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Celebrate Black History Month and Valentine's Day with the library in February

During February, the North Orange Branch celebrates Black History Month with fun fact cards for kids. Use research skills to discover facts about influential Black Americans. Once a card has been completed, return it to the branch to win a small prize. Cards will be entered into a drawing for a raffle prize at the end of the event. The more cards you turn in, the better your chance of winning.

Learn about 10 historic Black heroes in America on February 8 and 15 during Homeschool Meetup: 10 Unsung Heroes of Black History. Then on February 20 study the works of famed artist Jean-Michel Basquiat during Basquiat Art, and create your own piece of art in his unique style.

Take an easy, classical treat and turn it into a gift for your valentine during Cuisine Corner Junior: Valentine Rice Krispies Treats. Library staff will help guide you as you learn about kitchen safety and how to use kitchen tools.

These virtual events and more are available to you online for free with your Orange County Library card. If you have any questions about the information shared below, contact us as 407-835-7323. Check us out online at ocls.info for a complete listing of all library events.

Woven Paper Heart Basket

Tuesday, February 2, 2:30 p.m.

Woven paper heart baskets can be filled with treats to give to your valentine. Recommended for families.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4779818>

Little Chef: Red Light, Green Light

Wednesday, February 3, 2 p.m.

Red means stop, green means go! Learn about African American inventor Garrett Morgan and his creation of the traffic light through food. Recommended for ages 3–5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4774883>

Look, I'm a Scientist

Thursday, February 4, 2 p.m.

You don't need a white coat and a fancy lab to be a scientist. You already have all you need: your brain and amazing senses. This month we'll learn about Black scientists. Recommended for ages 3–5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4776010>

Homeschool Meetup: 10 Unsung Heroes of Black History

Mondays, February 8 & 15, 1 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month by learning about 10 overlooked, but substantial Black heroes in American history.

https://www.ocls.info/classes-events?search_api_views_fulltext=Homeschool%20Meetup%3A%2010%20Unsung%20Heroes%20of%20Black%20History%20&sort_by=timestamp

Cuisine Corner Junior: Valentine Rice Krispies Treats

Wednesday, February 10, 4 p.m.

Learn how to turn a classic delight into your next Valentine's Day treat! Recommended for ages 9–12.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4759213>

Lunar New Year Craft

Friday, February 12, 3:30 p.m.

Learn some traditions and superstitions of the Lunar New Year. Make a lucky fish for a prosperous New Year.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4780222>

Valentine Origami

Friday, February 12, 4 p.m.

Cut, fold and paste your way to the cutest valentines ever! Recommended for ages 13–18.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4775349>

Freedom Quilt

Saturday, February 13, 10 a.m.

Learn how quilt patterns became messages that may have helped slaves travel the Underground Railroad and create your own patchwork square. Recommended for families.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4774766>

Princess and the Frog Storytime

Tuesday, February 16, 1 p.m.

Let's go down to New Orleans and celebrate Tianna, Naveen, Louis and Ray with culture-inspired stories, songs and crafts. Recommended for ages 3–5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4776004>

Kamala Harris: Superheroes Are Everywhere

Wednesday, February 17, 11 a.m.

There were superheroes everywhere in Vice President Kamala Harris's life. Can you find them in yours? Recommended for ages 3–5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4744677>

Mayor Buddy's Book Club End of Book Party

Thursday, February 18, 4 p.m.

Join Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club to celebrate the completion of our latest book, *Marcus Vegas Doesn't Speak Spanish* by Pablo Cartaya. Recommended for ages 8–12.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4754844>

Influential Black Poets & Artists

Friday, February 19, 4 p.m.

Explore a history of Black poets and artists that have left their mark on today's world and learn how to make your own beautiful art inspired by poetry from books, magazines and more. Recommended for ages 13–18.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4777280>

Basquiat Art

Saturday, February 20, 3 p.m.

Celebrate Black History month with us. Learn about African American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. Then create your own piece of modern art in his style. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4780926>

Get Creative & Learn: Kente Cloths and Zora Neale Hurston

Tuesday, February 23, 4 p.m.

Craft your own paper-weaved Kente cloths and discover their history as we learn more about Zora Neale Hurston. Recommended for ages 6–12.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4772340>

Black History Jeopardy!

Wednesday, February 24, 4:30 p.m.

Put your Black History knowledge to the test in this interactive Jeopardy game where you'll learn who's who in categories such as Civil Rights, Authors, Science and more. Recommended for ages 9–12.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4775880>

Art From the Heart

Thursday, February 25, 4 p.m.

Clementine Hunter was a famous self-talk folk artist whose paintings captured scenes of joyous celebrations. Learn about her inspiring life and create a beautiful art pieces using her techniques. Recommended for families.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4765510>

Teen Cuisine: No Meat Here

Thursday, February 25, 5 p.m.

Celebrate Black History month with us by creating celebrity chef Charity Morgan's Green Goddess Wrap. She helped the Tennessee Titans eat plant strong, now you can too. Recommended for ages 13–18.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4780952>

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