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The library recognizes National Women’s History Month with a number of events this March and more.

This March, the library celebrates National Women’s History Month with some great events. On March 6, the West Oaks branch welcomes *New York Times* best-selling author Samira Ahmed as she discusses her best-selling book *Love, Hate & Other Filters*. Then on March 7, the Orlando Public Library welcomes Sunshine State Award winning author Lisa Graff as she reads from her latest book *Far Away*.

The Orange County Library System is proud to host the 2019 Women in the Arts Awards on March 23. Come and see the Celebrating the Genius of Women art exhibition featuring local artist up for the top award, as well as international and national artists from around the world. Meet the artists in the main lobby and participate in an interactive gallery walk. Find out which piece wins the Patron’s Choice Award and Women in the Arts Award. Visit ocls.info/women-art-awards for more information.

Returning this month is Melrose in the Mix, the live studio recording series where all are invited to experience live music in a recording studio. Kicking off the series is Orlando-based musicians Artefacto on March 2 and Marc With a C on March 3. Registration is required, so sign up today at ocls.info/melroseinthemix.

If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, or if you need us to send additional events, contact us at 407-835-7323. You can also check for more library events online at ocls.info.

Movement & Stretching

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Fridays, March 1–May 3, 1 p.m.

Move to the music with us and have a good time in this class designed to get anyone moving through a combination of yoga and dance. Presented by Central Florida Community Arts, a continuum of arts education and experiences for a lifetime. To learn more about Central Florida Community Arts, visit cfcarts.com/artsinaction.

Step to the Irish Beat, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, March 2, 2 p.m.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish step dance performance by Watters School of Irish Dancing.

Melrose in the Mix Returns!

Artefacto

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, March 2, 3:30 p.m.

Marc With a C

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Sunday, March 3, 3:30 p.m.

The 2019 Melrose in the Mix season kicks off with a two-session weekend. Artefacto have blended nuances from alternative rock, pop and electronic music with Spanish lyrics. Marc With a C has devoted himself to making raw, lo-fi music about a hi-def world. Seating is limited. Registration required. To register, visit ocls.info/melroseinthemix.

Writing to Win: Crafting Stand-Out Contest Entries

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Monday, March 4, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about types of writing contests, where to find them, judging criteria, strategies for different lengths, working with prompts, making your entry stand out and secrets from behind-the-scenes! Presented by editor and contest coordinator Arielle Haughee.

Cuisine Corner: Farm-to-Cup Coffee: How the Bean Becomes the Beverage

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Monday, March 4, 6:30 p.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, March 30, 11 a.m.

Jarrett Johnson of Lineage Coffee will share how he and his team pick the perfect bean, carefully roasts to optimum color and select an ideal brewing method to bring you a delicious cup of coffee. Registration recommended. Ages 18 and up.

Meet the Author: Samira Ahmed

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.

Meet New York Times best-selling author Samira Ahmed as she reads from and discusses her book *Love, Hate & Other Filters*, which tells the story of 17-year-old Maya Aziz, who can't wait to graduate from her small-town high school. Registration required.

Meet the Author: Lisa Graff

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.

Meet Sunshine State Award winning author Lisa Graff as she reads from and discusses her newest book. *Far Away* tells the story of CJ, who uses her aunt's psychic gift to talk to her mom, who died just hours after she was born. When CJ learns she won't be able to speak to her mother anymore, she sets off on a road trip to locate the one object that can tether her mother's spirit back to Earth.

Filmapalooza Filmmaking Workshops

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m.–Noon

Take part in these workshops offered by area filmmakers. Topics include acting for the camera, legal aspects of filmmaking, and numerous others. For more information about Filmapalooza, visit 48hourfilm.com.

Reaching Out: A Community Resource Fair

Orlando Public Library, Library Central, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Monday, March 11, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Connect with local community services in honor of National Social Work Month. Meet the library's social worker and other representatives for our neighbors in need. Organizations on site will include Coalition for the Homeless, Health Care Center for the Homeless, IDignity, Miracle of Love, Neighborhood Center for Families (NCF), Office on Aging, Primary Care Access Network (PCAN), Right Service at the Right Time, Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, United Against Poverty and Victim Service Center (VSC).

Understanding Florida Probate

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

Tuesday, March 12, 1 p.m.

The laws of probate in Florida provide different types of estate proceedings. Do you know which one will apply at the time of your death? Learn about each type as well as the processes from opening an estate to closing it, and everything in between, with Kimberly Soto, Esq. of The Soto Law Office, P.A.

Holi: Festival of Colors

Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden

Saturday, March 16, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the Hindu spring festival of Holi. Learn about the history and meaning of this festival through and how it is celebrated in India and around the world.

Book Launch: *How I Met My Other*

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, March 16, 4 p.m.

Celebrate the release of this real romance short story collection. Get a chance to meet the authors and purchase a signed copy. There will be book experts, giveaways, games and more!

Money Talks for Women

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Mondays, March 18–May 6, 6:30 p.m.

In this nine-week series, learn about library services such as Morningstar Investment Research Center, goal-oriented tools for saving, investing and more. Discuss what works for achieving financial confidence for women and share money management best practices across the financial spectrum.

She Steps to the Mic

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Thursday, March 26, 6:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, March 30, 1 p.m.

An interactive, multimedia program examining the role of women in hip-hop and rap music from the 1970s through today. Exploring the images of women as presented in a male dominated musical genre as well as highlighting those women who were able to break through the hip-hop glass ceiling and find success, this program gives voice to women who are often held as trophies, objects or enemies in this African-American created musical genre.

Art 101: Ancient Egyptian Art

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 p.m.

For over 3,000 years Egypt was one of the predominant civilizations in the Mediterranean and Africa. Learn about the history of ancient Egyptian art and make your own creation inspired by its aesthetics. Registration required. Register online or call 407.835.7323. Ages 15 and up.

Making it Work as a Work-at-Home Parent

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Sunday, March 31, 4–5:30 p.m.

Many employers and freelancers are now considering working from home a viable option, but it comes with household adjustments. Cindy Marie Jenkins will offer tips and hacks for making it work with young children in the home. Children are welcome at this event; quiet activities will be provided.

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