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In-Person Events Are Back At All Library Locations In January

For almost two years now, the library has been exclusively offering virtual experiences that customers can take advantage of from home. But now, Orange County Library System is ready to invite everyone back to enjoy in-person events and spend time at all library locations.

Orange County Library System, in partnership with Valencia College, celebrates *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London as part of NEA Big Read. Kick off the month-long series with a live Q&A with Iditarod champion Libby Riddles, the first woman to win the 1000-mile sled dog race. For a complete listing of all the library's upcoming NEA Big Read events, visit ocls.info/bigread. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

Celebrate the legacy of Eatonville's own Zora Neale Hurston in this three-day event series with scholar and author, Rae Chesny. Chesny is an award-winning social education expert, author, Johns Hopkins University Literary Consultant, and Zora Neale Hurston Scholar. For more information about this series, visit ocls.info/zora-neale-hurston-storyteller-and-her-town. Funding for this program was provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Make your health and fitness goals a reality with the library. Through events, online resources, and books and DVDs, a successful doctor's visit, weight loss goal, or new healthy habit can be within arm's reach. For a complete listing of Healthy You events, visit ocls.info/healthyyou.

Registration is strongly recommended for all in-person events due to limited capacity. If you have any questions about the information shared below, call 407-835-7323. Visit us online at ocls.info to register, or to view a complete listing of both virtual and in-person library events.

In-Person: Move Like The Animals

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, January 5, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, January 11, 10:30 a.m. (ages 3–5)

Eatonville Branch

Monday, January 24, 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library,

Thursday, January 27, 11 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Monday, January 31, 10:30 a.m.

Can you hop like a frog? Waddle like a penguin? Run like a cheetah? See if you can move like the animals do! Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

Virtual: Q&A with Iditarod Champion Libby Riddles

Sunday, January 9, 2 p.m.

In March of 1985 Libby Riddles became the first woman to win the Iditarod: a nearly 1000-mile sled dog race in Alaska. Join us as Libby shares stories and answers questions to kick off Big Read 2022!

In-Person: Livestream with Iditarod Champion Libby Riddles

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, January 9, 2 p.m.

Join us to watch the Q&A with Iditarod Champion Libby Riddles. In March of 1985 Riddles became the first woman to win the Iditarod: a nearly 1000-mile sled dog race in Alaska.

Virtual: Healthy Resolutions

Wednesday, January 12, 11 a.m.

Join Jessica Daly, consumer health librarian with Orlando Health, as she shares the importance of taking charge of your physical health as well as your mental and emotional health in the new year.

Recommended for ages 18 and up.

In-Person: Water Conservation Education

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Thursday, January 13, 11 a.m.

Do you have questions about water conservation? A representative from the Orange County Utilities Water Division will discuss this important topic. Part of the Sustainability Series sponsored by The Friends of the Orange County Library System.

In-Person: Gemini Boulevard A Cappella

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, January 22, 11 a.m.

Enjoy an incredible performance from Gemini Boulevard A Cappella, an all gendered a cappella group out of the University of Central Florida.

In-Person: Meet the Author: Gabrielle O. Starkes

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, January 22, 2 p.m.

Join Gabrielle O. Starkes to learn about the inspiration behind her first book, *Gabrielle and the Magic Tree*, and explore how trees help the environment. Book sale and signing to follow the event.

Virtual: *No Visible Bruises* with Rachel Louise Snyder: Conversation for Justice with Valencia Peace & Justice Institute

Wednesday, January 26, 10–11:15 a.m.

Rachel Louise Snyder's book *No Visible Bruises* was named one of the 10 best books of 2019 by *The New York Times*. Meet the author and discuss how we can work to ignite social change.

Virtual: Meet the Author: Janae Marks

Friday, January 28, 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy a Q&A session with Janae Marks! Her book *From the Desk of Zoe Washington*, on the Sunshine State Young Readers list, is soon to be a Disney Original movie, produced by Kerry Washington.

In-Person: Introducing Zora

Eatonville Branch

Friday, January 28, 5 p.m.

In this riveting presentation, join Zora Neale Hurston Scholar Rae Chesny for an introduction to the life of Zora Neale Hurston and her upbringing in Eatonville.

Virtual: The Art and Literature of Indigenous Comics

Monday, January 31, 7:30 p.m.

Native Americans have a long and often overlooked culture of art and storytelling. Join Dr. Jeremy Carnes as he explores the rich history of Indigenous stories and how relevant it is in modern comics.

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