fascinantes de Silicon Valley, quien aprendió a codificar por sí mismo con apenas trece años y se convirtió en una inspiración para miles de jóvenes alrededor del mundo.
- Indomable: deja de complacer, empieza a vivir** por Glennon Doyle
traducción de Victoria Simó Perales
Indomable es un grito de guerra dirigido a todas las mujeres dispuestas a creer en sí mismas lo suficiente como para romper barreras, aceptar sus cuerpos, liberar sus instintos más sinceros y recuperar su yo más auténtico: su naturaleza indomable.



CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED ocls.info/citizenship

IN-PERSON

Citizenship Inspired
Southeast Branch
Saturdays, March 5–19, 10 a.m.–Noon
During this program, students will meet once each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.

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Citizenship Inspired
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, March 1, 2, 8 & 9, 3–5 p.m.
Thursdays, March 3–24, 3–4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, March 15, 16, 22 & 23, 3–5 p.m.
During this program, students will meet via Zoom to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.

FLORIDA TALKS SPEAKER SERIES

STORIES OF FLORIDA — CON SABOR!

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1 P.M.
WINDERMERE BRANCH

Storyteller, Carrie Sue Ayvar presents Stories of Florida — Con Sabor! Flowing seamlessly between Spanish and English, these personal and historical Florida tales take you on a journey into the imagination that connects the people and cultures of Florida, con un poco de sabor Latino!

RACE & CHANGE ACROSS CULTURES AND GENERATIONS: FLORIDA STORIES

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 11 A.M.
WINDERMERE TOWN HALL
520 Main Street (in front of Windermere Branch)

Oral historian and in-demand artist and author, Dr. Kitty Oliver weaves music, media and storytelling into this innovative, creative, uplifting program on race and ethnic relations designed to bridge audiences across cultures and generations.



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by Tatiana Fagen, Community Outreach Coordinator

Can you talk about your history with the Women in the Arts Awards & Exhibition?

The first exhibition was at Southwest Branch, followed by a second exhibition at Orlando Public Library during Women's History Month. It's continued to expand from local artists to include artists from around the U.S. and overseas. Over time, we have incorporated a jury team, public voting and social media promotion.

Why is Women in the Arts important to you?

Women in the Arts is my calling and a response to address issues I wanted to change. I founded the organization because I saw a lack of recognition and representation of women artists in public art spaces. Additionally, I saw a lack of affordable art education available to children. To meet this need, I created the Community School of the Arts program.

What does International Women's Day mean to you?

I have a deep-rooted interest in bringing international artists to the forefront through the competition and exhibition events. International Women's Day is a reminder to reach out to women artists, especially those facing severe violations to their dignity, work and human rights. I grew up in Uruguay during a period of dictatorship that created many problems, including sexism. I experienced this firsthand. Limitations on women, mothers, young and old women still exist in every country. It is important to celebrate the achievements of women and recognize the work we must do as a society to ensure women are treated with dignity.

As a woman who is a leader in the arts and in the community, what would you say to women who are thinking of beginning their artistic journey?

First, develop a consistent body of work because galleries and collectors are assessing if you have taken time to define your identity as an artist. Enter competitions and attend events such as this. Network and get out there! This is important because it helps you realize you are not alone, and collaborations and opportunities stem from this. Have as many details as possible about your art and how to access it readily available. Opportunities can arise very quickly, and a lack of information quickly eliminates you as a candidate. Be persistent and patient with yourself: being an artist is a beautiful journey.

If someone is reading this, trying to decide if they should attend the Women in the Arts Awards, what would you say to them?

When was the last time you had a conversation with a contemporary artist? This is an opportunity to meet artists, ask them questions and be in the gallery space with them. It is also a unique opportunity to enjoy a collection of curated work by a diverse group of international women and to enjoy art in various mediums.

MARIA GUERRERO

Maria Guerrero is the founder and executive director of Women in the Arts Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Orlando. Her mission is to recognize the work of women artists and bring art to the greater community. Maria has been curating and hosting the Women in the Arts Exhibition and Awards at Orange County Library System every year since 2011. We caught up with her to discuss the annual event.



WOMEN IN THE ARTS, INC.

WOMEN *in the* ARTS AWARDS

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2 P.M.

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ART & DISPLAY
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IN-PERSON



Exploring *The Call of the Wild*

Orlando Public Library, Second Floor

On Display Through March

Answer the call of the wild with this informative exhibit that explores the real Klondike Gold Rush as featured in Jack London's adventure classic. Presented in concert with the NEA Big Read event series.

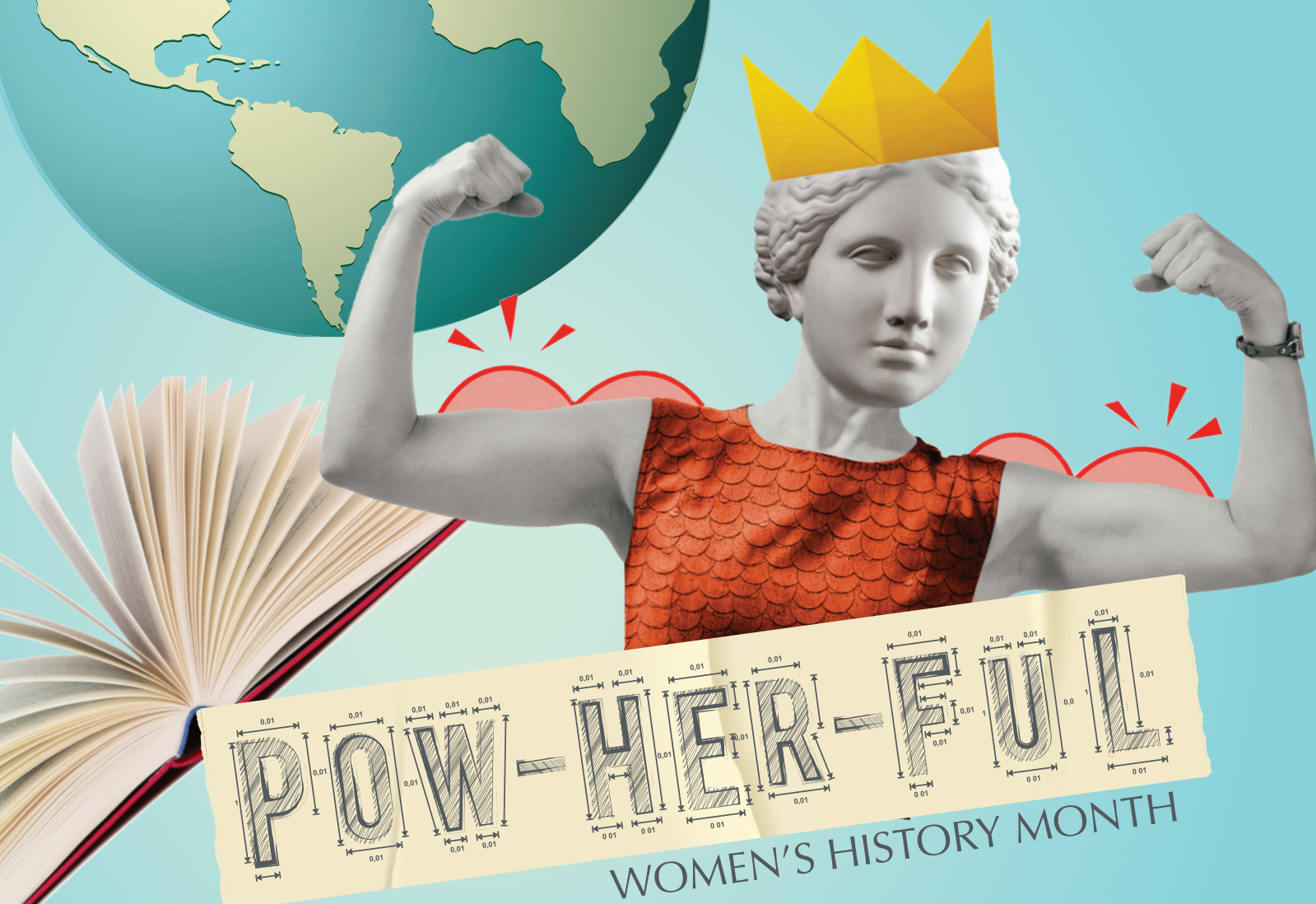


**JJ Dennis: There and Back Again –
A Road Trip from Florida to Maine**

Southwest Branch

On Display Through March

This exhibit captures the spirit and beauty of artist JJ Dennis's amazing adventure. JJ Dennis is a local freelance writer and artist specializing in digital photography/manipulation, mixed media art, altered books and handmade goods.



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VIRTUAL

Flying High

Thursday, March 3, 4 p.m.
Design, fold and test paper airplanes in recognition of famous women who dared to fly. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Super Women Storytime

Friday, March 11, 10:30 a.m.
Allies assemble! Read stories and participate in activities featuring favorite women superheroes such as Ms. Marvel and Wonder Woman. Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Edna Lewis' Apple Crisp

Monday, March 21, 4 p.m.
Discover the life of Southern chef Edna Lewis and create a no-bake apple crisp inspired by her farm to table recipe. Registration required. Recommended for ages 8–18.

A World of Color

Thursday, March 24, 4 p.m.
Create abstract art using vivid colors inspired by the work of Disney artist, Mary Blair. Recommended for ages 6–8.

IN-PERSON

Pow-HER-ful

Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, March 8, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, March 8, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, March 14, 11 a.m.
Recommended for ages 18–36 months. Registration required.

VIRTUAL

Thursday, March 3, 11 a.m.
Recommended for ages 3–5.
With great power comes great responsibility. Explore the common empowering qualities of well-known women like Simone Biles, Frida Kahlo, Jane Goodall and more.

IN-PERSON

A World of Color

Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, March 2, 4 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, March 10, 3:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, March 17, 4:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, March 22, 3 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 23, 3 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, March 23, 4 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Friday, March 25, 4 p.m.
Create abstract art using vivid colors inspired by the work of Disney artist, Mary Blair. Recommended for ages 6–12. Registration required.

Wonder Women

West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, March 2, 4 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, March 16, 3:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, March 23, 4 p.m.
Marvel at the contributions of some amazing women in history with brainy trivia and brilliant activities. Recommended for ages 6–12. Registration required.

Super Women Storytime

Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, March 8, 10:30 a.m.
Allies assemble! Read stories and participate in activities featuring favorite women superheroes such as Ms. Marvel and Wonder Woman. Recommended for ages 18–36 months. Registration required.

Celebrate Through Film:

Women's History Month
Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room
Wednesdays, March 9–30, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Celebrate Women's History Month through film on Wednesdays in March.
3/9: *On the Basis of Sex* (PG-13)
3/16: *Becoming Jane* (PG)
3/23: *Queen of Katwe* (PG)
3/30: *Amelia* (PG)

Painting with Georgia

West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, March 9, 4 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, March 9, 4 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, March 15, 2 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 16, 3 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Saturday, March 19, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, March 23, 3:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, March 30, 4 p.m.
Discover the art style of Georgia O'Keeffe and paint your own larger than life work of art. Recommended for ages 9–12. Registration required.

Women Make History

Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, March 9, 4 p.m.
Recognize the impact of powerful women who made awesome contributions to our history with stories, crafts and activities. Recommended for ages 6–12. Registration required.

The Notorious R.B.G. & Other Powerful Women

Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 19, 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Monday, March 28, 10:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, March 28, 11 a.m.
It is never too early to start fighting for what you believe in. Join us in celebrating outstanding women, like Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in this craft filled storytime. Recommended for ages 3–5. Registration required.

Teen Art Adventures: Scraffito

Southeast Branch
Wednesday, March 16, 4:30 p.m.
Explore your creative side with this monthly series. We'll provide the supplies and instruction on different types of art forms, you bring the imagination! Recommended for ages 13–18. Registration required.

Music in the Library: The Great American Songbook – Special Tribute to Female Composers and Artists

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, March 26, 1–2:10 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, March 27, 2–3:10 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, March 28, 2–3:10 p.m.
This Sonny and Perley event highlights the great American songbook, international cabaret, and bossa nova. Sonny and Perley interpret and perform the material in their own inimitable artistic style.

Afternoon Art

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 30, 4 p.m.
Let's go on an art adventure! Learn about a different artist and artistic style, and then create your own masterpiece. This month we're learning about Lee Krasner. Recommended for ages 6–8. Registration required.

Famous Female Composers

Alafaya Branch
Thursday, March 31, 2 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, March 31, 3:30 p.m.
Learn about female composers and ancient cultures. Children will use finger cymbals to integrate literature, music and art while learning about women in history. Recommended for women 4 and up. Registration required.

FLYING HIGH

Southeast Branch
Saturday, March 5, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, March 30, 4 p.m.
Design, fold and test paper airplanes in recognition of famous women who dared to fly. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up. Registration required.

LIFE AND TIMES OF THE WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, March 19, 1 p.m.
Hear about the story of the fight for women's rights as told by one of the leaders of the movement, Carrie Chapman Catt, portrayed by Kathryn Chesley.



Wake:
The Hidden History of Women-Led Slave Revolts
by Rebecca Hall
illustrated by Hugo Martínez

Part graphic novel, part memoir, *Wake* is an imaginative tour-de-force that tells the powerful story of women-led slave revolts and chronicles scholar Rebecca Hall's efforts to uncover the truth about these women warriors who, until now, have been left out of the historical record.

Forces of Nature:
The Women Who Changed Science
by Anna Reser & Leila McNeill

From the ancient world to the present, women have been critical to the progress of science, yet their importance is overlooked, their stories lost, distorted, or actively suppressed. *Forces of Nature* sets the record straight and charts the fascinating history of women's discoveries in science.

Our Stories, Our Voices:
21 YA Authors Get Real About Injustice, Empowerment, and Growing Up Female in America
edited by Amy Reed

From Amy Reed, Ellen Hopkins, Amber Smith, Sandhya Menon and more of your favorite YA authors comes an anthology of essays that explore the diverse experiences of injustice, empowerment and growing up female in America.

Watch Us Rise
by Renée Watson and Ellen Hagan
Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Award-winning author Renée Watson teams up with poet Ellen Hagan in this YA feminist anthem about raising your voice.

Ida B. the Queen: The Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Ida B. Wells
by Michelle Dusters and Hannah Giorgis
Ida B. Wells committed herself to the needs of those who did not have power. In the eyes of the FBI, this made her a 'dangerous negro agitator.' In the annals of history, it makes her an icon.

Little
by Edward Carey
The wry, macabre, unforgettable tale of an ambitious orphan in Revolutionary Paris, befriended by royalty and radicals, who transforms herself into the legendary Madame Tussaud.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: KNITTING ESPIONAGE GRANDMA'S KNITTING A SCARF. OR IS SHE?

by Vanya Walker, Instructional Technology Specialist

Women's contributions to the great wars of the 20th century stretch beyond keeping happy on the home front, nursing and factory work. Women of all ages knitted to facilitate espionage efforts, both on the home front and the front lines. Knitting is essentially made-up variations on two stitches, knit stitches that resemble the letter V and purl stitches that look like bumps in the fabric. These stitches form a code perfect for hiding messages in plain sight. The capacity for conveying coded messages was so great that authorities in both the United States and Britain banned printed knitting patterns during both World Wars.

In Belgium during the first World War, the resistance enlisted elderly volunteers that lived along train lines to record German troop and artillery movements. These women diligently watched the tracks, purling when they saw an artillery train or creating a hole in their fabric when a troop carrier would pass. They would then pass their scraps of fabric to intelligence officers, giving vital information to the resistance effort.

Knitting was so prolific for the war effort that it was often used as a cover for intelligence. Spies loitered on porches, in public houses, or the street, gathering intelligence under the cover of working on a project. On May 1, 1944, British spy Phyllis Latour Doyle parachuted into occupied France. Posing as an innocent teenager, she chatted up German officers to gather intel. Then Phyllis would pick up her knitting, which concealed a piece of silk dotted with codes. Even when hounded by German officers, her system was so well-concealed that they never found her coded evidence.

Women spying for a cause is by no means limited to the 20th century. Female spies also worked during the Civil and Revolutionary Wars. Molly "Old Mom" Rinker was a spy for George Washington. She watched British troops while knitting on a nearby hilltop, then hid messages in balls of yarn. Finally, Molly threw the balls of yarn off a cliff to American soldiers hidden beneath.

To learn more about women's efforts throughout wartime, check out *Women Heroes of World War I: 16 Remarkable Resisters, Soldiers, Spies, and Medics* by Kathryn J. Atwood.



A woman knitting, Washington DC, 1941. Photo from the Library of Congress/LC-USF34-014621-D.



Women Changemakers Reading Challenge for Adults
ocls.info.beanstack.org

March 1–31
Celebrate Women's History Month by reading stories of inspirational creators, brave leaders and bold changemakers. Log your reading to earn badges all month long! Recommended for ages 18 and up.

CELEBRATE WOMEN
WITH THE FIBER ARTS

Celebrate Women's History Month with these Fiber Arts classes. Celebrate icons of Women's History from Ruth Bader Ginsberg to Mae Jemison.

IN-PERSON

Sewing – Rosie the Riveter Head Scarf
West Oaks Branch
Friday, March 11, 10 a.m.–Noon
Celebrate Women's History Month by sewing a Rosie the Riveter head scarf. We will be using straight stitching and top stitching for this project.

VIRTUAL

Let's Crochet – RBG Collar
Wednesdays, March 23 & 30, 10–11:30 a.m.
To celebrate Woman's History Month, we're creating our own lace collar to honor the late and great Ruth Bader Ginsberg.



SEW SPRING BREAK

Start sewing this Spring Break. Come in-person to the Sewing Studio to learn how to sew drawstring backpacks or pull-on shorts. No prior experience necessary.

IN-PERSON

It's Sew Easy – Drawstring Backpack
Orlando Public Library, Sewing Studio
Monday & Tuesday, March 14 & 15, 10 a.m.–Noon
Take the fashion world by storm! We will teach you everything you need to know to start sewing like a pro. Create your own unique drawstring backpack perfect for school, hiking or the beach.

It's Sew Easy – Pull-On Shorts
Orlando Public Library, Sewing Studio
Monday–Thursday, March 14–17, 12:30–2:30 p.m.
Take the fashion world by storm! We will teach you everything you need to know to start sewing like a pro. Learn to sew your own lounge shorts. Fabric and notions provided.



TECHNOLOGY ocls.info/techclasses

DESIGN IT RIGHT

From brand kits to flyers, from logos to social media content, create professional designs and marketing materials with Adobe Illustrator and the easy-to-use, online tools of Canva.

IN-PERSON

Design with Canva
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 2, 11:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, March 5, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, March 8, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 26, 1 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, March 23, 2 p.m.
Bring your design ideas to life with Canva, a free graphic design application. Save time by building on thousands of professional templates to create logos, flyers, social media content and more.

Adobe Illustrator Level 1
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, March 7, 3:45 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, March 11, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 16, 10:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, March 26, 3:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 29, 3:30 p.m.
Turn scanned drawings into sleek vector graphics. Apply several design techniques and use common editing tools to trace and color artwork as well as manage objects and layers.

Adobe Illustrator Level 2
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, March 7, 4:55 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, March 11, 12:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 16, 11:45 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, March 26, 4:45 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 29, 4:45 p.m.
Design professional-looking stationery using Adobe Illustrator. Create and arrange text and image assets and use masks, transparency and blending modes to create eye-catching designs.

Adobe Illustrator Level 3
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, March 14, 3:45 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Thursday, March 17, 10:15 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, March 25, 11 a.m.
Explore the benefits of having a defined and consistent visual design style. Use a variety of tools and techniques to apply styles such as watercolor, flat, outline and more.

Adobe Illustrator Level 4
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, March 14, 4:55 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Thursday, March 17, 11:45 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, March 25, 12:30 p.m.
Design a poster in Adobe Illustrator. Use the transform options to scale objects, frame images using the transparency panel and speed up text formatting with paragraph styles.

PICTURE PERFECT

Get started editing and retouching photos with Adobe Photoshop. Start your journey by mastering selection tools, then learn how to correct and manipulate images.

VIRTUAL

Adobe Photoshop Level 1
Wednesday, March 9, 10–11:30 a.m.
Learn graphic concepts and terminology. Become familiar with the basic tools required to edit and retouch digital images.

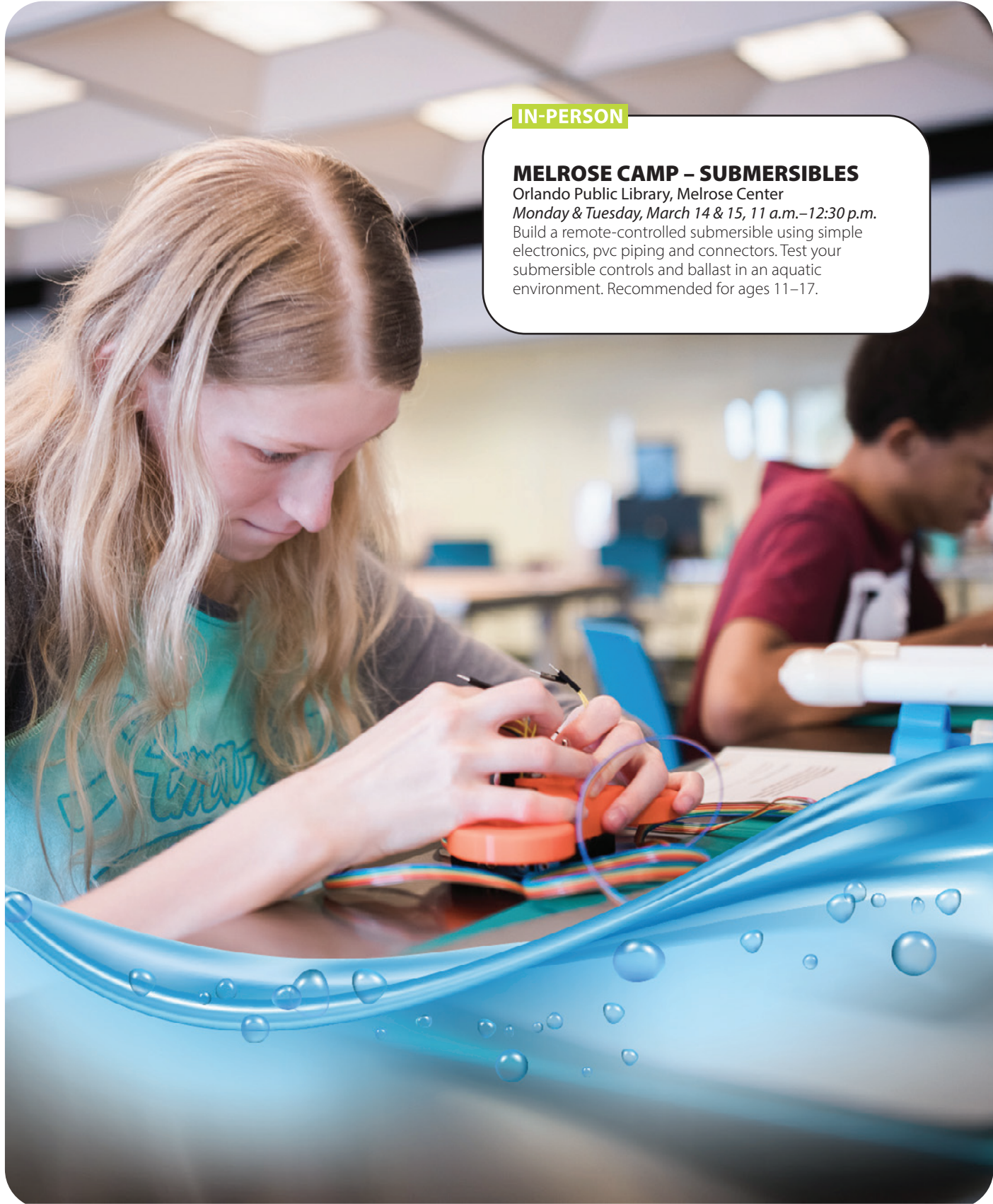
Adobe Photoshop Level 4
Thursday, March 10, 11:45–1:15 p.m.
Learn common image editing techniques used to retouch and restore photographs.

Adobe Photoshop – Color Correction
Friday, March 18, 10 a.m.
Take an average photo and make it pop. Learn basic color correction techniques and make global and location adjustments to images in Adobe Camera Raw.

SCHOOL BREAK

ocls.info/schoolbreak
Sign up for some fun this school break! Attend gaming, robotics and drone classes or camps this Spring Break.





IN-PERSON

MELROSE CAMP – SUBMERSIBLES
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Monday & Tuesday, March 14 & 15, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Build a remote-controlled submersible using simple electronics, pvc piping and connectors. Test your submersible controls and ballast in an aquatic environment. Recommended for ages 11–17.



IN-PERSON

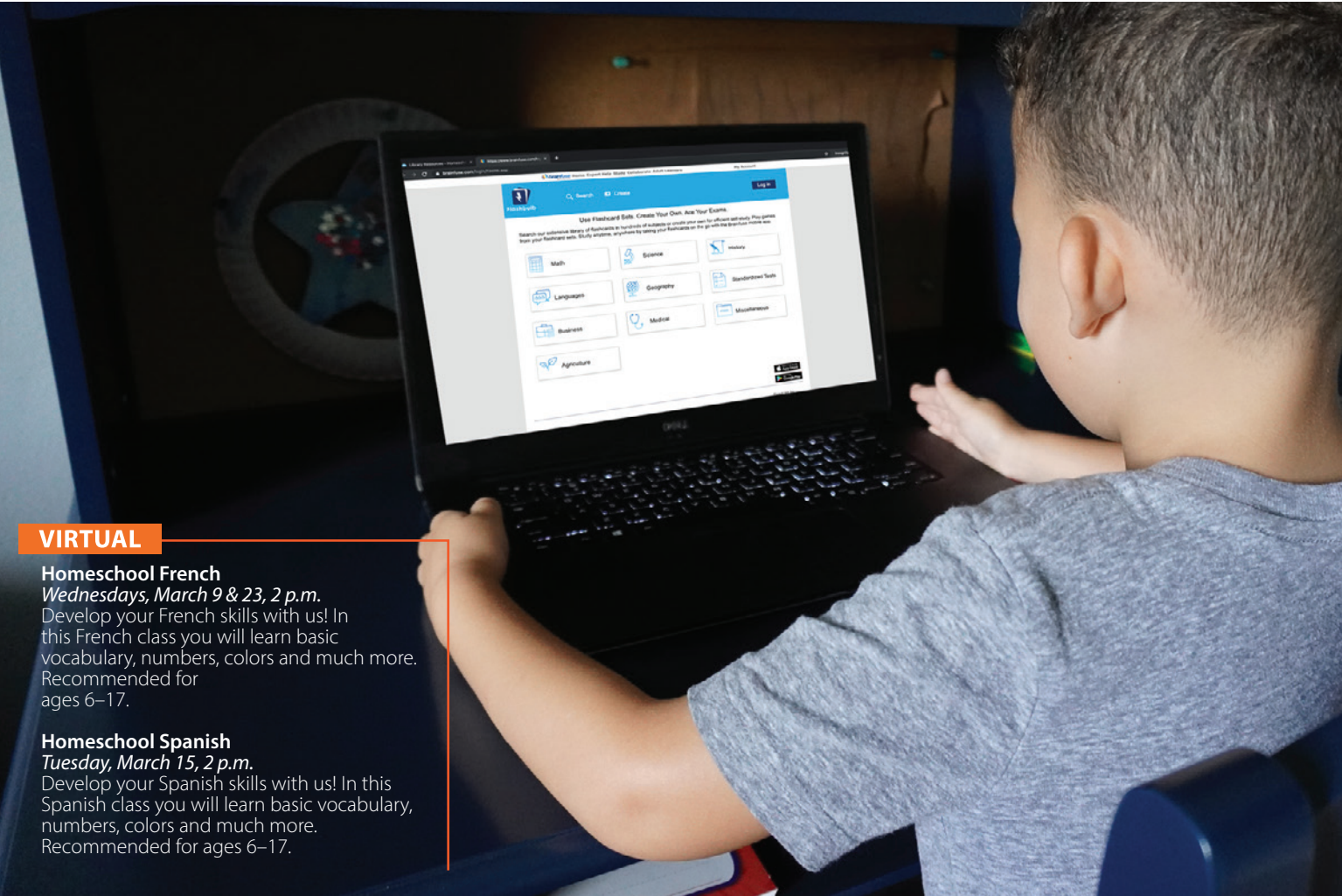
YOUTUBE LIVE PRODUCTION FOR FAMILIES
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesday, Friday & Saturday, March 15, 18 & 19, 11 a.m.
Thursday, March 17, 1 p.m.
Team up with your child in this 90-minute video production workshop to get a jump start on your first YouTube Channel video.

IN-PERSON

SCENE STUDY – BUILDING TO TRANSITION
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Wednesday & Thursday, March 16 & 17, 11:00 a.m.
Working together as an ensemble, learn to develop a scene from a Broadway musical to the story’s pivotal moment. Recommended for ages 14–18.

LEGO MICROGAME
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesday–Thursday, March 15–17, 1 p.m.
Do you love video games and LEGO? Learn to use Unity by modding a microgame with virtual LEGO bricks. Recommended for ages 13–17.





VIRTUAL

Homeschool French
Wednesdays, March 9 & 23, 2 p.m.
Develop your French skills with us! In this French class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool Spanish
Tuesday, March 15, 2 p.m.
Develop your Spanish skills with us! In this Spanish class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6–17.

IN-PERSON

Homeschool Spanish
Windermere Branch
Tuesdays, March 1 & 29, 2 p.m.
Develop your Spanish skills with us! In this Spanish class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool Jr. – Seuss-a-palooza
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, March 2, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate the world of Dr. Seuss with carnival-style fun filled with whimsical stories, activities and more. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Homeschool: Women Who Rock!
Windermere Branch
Thursdays, March 3–31, 1 p.m.
Travel across time learning about women who have rocked their field and made an impact. We will finish our travels with a fun activity or craft. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool: Art Expressions
Windermere Branch
Fridays, March 4 & 18, 2 p.m.
Join us for a fun afternoon where you will learn to be more creative by developing and expressing your art skill. This art class is designed to help children improve their motor skills. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool Meetup – Leaf Detective
Southwest Branch
Monday, March 7, 1 p.m.
Learn about MaVynnee Betsch and her discoveries as one of the first scientists to explore the rainforest canopy and participate in fun educational rainforest activities. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Homeschool Meetup – Beach Lady
Southwest Branch
Monday, March 21, 1 p.m.
Learn about MaVynnee Betsch and how she fought to preserve a historically significant beach here in Florida, then participate in fun, educational beach activities. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Homeschool Meetup – The Suffragette Movement
Southwest Branch
Monday, March 28, 1 p.m.
I vote yes on this program! Learn about the amazing people who fought for women's right to vote! Recommended for ages 6–12.

Homeschool Jr. – Rockin' Artists
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, March 30, 10:30 a.m.
Kick start your little one's education with Homeschool Junior! Join us for a storytime and activities all about basic concepts. Recommended for ages 3–5.

IN-PERSON

Family Gras
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 1, 4:30 p.m.
Get jazzy with us as we celebrate Mardi Gras, family style!

Movie and a Craft
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 23 & 30, 3:30–5 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 12, 3–5 p.m.
Sit back and relax during a family-friendly movie while working on a craft or coloring sheets.

St. Patrick's Day Perler Bead Craft
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, March 9, 4 p.m.
Create St. Patrick's Day decorations using Perler beads. Recommended for families with children 6 and up.

ShamROCKS!
Southeast Branch
Friday, March 11, 4 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, March 17, 4:30 p.m.
Do you have the luck of the Irish? Brush up on your leprechaun folklore and be prepared for a legendary time! Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Space Movie & A Craft
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, March 16, 3:30–5 p.m.
Join us for a showing of *Space Jam: A New Legacy* and make a fun craft based on the movie.

ArtMazing
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 19, 2 p.m.
Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must! Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

HOLI – FESTIVAL OF COLOR
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, March 9, 3 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, March 16, 4 p.m.
Come celebrate the Hindu spring festival of Holi. Learn the history and meaning of this festival, and how it is celebrated in India and around the world.

IN-PERSON

Caregiver Connect: Stay and Play
Winter Garden Branch
Fridays, March 4–25, 11:35 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, March 10, 11 a.m.
Connect with other caregivers to meet and mingle while your little one explores imaginary play with new and old friends. Recommended for caregivers with children ages 0–5.

VIRTUAL

Family Zumba
Saturday, March 12, 11 a.m.
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. Registration required.

IN-PERSON

SHARENTING
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, March 31, 11 a.m.
Learn about the dangers of oversharing your child's information on social media.



VIRTUAL

AFTERNOON CRAFTS
Wednesdays, March 23 & 30, 3 p.m.
Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must! Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.



BIZKIDS

READY TO BECOME AN ENTREPRENEUR?

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IN-PERSON

BizKids Club

North Orange Branch

Saturdays, March 26–May 14, 2–3:30 p.m.

Ready to become an entrepreneur? The BizKids Club is an instructor-led virtual program that introduces participants to the world of business and entrepreneurship. Recommended for ages 9–14.

VIRTUAL

BizKids Club Online

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 15–April 7, 5–6:30 p.m.

Ready to become an entrepreneur? The BizKids Club is an instructor-led virtual program that introduces participants to the world of business and entrepreneurship. Recommended for ages 9–14.



EARLY LEARNING

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Registration required for all in-person events.

BABY (Ages 0–18 Months)

IN-PERSON

Mother Goose on the Loose

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, March 3–31, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Mondays, March 7 & 28, 10:30 a.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.

Baby Scientist

South Creek Branch

Thursday, March 3, 10:30 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, March 23, 10:15 a.m.

A marine biologist, botanist, archeologist, what will your baby be today? Introduce the fields of science with books, songs and hands-on exploration.

Baby Boogie

Southeast Branch

Monday, March 7, 11 a.m.

Introduce your baby to music and stimulate cognitive development, language learning and motor coordination. Recommended for ages 0–18 months and their caregivers.

Mama Gansa

Orlando Public Library

Monday, March 7, 11:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Monday, March 21, 10:30 a.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.

Springtime Sprouts

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, March 16, 11 a.m.

It's baby's first spring! Discover new ways to play and interact with sensory activities for your little one. Registration required for each child.



TODDLER (Ages 18–36 Months)

IN-PERSON

Toddler Time

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesdays, March 1 & 15, 10:15 a.m.

The use of picture books, finger plays, songs and flannel board stories will encourage the development of verbal and listening skills for this active age group.

Storytime Crafts

North Orange Branch

Wednesdays, March 2–30, 10:30 a.m.

Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Green Grass Grows All Around

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, March 2, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Monday, March 14, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Monday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy stories, songs and activities about the greenery growing all around us. Registration required for each child.

Seuss-a-palooza

North Orange Branch

Thursday, March 3, 11 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Monday, March 14, 10:15 a.m.

Celebrate the world of Dr. Seuss with carnival-style fun filled with whimsical stories, activities and more! Recommended for ages 2–5.

Parachute Play

North Orange Branch

Friday, March 4, 11 a.m.

Join us with your toddlers for a special parachute playtime. Enjoy rhymes, songs and tons of parachute fun. Seating is limited.

Artsy Toddler:

Green for St. Patrick's Day

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.

Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create! Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences.

Seeing Green

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, March 15, 10:15 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Monday, March 21, 11 a.m.

Learn and play with everything the color of shamrocks, leprechauns and emeralds: green! Recommended for ages 2–5.

Little Shamrock

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, March 17, 11 a.m.

Follow the rainbow with your little lucky charms for an Irish feast of fun with stories, interactive stations and everything green. Recommended for ages 2–5.

A Perfect Picnic

Eatonville Branch

Monday, March 21, 10:15 a.m.

The ants go marching one by one, hurrah! March on in to figure out what makes a picnic perfect.

Storytime Craft – Springtime Baskets

Hiawassee Branch

Monday, March 21, 11 a.m.

Create a basket from a paper plate and colorfully decorate eggs to fill it.

C is for Cookies

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.

C is for cookies and calm in this storytime about patience and meditation featuring everyone's favorite Cookie Monster!

Cool Pool of Water

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, March 22, 11 a.m.

Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create! Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences.

Feeling Faces

Orlando Public Library

Thursday, March 24, 11 a.m.

Have a great time exploring feelings and emotions with your early learner! Recommended for ages 2–5.

Guitar Sing Along

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, March 29, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a brief sing-a-long to familiar songs along with live guitar for you and your toddler.

Flutter By

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, March 29, 11 a.m.

From crawling caterpillar legs to colorful wings, flutter by to explore the lives of beautiful butterflies. Recommended for ages 2–5.

What Can You Do with a Crayon?

North Orange Branch

Thursday, March 31, 11 a.m.

Explore the world of color and how crayons can help boost a child's imagination as well as strengthen developmental skills. Recommended for ages 3–5.

VIRTUAL

C is for Cookies

Friday, March 25, 10:30 a.m.

C is for cookies and calm in this storytime about patience and meditation featuring everyone's favorite Cookie Monster!



STORYTIME

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IN-PERSON

TINY TALES (ages birth–18 months)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 11:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.

Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

TODDLER TIME (ages 18 months–3 years)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:45 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.

North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.

Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.

Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.

STORYBOOK FUN (ages 3–5 years)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.

North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.

Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.

ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME (ages 0–5 years)

Fairview Shores Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.

Washington Park Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Eatonville Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

South Trail Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11 a.m.

IN-PERSON

Sing and Play
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, March 1 & 15, 10:30 a.m.
Get up and move as you sing along with your toddler or preschooler.

Explore the World!
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, March 1, 11 a.m.
Learn about a different country each month through games, activities and crafts. Don't forget your passport! This month we're learning about India.

Busy as a Bee
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 5, 3 p.m.
Buzz on down to the library to learn about bees and engage in skill building activities guaranteed to keep your little one busy.

Countdown to Spring
Windermere Branch
Monday, March 7, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, March 15, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.
4-3-2-1! Spring is coming soon! Help us get ready with stories and activities to welcome the season.



ON OUR WAY TO K
Southwest Branch
Tuesdays, March 1–29, 10:30 a.m.
This series continues each week with a different topic and uses fun activities and stories to help your preschooler strengthen the early literacy skills needed to excel in kindergarten and to gather tools and resources caregivers can use for continued learning at home. Recommended for ages 4–5.

Money Math
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 8, 10:30 a.m.
Earn it! Save it! Spend it! We'll introduce your little one to financial responsibility through role-playing and hands-on activities.

Imagine You're Casting a Spell
South Creek Branch
Thursday, March 10, 10:30 a.m.
Creating magic is as easy as abracadabra or alakazam! Explore spells with mesmerizing stories, magical crafts and enchanting activities.

Fabulous Frogs
North Orange Branch
Thursday, March 10, 11 a.m.
Ribbit! Explore the world of frogs with fun songs and stories perfect for your preschooler.

Bluey!
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, March 15, 11 a.m.
Wackadoo! Celebrate the TV show *Bluey* with stories, songs, games and crafts. Registration required for each child.

Rainy Day Fun
South Creek Branch
Thursday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.
Are you ready for some rainy-day fun? Enjoy stories, songs and crafts at the library all about the rain.

Storybook STEAM: Planting a Rainbow
North Orange Branch
Thursday, March 24, 11 a.m.
Listen to a story and complete a STEAM challenge that invites you to imagine, plan, create and improve upon a story-related project.

RAPUNZEL'S TWISTY TALES

Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, March 29, 11 a.m.
Let down your hair and swing on by for stories, songs and games inspired by Rapunzel and Disney's *Tangled*. Registration required for each child.



VIRTUAL

Playful Pups
Wednesday, March 2, 11 a.m.
Learn about sea otters through fact-filled stories and activities that promote early literacy in preschoolers.

Sesame Street Storytime
Mondays, March 7–28, 11 a.m.
Can you tell me how to get, how to get to *Sesame Street*? Let's make it a sunny day with a storytime and craft celebrating our favorite friends.

Pajama Party
Mondays, March 7–28, 7 p.m.
Put on your pajamas and join us virtually for stories, songs and a craft.

Colorful Chameleons
Tuesday, March 8, 11 a.m.
Preschoolers will learn how chameleons use color while strengthening early literacy skills through stories and a craft.

Pumas and Panthers
Wednesday, March 9, 11 a.m.
Discover the mysterious lives of pumas and panthers through fact-filled stories and activities that promote early literacy in preschoolers.

Little Chef: Lucky Charm Snack Mix
Tuesday, March 15, 11 a.m.
Take a bite of frosted oats and colorful marshmallows with a twist. Combine, stir and shape a fun treat that will be magically delicious.

Terrific Trees
Wednesday, March 16, 11 a.m.
Learn about the importance of trees through fact-filled stories and activities that promote early literacy in preschoolers.

Little Picasso
Tuesday, March 22, 11 a.m.
Calling all preschoolers to freely and creatively explore and express themselves! Let your imagination and little hands run wild with color, texture and more.

Sensational Seals
Wednesday, March 23, 11 a.m.
Explore seals and the behaviors that make them unique through fact-filled stories and activities that promote early literacy in preschoolers.

Countdown to Spring
Thursday, March 24, 11 a.m.
4-3-2-1! Spring is here! Help us celebrate with stories and activities to welcome the season.

Little Chef: Key Lime Pie Parfaits
Tuesday, March 29, 11 a.m.
Crush and layer ingredients to make one of Florida's famous treats! This no-bake layered dessert allows your little one to explore texture and new flavors that will make their taste buds jump.

Cuddly Koalas
Wednesday, March 30, 11 a.m.
Discover the world of koalas through fact-filled stories and activities that promote early literacy in preschoolers.

IN-PERSON

Drawing Club
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 2, 4 p.m.
Try out new drawing techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Registration required for each child. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Quiz Pop Live!
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursdays, March 3 & 31, 4:30 p.m.
Are you the smartest person you know? Test your knowledge and compete head-to-head against your friends to see if you've got what it takes to be our Kahoot champion!

Casual Crafternoon
Fairview Shores Branch
Mondays, March 7, 21 & 28, 4:30 p.m.
Create your own masterpiece as we explore different art fundamentals and styles.

Project WILD: Career Critters
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 8, 4:30 p.m.
Learn about animals, plants and how these creatures impact their environment. Based on Project WILD curriculum.

DIY Lava Lamps
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 9, 4 p.m.
Learn how to make your own lava lamp with basic chemistry! Recommended for ages 6–9.

Sunshine State Jr. Book Club
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 9, 4 p.m.
Hear us read aloud one of the 2021–2022 Sunshine State Jr. (K–2) books and then enjoy an activity! This month we're reading *Federico and the Wolf*. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Homework Help
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, March 10, 24 & 31, 2:30 p.m.
Feeling stuck at school? Get help here! From the toughest assignment to the most interesting project, we will lead you in the right direction. Recommended for ages 6–18.

Angel Paws to Read
North Orange Branch
Saturday, March 12, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, March 26, 11:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 26, 11:30 a.m.
Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a lovable, furry listener. Be An Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry presents this reading program for children with certified therapy dogs.

St. Patrick's Day!
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 12, 2 p.m.
Celebrate St. Patrick's day the leprechaun way. Don't forget to wear green!

Feeling Good
West Oaks Branch
Monday, March 14, 2 p.m.
Learn some chill skills with self-calming techniques, tips and tricks.

Space Escape
Fairview Shores Branch
Monday, March 14, 4:30 p.m.
Work together to decode an encrypted message and solve puzzles to perform a daring rescue in deep space.

Pajama Jamboree
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, March 15, 4 p.m.
Put on your favorite jammies for a fun-filled evening of a story, craft and cookies and milk. Seating is limited. Recommended for ages 3–7.

Space Slime
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, March 15, 4:30 p.m.
Create intergalactic goo! Learn more about the science of slime by making your very own.

March Crafternoon
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 16, 4 p.m.
Make a St. Patrick's Day hanging decoration. Use shamrocks, rainbows and gold coins for luck. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Crafternoon
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, March 16, 4 p.m.
Get ready for an hour of crafting fun with friends.

Sparkle Like a Unicorn
South Creek Branch
Thursday, March 17, 2 p.m.
Fantastical fun awaits with stories and crafts. Celebrate the unique, magical and mystical unicorn.

Calder's Mobile Art
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 26, 2 p.m.
Explore the works of Alexander Calder and create your own abstract mobile.

Macaroni Mania
Windermere Branch
Monday, March 28, 4 p.m.
Join us to make a craft with macaroni.

Art History for Kids
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 30, 3 p.m.
In this series we will explore artists and their styles. We will also create our own masterpieces inspired by their work. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Baby-Sitters Club Extravaganza
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, March 30, 3:30 p.m.
Are you a Claudia or a Kristy? Join us for a celebration of all things BSC, complete with trivia and a craft. Recommended for ages 8–12.

VIRTUAL

Pajama Tales
Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 22 & 29, 7 p.m.
Get comfy and cozy! Wear your jammies, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and join us for an evening of stories, rhymes and songs. Recommended for families with children ages 4–8.

ShamROCKS!
Thursday, March 10, 4 p.m.
Do you have the luck of the Irish? Brush up on your leprechaun folklore and be prepared for a legendary time! Recommended for ages 6–8.

Space Escape
Saturday, March 12, 4:30 p.m.
Work together to decode an encrypted message and solve puzzles to perform a daring rescue in deep space.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club
Wednesday, March 16, 4 p.m.
Engage in a lively discussion and fun activities with Mayor Buddy's Book Club. Recommended for ages 8–12.

Pirates! All Aboard to Ireland
Tuesday, March 29, 4:30 p.m.
All aboard to explore Ireland with a quirky pirate crew! We'll read stories, sing sea shanties, do a rainbow experiment and dance our way to lucky adventures.

Happiness Rocks
Thursday, March 31, 4 p.m.
Spread happiness by painting a rock and adding a positive message on the back. You can keep your rock or share it by hiding it for someone else to find. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Winter Garden Tween Book Club
Thursday, March 31, 5 p.m.
Engage in a dynamic discussion and a themed activity based on *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine. Registration required. Recommended for ages 9–12.

IN-PERSON

Teen Book Club
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 22, 4:30 p.m.
Are you a teen who enjoys reading young adult novels? Join us in a dynamic discussion with an engaging activity for the YA novel, *Gilded* by Marissa Meyer.

House Music – A Crash Course
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, March 23, 3:15 p.m.
Learn the history of house music and how to mix tunes using YouTube DJ. Recommended for ages 12–18.

Teen Volunteering
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, March 26, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Attend a volunteer event and earn community service hours. Assemble craft kits at this two-hour in person community service event.

Teen Art Adventure: Canvas Wall Art
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, March 26, 4:30 p.m.
Brighten your walls with a stunning piece of art made with your very own creativity.

HAPPINESS ROCKS

Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, March 10, 4:30 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, March 16, 4 p.m.
Spread happiness by painting a rock and adding a positive message on the back. You can keep your rock or share it by hiding it for someone else to find. Recommended for ages 11–18.





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BOOK DROP LOCATIONS

Horizon West Book Drop
Hamlin Town Center
14416 Shoreside Way, Winter Garden, FL 34787

Lake Nona Book Drop
Valencia College Lake Nona Campus
12350 Narcoossee Rd, Orlando, FL 32832

Materials placed in book drops are picked up and returned to the library Monday–Saturday.

LOCATIONS Sunday Hours: 🕒

Orlando Public Library
101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Alafaya Branch
12000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32826
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

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

Eatonville Branch
200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch
902 Lee Road, Suite 26, Orlando, FL 32810
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch
7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32818
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

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

South Creek Branch
1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

South Trail Branch
4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr., Orlando, FL 32839
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southeast Branch
5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southwest Branch
7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL 32819
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Washington Park Branch
5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

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

Windermere Branch
530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.



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