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Get Pow-Her-Ful at OCLS with Women's History Month Events

March is Women's History Month and Orange County Library System is observing the historical impact women have had on the world with events for all ages. Learn about pow-her-ful women and what makes them great. From historical figures to your favorite super heroines, there is plenty to celebrate in March at the library. For a complete listing of all Women's History Month events, visit ocls.info/womenshistorymonth.

As part of Women's History Month, Women in the Arts Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, will be hosting the 11th Annual Women in the Arts Awards and Exhibition, featuring both local and international women artists. Finalists will be honored on Saturday, March 26, 2 p.m. at Orlando Public Library and the exhibition will be on display through the end of April. For more details about Women in the Arts Inc., visit womeninthearts.org.

Windermere Branch will be hosting the upcoming Florida Talks Speaker Series. These events, featuring guest speakers Carrie Sue Ayvar and Dr. Kitty Oliver, will tell the unique histories and stories of Florida and its people. First, Carrie Sue Ayvar will present [Stories of Florida – Con Sabor!](#) at Windermere Branch on Saturday, March 12, 1 p.m. [Race & Change Across Cultures & Generations: Florida Stories](#), presented by Dr. Kitty Oliver, will take place at Windermere Town Hall on Saturday, March 26, 11 a.m. Funding for this program was provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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.

Youth Events:

In-Person: 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.

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.

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.

With great power comes great responsibility. Explore the common empowering qualities of well-known women like Simone Biles, Frida Kahlo, Jane Goodall and more. Recommended for ages 18–36 months. Registration required.

Virtual: Pow-HER-ful

Thursday, March 3, 11 a.m.

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

In-Person: 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: 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.

Virtual: 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.

In-Person: 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.

In-Person: 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.

General Events:

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. Part of the Sustainability Series sponsored by the Friends of the Orange County Library System.

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.

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.

In-Person: Stories of Florida – Con Sabor!

Windermere Branch

Saturday, March 12, 1 p.m.

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!

In-Person: 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.

Virtual: Cuisine Corner – 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.

In-Person: Race & Change Across Cultures and Generations: Florida Stories

Windermere Town Hall

520 Main Street (in front of Windermere Branch)

Saturday, March 26, 11 a.m.

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.

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. Part of the Sustainability Series sponsored by the Friends of the Orange County Library System.

In-Person: 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.

In-Person: Women in the Arts Awards

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, March 26, 2 p.m.

Enjoy the 11th Annual Women in the Arts Awards and Exhibition featuring local finalists, U.S. and international artists. Find out which piece wins the Patron's Choice Award and which finalists receive Women in the Arts Awards.

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