

# 100 YEARS

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



100 YEAR CELEBRATION:  
A LOOK AT OCLS IN THE  
1920s

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BOOKS & BEYOND



# WAIVE FINES *goodbye*

## Did you know?

Since going fine free ...

**9,317** accounts have started using their library cards again

**35.2%** of people who signed up for a library card between 10/16/22 and 11/30/22 reported that the library dropping overdue fines was an important factor in their decision

**\$91,431.50** worth of materials have been returned so far

The oldest due date of an item returned was **March 2005!**

Collect ten stamps by attending any program, event or class at OCLS. Once you fill your passport, fill out the form on the back and turn it into any location of Orange County Library System to be entered to win a prize.

## PASSPORT



## OCLS IN THE 1920s

The Orange County Library System opened November 8, 1923. Here's a peek at what else happened throughout the decade.

### NOVEMBER 1921

Formal agreement between Captain Albertson and the City of Orlando to create a library signed

### AUGUST 1922

Permit for the library's construction granted

### FEBRUARY 1923

First meeting of the Board of Directors of the Albertson Public Library

### APRIL 1923

Olive Brumbaugh offered the position of head librarian

### NOVEMBER 1923

Albertson Public Library opened to the public

### JUNE 1924

Booker T. Washington Library opened to the public and Eddie T. Jackson hired as the branch librarian

### DECEMBER 1926

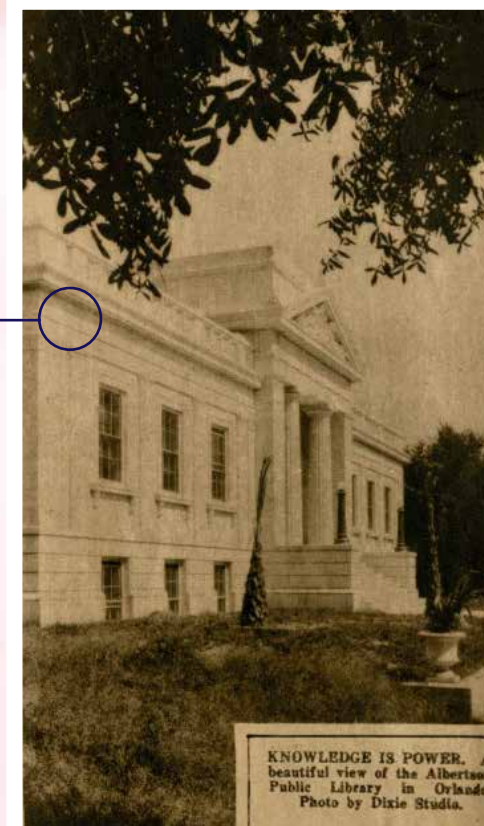
Albertson Public Library hosts birthday luncheon for Dr. Melvil Dewey, creator of the Dewey Decimal System

### OCTOBER 1928

Number of active library borrowers soars to 11,175

### DECEMBER 1929

Total number of books in the library is 51,781



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### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### Next Board Of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room  
 Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### Next Friends Of The Library Board Of Directors Meeting:

Virtual  
 Wednesday, February 15, Noon

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

On January 7, we kicked off Orange County Library System's 100 Year Celebration at Orlando Public Library with a host of special guests. We were lucky enough to have Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings, City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, City Commissioner Patty Sheehan, State Rep. Anna Eskamani and County Commissioner Nicole Wilson join us to rededicate the library to the community for the next 100 years.

We also had with us that day a special group of women who have quietly been some of the library's staunchest advocates, ever since our founding in 1923: The Sorosis of Orlando Woman's Club. In the early 1920s, they helped get our library started, and in 1949, they donated our original bookmobile, which helped us reach people in far-flung parts of the community. Bookmobile services were suspended in 1979, so the library could focus on building our popular home-delivery service. As Orange County has developed, however, there are a growing number of people who don't have easy access to one of the library's 15 locations. We've talked about ways to introduce mobile services to bring the library to people, wherever they may be, but we weren't sure how we were going to accomplish that goal.

Well, Sorosis of Orlando has stepped up to the plate once again. On January 7, they announced that they are donating \$100,000 to Orange County Library System to help us bring book bikes, and eventually a bookmobile, to the community.

As our county grows, we need to look for new and innovative ways to deliver services, especially to areas with transportation needs and other challenges. Mobile services will go a long way toward addressing those challenges and helping us reach people in new and sometimes unexpected places. We are so grateful to Sorosis of Orlando for their very generous donation.

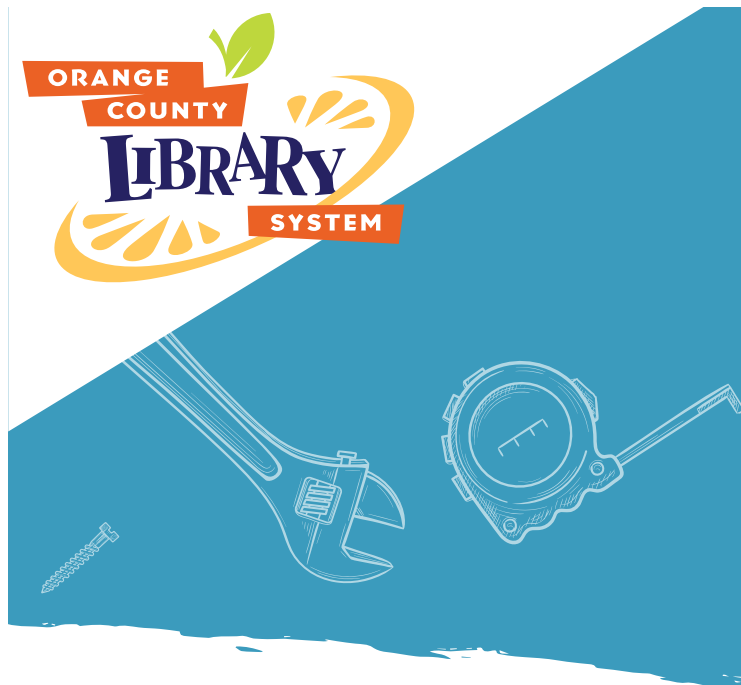
It's going to take some time to figure out the best way to serve the community through a bookmobile, so we don't have details to share about that project yet, but we are going to work on getting book bikes on the road while we sort out some bookmobile logistics. Stay tuned!

Don't forget that all year long, we're celebrating our 100 years of service by bringing you special events, such as this month's exciting event featuring *Top Chef* contestant and author Kwame Onwuachi (see page 11 for details), and sharing library history in the pages of *Books & Beyond*. In honor of Black History Month, we highlight Eddie T. Jackson, Orlando's first African-American librarian, who was head librarian of the Booker T. Washington branch, which opened its doors in 1924. Check out page 17 for the story, and flip to pages 18–20 for a selection of events we're hosting at various locations to celebrate Black History Month.

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## WINDERMERE BRANCH WILL BE CLOSED FOR A REFRESH FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 4

LA SUCURSAL DE WINDERMERE ESTARÁ CERRADA  
POR REMODELACIÓN DEL 20 DE FEBRERO AL 4 DE MARZO.

VISIT US WHEN WE REOPEN MARCH 5, 2023  
VISÍTENOS CUANDO ABRAMOS EL 5 DE MARZO

While we are closed, you can access library services  
online or visit any of our other library branches.

Nearby branches include:  
Las sucursales mas cercanas son

Winter Garden Branch  
805 E. Plant St.  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

West Oaks Branch and Genealogy Center  
1821 E. Silver Star Road  
Ocoee FL 34761

Southwest Branch  
7255 Della Drive  
Orlando, FL 32819

These projected dates are subject to change.



ORLANDO  
BOOK FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY, APRIL 15  
ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY | 101 E. CENTRAL BLVD., ORLANDO

With special guest

**R.L. STINE**

Before there was J. K. Rowling, before there was Stephenie Meyer or Suzanne Collins, there was R.L. Stine. Witty, creepy and compulsively readable: his books defined horror for a generation of young readers – readers who have now come of age. As recognized by *USA Today*, R.L. Stine was the best-selling author in America for three years in a row (1993–95). *The Guinness Book of World Records* cited him as the best-selling series author in history.

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**THE BEATLES AT SHEA STADIUM:  
THE STORY BEHIND  
THEIR GREATEST  
CONCERT**

Orlando Public Library,  
Library Central  
*Sunday, February 12, 2 p.m.*  
Dave Schwensen, author of  
*The Beatles at Shea Stadium*,  
will host an interactive  
experience about the  
groundbreaking concert that  
launched the modern era of  
outdoor stadium shows.



**FOOD 101:  
CLASSIC FRENCH COOKING**

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room  
*Wednesday, February 22, 5:30 p.m.*  
The Food 101 series introduces you  
to a new topic every month, examining  
the historical and social significance  
of what we eat. In February, learn  
all about classic French cooking.

**Heart UV Resin Pendant**  
Orlando Public Library,  
Magnolia & Palm Room  
*Thursday, February 2, 5:30 p.m.*  
**North Orange Branch**  
*Monday, February 6, 5:30 p.m.*  
Create a one-of-a-kind heart  
UV resin pendant to take  
home with you. Ages 18 and  
up. Registration required.

**Healing From  
Childhood Trauma**  
Eatonville Branch  
*Saturday, February 4, 11 a.m.*  
Join Cendie Stanford, founder of  
Adverse Childhood Experiences  
(ACEs), to learn how to become  
equipped to end cycles of childhood  
abuse, neglect and dysfunction.

**All-Levels Yoga**  
Virtual  
*Monday, February 6, 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.

**Southwest Film Club**  
Virtual  
*Tuesday, February 7, 7–8:30 p.m.*  
The Southwest Film Club discusses  
the themes and importance of a  
different movie each month. All  
films available for free on Kanopy.

**Cancer Prevention**  
Virtual  
*Wednesday, February 8, 11 a.m.*  
Join Jessica Daly, faculty librarian  
and assistant professor with  
Advent Health University, as she  
discusses what you can do to help  
lower your risk of getting cancer.

**Financial Literacy –  
Understanding  
Accumulation Strategies**  
South Creek Branch  
*Wednesday, February 8, 5:30 p.m.*  
World System Builder will share  
tips and strategies that will help you  
build a solid financial foundation.  
Recommended for ages 18 and up.

**Backyard Birding with  
Orange Audubon Society**  
Winter Garden Branch  
*Wednesday, February 8, Noon*  
Virtual  
*Wednesday,  
February 15, 6:30 p.m.*  
As winter ends with spring just  
around the corner: the birds  
are chirping in Central Florida.  
Orange Audubon Society will  
be sharing which species to  
look for in your backyard!

**Plant Clinic**  
Alafaya Branch  
*Thursday, February 9, 2–4 p.m.*  
Winter Garden Branch  
*Saturday, February 11,  
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.*  
Bring your plants and ask questions!  
Master Gardener Volunteers  
from the UF/IFAS Orange County  
Extension Office will be available to  
answer your gardening questions.

**Paper Possibilities**  
Virtual  
*Friday, February 10,  
10:30–11:45 a.m.*  
Imagine the possibilities: book  
structures are not only fun to make,  
but can be customized to display  
art, write stories and more. We  
will learn and practice the French  
Link stitch bookbinding method.

**Altered Books Workshop**  
West Oaks Branch  
*Saturday, February 11, 2–4:30 p.m.*  
Junk journal, scrapbook, diary?  
Bring your imagination and join  
us to discover the possibilities  
of altered books at this monthly  
workshop. Registration required.  
Recommended for ages 18 and up.

**Interior Design 101**  
Southwest Branch  
*Saturday, February 11, 3–4:30 p.m.*  
Join Rebecca Hubler, interior  
designer, as she shows how to  
incorporate lighting, color, texture,  
art and accessories to transform an  
ordinary space into the extraordinary.

**Download e-Books with Libby**  
Southeast Branch  
*Thursday, February 16, 3 p.m.*  
Get to know Libby, the e-book  
platform from Overdrive. Bring  
your phone, tablet or other device  
to download your e-books.

**Yoga for Balance**  
Virtual  
*Thursday, February 16, 7 p.m.*  
This all-levels yoga class focuses on  
stabilizing poses to build focus, core  
strength and better control of your  
body's overall balance. Presented by  
certified yoga instructor Dana Brady.

**Financial Literacy –  
Fulfilling Long Term Goals**  
South Creek Branch  
*Saturday, February 18,  
10:30 a.m.–Noon*  
World System Builder will share  
tips and strategies that will help you  
build a solid financial foundation.  
Recommended for ages 18 and up.

**Drawing 101**  
Winter Garden Branch  
*Saturday, February 18, 3:30 p.m.*  
Come learn drawing techniques and  
participate in guided activities each  
month! Recommended for ages  
18 and up. Registration required.

**Chair Yoga**  
Virtual  
*Monday, February 20, 9 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.

**Eatonville Weekend  
Wellness Workshop**  
Eatonville Branch  
*Saturday, February 25,  
11 a.m.–1 p.m.*  
Taking care of yourself is vital to your  
well-being. This workshop will teach  
you all about wellness, offering tips  
and tools that can be realistically  
added into your busy daily lives.

**VISION BOARD  
WORKSHOP**  
Southeast Branch  
*Saturday, February 25, 2–4 p.m.*  
Create a vision board to help  
you imagine your best life.

**Engaging a Live Audience  
Through Improv**  
Orlando Public Library,  
Library Central  
*Sunday, February 26, 3–5 p.m.*  
This improv workshop will focus  
on audience interaction and  
experience. Learn skills like how  
to ask for suggestions, crowd work  
and bringing the audience into  
the show. Registration required.

**Healthy Relationships**  
Virtual  
*Monday, February 27, 11 a.m.*  
Identify the characteristics of healthy,  
unhealthy and abusive relationships  
through interactive scenarios. Learn  
effective communication within  
relationships. Ages 18 and up.





**EATONVILLE QUILT EXHIBITION:  
WOVEN STORIES OF RESISTANCE**

**Eatonville Branch**  
*On Display Through February*  
Visit Eatonville Branch to view this powerful quilt exhibition created by the Charmettes Club of Orlando to share their passion for social justice in celebration of Black History Month. Sponsored by the Delta Omicron Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority Inc.

**Then & Now: 100 Years of Orlando Public Library**

**Orlando Public Library, Melrose Gallery**  
*On Display Through March*  
Join us for the opening reception for this retrospective created by Winny Rivas, looking at the history of the Orlando Public Library building and its operation over the years. Work displayed includes images from local photographers during the 1960s through the 1980s alongside Winny's current day recreations, celebrating the changes that have occurred in the building and its surroundings.

MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY



**Music in the Library: Hungrytown**

**Chickasaw Branch**  
*Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m.*  
Vermont-based folk duo Hungrytown will perform original songs featuring close harmony singing, as well as accompaniment on a variety of instruments.

CUISINE CORNER

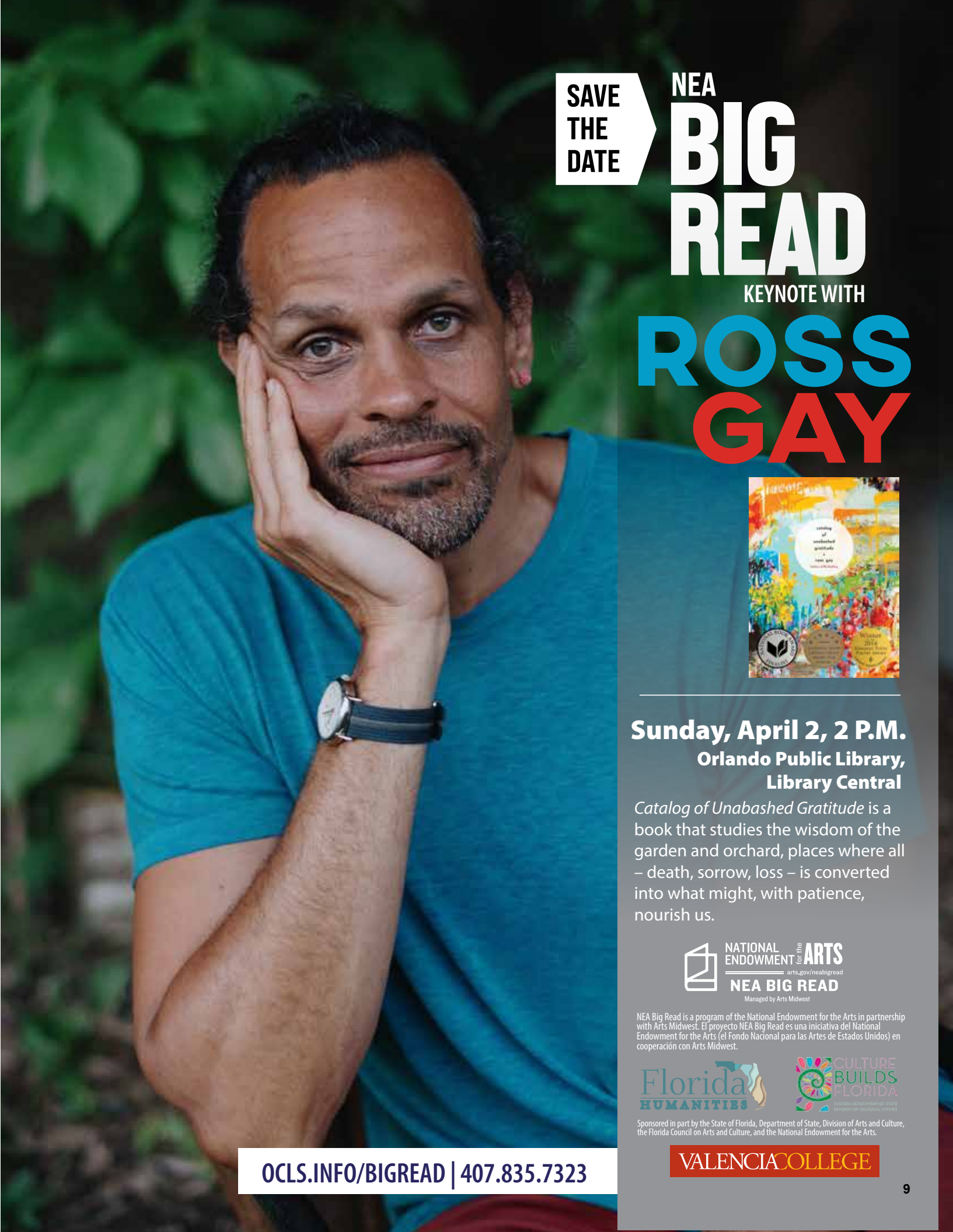


**Navajo Tacos with Navajo Fry Bread**

**Virtual**  
*Monday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.*  
Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make Navajo tacos with Navajo fry bread.

**Heart Healthy**

**Virtual**  
*Wednesday, February 8, 6 p.m.*  
Watch live as Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, shows you how to make a heart healthy meal for the special people in your life.



SAVE THE DATE

NEA  
**BIG READ**  
KEYNOTE WITH  
**ROSS GAY**



**Sunday, April 2, 2 P.M.**  
**Orlando Public Library,  
Library Central**

*Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude* is a book that studies the wisdom of the garden and orchard, places where all – death, sorrow, loss – is converted into what might, with patience, nourish us.



NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. El proyecto NEA Big Read es una iniciativa del National Endowment for the Arts (el Fondo Nacional para las Artes de Estados Unidos) en cooperación con Arts Midwest.



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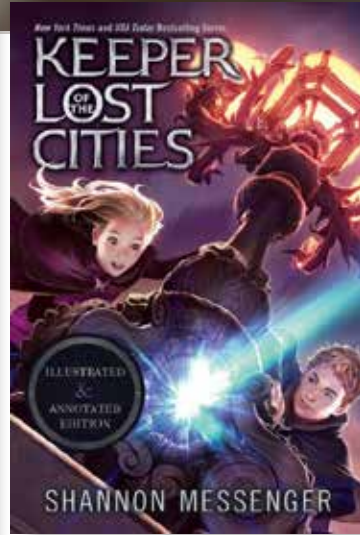
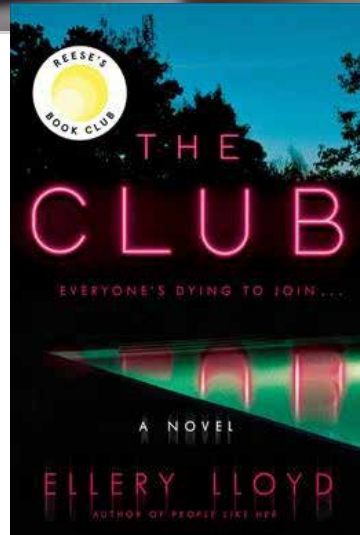
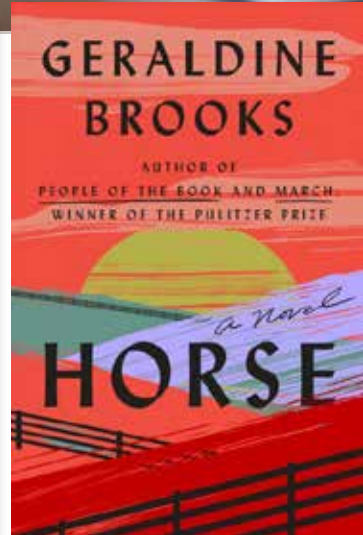
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**SILENT BOOK CLUB**

**Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room**  
**Thursday, February 2, 5:30 p.m.**  
 Silent Book Club is a community of book lovers who gather together to read in quiet camaraderie. No assigned reading, no expectations for a discussion. Come as you are with the book you're currently reading, and let's enjoy books and friends without the pressure of a traditional book club.



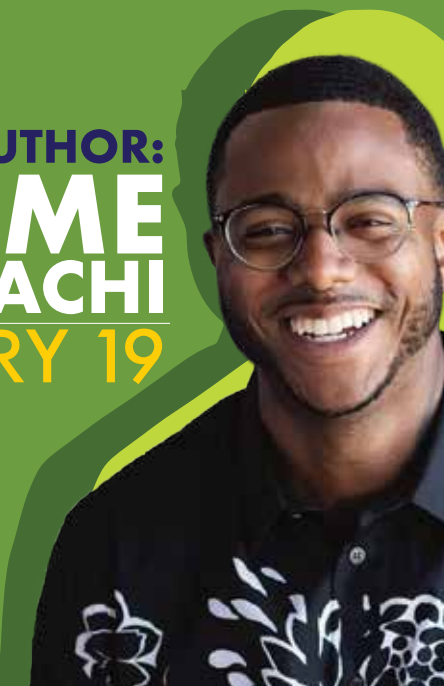
**Alafaya Book Club**  
 Virtual  
**Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m.**  
 The Alafaya Book Club will discuss *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune.

**Southeast Book Club**  
 Southeast Branch  
**Monday, February 13, 3 p.m.**  
 Virtual  
**Monday, February 13, 7 p.m.**  
 Join the Southeast Book Club to discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks.

**Hiwassee Book Club**  
 Virtual  
**Monday, February 20, 7–8:30 p.m.**  
 In February the Hiwassee Book Club will discuss *The Club* by Ellery Lloyd.

**Tween Book Club**  
 Virtual  
**Thursday, February 23, 5 p.m.**  
 Engage in a dynamic discussion and a themed activity based on *Keeper of the Lost Cities* by Shannon Messenger. Recommended for ages 9–12. Registration required.

**MEET THE AUTHOR:**  
**KWAME ONWUACHI**  
**FEBRUARY 19**



**Orlando Public Library, Library Central**  
**Sunday, February 19, 2 p.m.**  
 Author, James Beard Award-winning chef and former *Top Chef* contestant, Kwame Onwuachi, will discuss his first cookbook, *My America: Recipes from a Young Black Chef*. For more information on Onwuachi, visit [prhspeakers.com](https://prhspeakers.com).

**Meet the Author: James Rollins**  
**Orlando Public Library, Library Central**  
**Thursday, February 16, 7:30–9 p.m.**  
 Meet *New York Times* bestselling author James Rollins as we celebrate the launch of his latest book, *The Cradle of Ice*. In collaboration with Writer's Block Bookstore. Registration required.

**Author Talk with Lana Harper**  
 Virtual  
**Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m.**  
 Join us for a magical evening with *New York Times* bestselling author Lana Harper as she discusses the enchanting third installment of her popular *The Witches of Thistle Grove* series, *Back in a Spell*.



**Author Talk with Grace Cho**  
 Virtual  
**Thursday, February 16, 1 p.m.**  
 Join us for an insightful chat with award-winning author Grace M. Cho as she discusses her memoir, *Tastes Like War*.



**Author Talk with Sadeqa Johnson**  
 Virtual  
**Tuesday, February 28, 4 p.m.**  
 Join us for an invigorating conversation with highly acclaimed author Sadeqa Johnson as she talks about her brand new novel, *The House of Eve*.



**WHAT YOUR QUERY CAN TEACH YOU ABOUT YOUR BOOK**

Virtual  
**Tuesday, February 28, 7 p.m.**  
 A book description helps you sell your book, but it can also help you identify story problems. Author and writing coach Julie Artz will discuss how to use your short summary to improve your story.

**Paths to Publishing presented by SCBWI Florida**  
 West Oaks Branch  
**Saturday, February 4, 10:30 a.m.–Noon**  
 Learn how to diversify your income and reach readers. Author Christina Farley shares tips on creating a serialized story, developing fan interaction and getting published by thinking outside the box.

**Truth in Fiction: How Reality Fuels Stories**  
 Virtual  
**Tuesday, February 7, 7 p.m.**  
 All stories have their roots in reality. Author Melanie Conklin will tell the story behind the story of her award-winning novels and discuss how reality fuels fiction in contemporary literature.

**Earning Your Ending When Writing Mystery and Suspense**  
 Virtual  
**Thursday, February 9, 7 p.m.**  
 We all love a twisty end in mystery and suspense novels, but that ending has to be earned. Author Kathleen Barber will discuss how to get to a perfect conclusion that fulfills the purpose of the story.

**OCLS Writer's Group**  
 Virtual  
**Sunday, February 12, 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.

**Plotting Your Novel**  
 Virtual  
**Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m.**  
 Author Kristen Durfee will discuss how to utilize outlining techniques to write a completed first draft of your novel.

**FINDING YOUR ROOTS SERIES**

This series will cover the nine core elements that you need to build a strong foundation for your genealogical research. Each week will focus on a different record group.

**Land Records**

**Virtual**  
**Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 p.m.**  
 Learn about deeds, mortgages, platting and surveys. Discover the difference between metes and bounds states and public land record states.

**Probate Records**

**Virtual**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.**  
 Learn what probate records are, where they are located and how to best utilize them in your family history research.

**Immigration Records**

**Virtual**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.**  
 Immigration records are an incredibly rich source of information for the family historian. Learn more about your family's history by using passenger lists and naturalization records.

**Church & Cemetery Records**

**Virtual**  
**Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m.**  
 Discover what type of information is contained in church and cemetery records, how to access them and how they can help enhance your family history research.



**Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing Study Group**

**Virtual**  
**Thursdays, February 2–16, Noon**  
 Join us for our genetic genealogy study group. A copy of the book *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* by Blaine T. Bettinger is required to participate in this webinar series.

**Introduction to African American Genealogy Research**

**Virtual**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 1 p.m.**  
 Explore and learn about key internet resources and databases for researching your African American ancestors.

**Family History Fair**

**West Oaks Branch**  
**Saturday, February 11, 10–11:30 a.m.**  
 Connect with some of the many resources, societies and organizations available to help with your family history research journey.

**Finding the Birth Parents of an African American Adoptee**

**Virtual**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 1 p.m.**  
 See how DNA and the paper trail can intersect to help discover the biological parents of an African American woman adopted in the 1920s.

**Facts vs. Stories Writing for Genealogy**

**Virtual**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 1 p.m.**  
 Learn how to turn your family history facts into engaging stories that your relatives will want to read.

**Using the Freedman's Bureau Records on FamilySearch**

**Virtual**  
**Thursday, February 23, Noon**  
 Freedmen's Bureau Records can be a rich source of information for those conducting African American research. Learn how to use these records that are available for free on FamilySearch.

**Hard to Find Ancestors**

**Virtual**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 1 p.m.**  
 Join us as we discuss techniques you can use to find your ancestors even if they didn't leave a large trail of records behind.



**SNACK & LEARN: BLACK HISTORY BINGO**

**Eatonville Branch**  
**Wednesday, February 22, Noon**  
 Join Casman Mosby with Village Medical in Black history bingo, where we all win by learning the history of African Americans. Snacks will be provided.

**Medicare Mondays**

**South Trail Branch**  
**Mondays, February 6 & 20, 1–3 p.m.**  
 Join Collette Rance, a former teacher and experienced Medicare Scholar, at a no-pressure, no-sales, strictly educational event about Medicare.

**Keeping Seniors in the Know About Health – Smarter Senior Seminar Series**

**Winter Garden Branch**  
**Thursday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Learn about the different types of yoga, proper nutrition and how to keep your mental health in check.

**Medicare 101**

**North Orange Branch**  
**Mondays, February 13 & 27, 1–2:30 p.m.**  
 Learn about Medicare from an expert that will be able to answer your questions about getting healthcare, dental, prescription, medical supplies and other health-related topics.

**Value-Based Approach to Healthcare – LIFE Information for Elders**

**Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room**  
**Thursday, February 16, 12:10 p.m.**  
 Join Dr. P. Fabian Garcia, MD, primary care and general internal medicine physician at MedHealth Clinical, as he discusses a patient-centered, value-based approach to health care. To register, email [OfficeonAging@ocfl.net](mailto:OfficeonAging@ocfl.net) or call 407.836.7446.

**Medicare and Tech Tips**

**Fairview Shores Branch**  
**Thursday, February 23, 2 p.m.**  
 Learn about Medicare from an expert who will be able to answer your questions about getting healthcare, dental, prescription, medical supplies and other health related topics.

**Qigong Movement and Breathing**

**Southwest Branch**  
**Friday, February 24, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Learn ancient qigong practice with modern day instructor Jasmine Win. Using the five elements of life, students will undergo an empowering and uplifting shift to take control of their health and lives.



**Level Up Orange Neighborhood Navigators**

**South Trail Branch**  
**Wednesday, February 1, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
**Thursday, February 9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 1–3 p.m.**  
**Washington Park Branch**  
**Thursday, February 23, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Level Up Orange offers career exploration, training and internships, and job placement to Orange County residents who qualify. Level Up Orange is a program of CareerSource Central Florida.

The program is funded by Orange County government using federal dollars. This project is being supported, in whole or part, by federal award number HR 1319, Title IX, Subtitle M, Section 9901, awarded to Orange County, FL by the Department of Treasury.



**Create and Sell Your Resume**

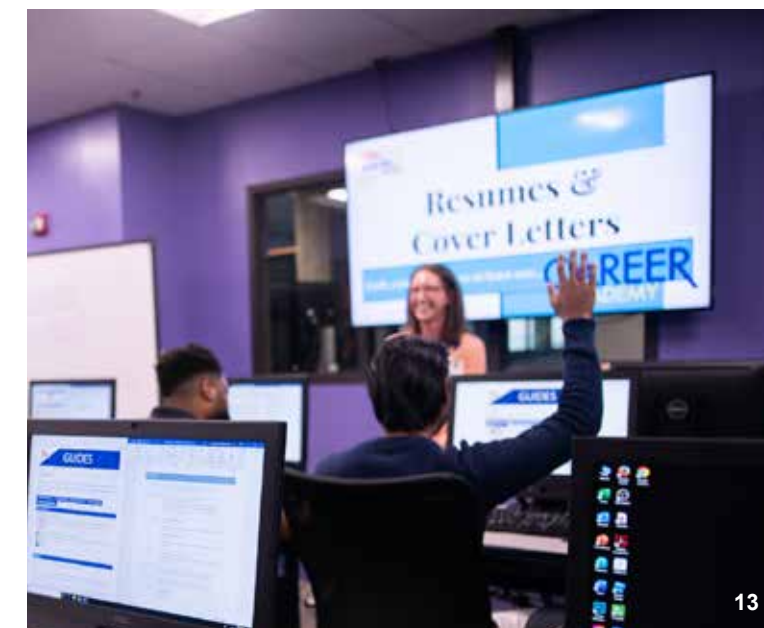
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
**Thursday, February 9, 1 p.m.**  
 Explore strategies on how to successfully market your resume and land that next opportunity.

**Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro**

**Orlando Public Library, Purple Room**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2:30 p.m.**  
 You've landed an interview! Now what? Get tips that will help you to practice and prepare, and to write a memorable thank you letter.

**Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume**

**Orlando Public Library, Purple Room**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 2:30 p.m.**  
 Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.





## English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

**English from Zero**  
 Southeast Branch  
*Wednesdays, February 1–22, 2:30 p.m.*  
*Thursdays, February 2–23, 5 p.m.*  
*Tuesdays, February 7–28, 10:30 a.m.*  
 West Oaks Branch  
*Thursdays, February 2–23, 4:30–6 p.m.*  
 Windermere Branch  
*Thursdays, February 2–23, 4:45–6:15 p.m.*  
 South Trail Branch  
*Fridays, February 3–24, 4–5:30 p.m.*  
 North Orange Branch  
*Fridays, February 3–24, 4:30–5:45 p.m.*  
 Winter Garden Branch  
*Tuesdays, February 7–28, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*  
 Virtual  
*Wednesday, February 1, 12:30 p.m.*  
*Thursdays, February 2–23, 6 p.m.*  
 This series of classes is designed for beginning English learners. Each workshop has a specific target topic.

**English Conversation Hour**  
 Southeast Branch  
*Wednesdays, February 1–22, 4 p.m.*  
 Come practice your English speaking skills during the English Conversation Hour. All proficiency levels are welcomed.

**Conversation Hour**  
 Virtual  
*Thursdays, February 2–23, 2 p.m.*  
*Mondays, February 6–27, 4:15 p.m.*  
*Tuesdays, February 7–28, 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesdays, February 8–22, Noon*  
 Join us to practice your English speaking skills with us on a virtual Conversation Hour. Each session will have specific topics for discussion.

**Speaking Clearly Beginner**  
 Southeast Branch  
*Fridays, February 3–25, 10:30 a.m.*  
 Virtual  
*Fridays, February 3–25, 2:30 p.m.*  
 This class is designed to introduce learners to the basics of the sounds of English for pronunciation.

**Creole Connect**  
 South Trail Branch  
*Mondays, February 6–27, 4:15 p.m.*  
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**Speaking Clearly Advanced**  
 Virtual  
*Monday, February 6–27, 10:30 a.m.*  
 Designed for advanced students who want to improve their speaking and presentation skills.

**Speaking Clearly Intermediate**  
 Southeast Branch  
*Tuesdays, February 7–28, 2 p.m.*  
 Get an introduction to the rules of spelling and pronunciation of English words and phrases.

**English for Families**  
 North Orange Branch  
*Wednesdays, February 8–22, 6–8 p.m.*  
 English for Families is a series of interactive classes for parents and children (ages 6–12) that focuses on developing English vocabulary and literacy skills through strategic and fun story reading.

## Language Classes

**Intermediate Spanish**  
 Virtual  
*Wednesdays, February 1–22, 10:30 a.m.*  
 Get an introduction to Spanish grammar by focusing on the parts of speech, verb conjugations, sentence structure and vocabulary building.

**Práctica Spanish Conversation**  
 Virtual  
*Wednesdays, February 1–22, 4–5:30 p.m.*  
 Practica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Conversational topics and themed vocabulary will be provided.

**Bilingual Hour**  
 Southeast Branch  
*Thursdays, February 2, 9 & 23, 4 p.m.*  
 Are you learning Spanish or English and looking for a class to practice your skills? Well, this conversational practice hour is for you. Each class will have a fun topic to discuss. Ms. Brenda will put your bilingual speaking skills to use.

**Beginner Mandarin Chinese for Adults**  
 Alafaya Branch  
*Sundays, February 5–26, 3 p.m.*  
 In this beginner series for adults, Jenny Forest Lin, principal of the Oviedo Chinese School Inc., will introduce students to the basics of Mandarin Chinese.

**“Hola Amigos” – Spanish from Zero for Kids**  
 Virtual  
*Mondays, February 6, 13 & 27, 6 p.m.*  
 Learn Spanish vocabulary, phrases and short sentences to use on a daily basis.

**Spanish from Zero: Basics with Ms. Brenda**  
 Virtual  
*Tuesdays, February 7–28, 4 p.m.*  
 Get an introduction to the basic sounds of Spanish including pronunciation, alphabet, sounds, syllables, vocabulary, reading and basic phrases.

## NUEVO EN LA BIBLIOTECA

**Con luz propia: vencer en tiempos de incertidumbre**  
 por Michelle Obama  
 traducción de Carlos Abreu, Efrén del Valle, Gabriel Dols y Raúl Sastre  
 Después de Becoming. Mi historia, el libro de memorias aclamado por la crítica y número uno en ventas, llega esta inspiradora obra en la que Michelle Obama, ex primera dama de Estados Unidos, comparte conocimientos prácticos y estrategias eficaces para conservar la esperanza y la estabilidad en el mundo tan incierto en el que vivimos.

**Trabaja duro, trabaja con astucia**  
 por Curtis “50 Cent” Jackson  
 traducción de Wendolin Perla  
 En una serie de recuentos muy honestos sobre su historia personal, el polémico rapero Curtis Jackson (50 Cent) presenta una guía para alcanzar nuestras metas aun después de sufrir caídas importantes.

**Al paraíso**  
 por Hanya Yanagihara  
 traducción de Laura Manero Jiménez y Laura Martín de Dios  
 Escrito en tres partes, una novela monumental, histórica y distópica en la que el amor parece imposible y, sin embargo, los protagonistas, con sus limitaciones y secretos, se obstinan en buscarlo como único modo de llegar al paraíso.

**Quiérete mucho**  
 por Tania García  
 En su nuevo libro, Tania García nos brinda las herramientas y los conocimientos necesarios para entender los distintos aspectos que conforman la autoestima; para aprender a fomentarla en nuestros hijos, en sus diferentes etapas de desarrollo y para integrar el autocuidado como una parte fundamental en su educación.

**La casa de los niños**  
 por Mario Escobar  
 Una novela fascinante sobre la historia real de tres héroes holandeses que, como Oskar Schindler, decidieron desafiar al horror y salvaron la vida de más de seiscientos niños judíos.



## CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED

**Citizenship Inspired**  
 Virtual  
*Tuesdays & Wednesdays, February 7, 8, 14 & 15, 3–5 p.m.*  
*Tuesdays & Wednesdays, February 21, 22, 28 & March 1, 3–5 p.m.*  
 During this four-session program, students will meet via Zoom to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.







## 100 YEAR CELEBRATION

Every month during 2023, we highlight 100 years of service to the community by highlighting each decade the library has been open with special events and programs that illuminate our history and enhance our present. In February, we celebrate the 1920s.

### Sons of The Silent Age: Chaplin, Keaton, and Lloyd

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room  
Friday, February 10, Noon

When the Albertson Library opened in 1923, Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton and Harold Lloyd each had two movies in theaters. Discover the history and attitude of the age through film 100 years later.

### 100 Year Celebration Challenge for Adults

[ocls.beanstack.org](http://ocls.beanstack.org)

January 1– December 31

It was 100 years ago that the first seeds of Orange County Library System were planted. The library is challenging you to participate in activities all year long in celebration of our centennial anniversary.

### A Decade in Film: 1920s

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room  
Wednesdays,

February 1 & 15, 2–4 p.m.

This series explores film through each of the decades the library has been open! Celebrate the history of film every month.

### Book Page Roses

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Saturday, February 4, 3 p.m.

Celebrate the library's 100th anniversary with art using book pages. All supplies provided.

### Gardens of the Gilded Age

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, February 11, 10:30 a.m.

The Gilded Age is famous for its ornate mansions and grand gardens built by the Roosevelts, Vanderbilts and Carnegies. Transport yourself with an armchair tour of the gardens at these storied mansions.

### Citrus Spa Day

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, February 11, 3 p.m.

Create your own orange scented body products in honor of the library's 100 years of service. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Registration required.

### Sketching 101

Virtual

Friday, February 17, 11 a.m.

Learn the basics of sketching through use of simple art techniques and observing the world around you. All you need is a no. 2 pencil, colored pencils, paper and paper towels. This event will feature an art project inspired by the library's 100 year anniversary.

## STAFF PICKS

[OCLS.INFO/STAFFPICKS](http://OCLS.INFO/STAFFPICKS)

Book recommendations from library staff.



### The Great Gatsby

by F. Scott Fitzgerald

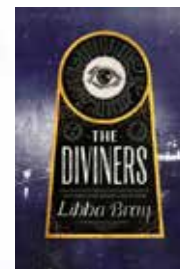
The story of the mysteriously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan, of lavish parties on Long Island at a time when the *New York Times* noted 'gin was the national drink and sex the national obsession,' it is an exquisitely crafted tale of America in the 1920s.



### Passing

by Nella Larsen

Clare Kendry, a beautiful light-skinned African American woman married to a white man who is unaware of her heritage, long ago cut all ties to her past, but a reunion with a childhood friend forces her to confront her lies.



### The Diviners

by Libba Bray

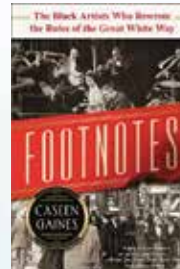
A young woman discovers her mysterious powers could help catch a killer in the first book of The Diviners series – a stunning supernatural historical mystery set in 1920s New York City, from Printz Award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling author Libba Bray.



### Speak Easy, Speak Love

by McKelle George

Six teenagers' lives intertwine during one thrilling summer full of romantic misunderstandings and dangerous deals in this sparkling retelling of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Hilariously clever and utterly charming, McKelle George's debut novel is full of intrigue and 1920s charm.



### Footnotes

by Caseen Gaines

The story of how *Shuffle Along*, the first Broadway show with an all-Black cast and creative team, became the musical sensation of 1921, paving the way for people of color on stage and screen.



## The History of Orange County Library System: Eddie T. Jackson and the Booker T. Washington Library

by Jenn Schock, Assistant Manager, Marketing & Public Relations

The Albertson Public Library opened its doors in November 1923, but until the mid-1960s, those doors were closed to members of the Black community because of segregation. In her first Librarian's Report, Olive Brumbaugh noted that Black residents "were entitled to library privileges yet could not use the Albertson [Public Library], so the Booker T. Washington Branch was installed on June 11, 1924." The branch opened in the former rectory of St. John's Episcopal Church to serve the residents of the West Orlando community. It was the second public library location to open in the city of Orlando and included two reading rooms, one reference room and a collection of more than 1,200 volumes. During the first six weeks of operation, 300 people registered for library cards and began to borrow books.

Eddie T. Jackson was appointed to serve as Head Librarian of the Booker T. Washington Branch in 1924, becoming the first Black librarian in Orlando. Born Eddie Natalie Byrd Thomas in 1902, she came to Orlando following the death of her mother in 1914. She graduated from Johnson Academy (now Jones High School) in 1918 and later became the first Black woman from Orlando to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia. She had the distinction of serving as an Orange County public school teacher for 34 years, as well as being a member of the NAACP and The National Council of Negro Women.

Jackson lived during a time when much of Orlando, including the public libraries, was segregated. In her position both as Head Librarian and educator, she sought to inspire students not to allow other people's perspectives on the color of their skin to dictate their outlook on life. Each month, as the librarian of the Booker T. Washington Branch, Jackson prepared a handwritten monthly report in narrative form. Her hopes and dreams for the people she served and for her library are evident in her writings. In her report for March 1927, Jackson writes, "The Booker T. Washington Branch Library is doing exceptionally well. Our enrollment has reached nine hundred seventy. There seems to be a growing interest among the adults as well as the children."

Throughout her career, Jackson worked to foster children's growth and passion for literature and motivate them to become self-sustaining adults. In 1927, she wrote a letter in the *Orlando Sentinel*, exhorting the community to visit the branch, especially parents, so that her staff could help select books for them. "The librarian wishes to remind the public of the fact that the library is a public institution, and the life of it depends upon the people who are interested in reading ... It is the duty, as well as a pleasure for us to assist in making a choice, because we realize that a taste for that which is good must be fostered in youth, or it will seldom be possessed in old age."

The Booker T. Washington library saw continued growth over the years, opening substations in local schools and serving as a venue for social and literary events. By 1950, the library was open six days a week instead of three and thousands of residents had signed up for a library card. In April 1984, after moving locations several times since its founding, the Booker T. Washington Library merged with the Washington Shores Library moved into the Lila Mitchell Community Center on Raleigh Street. The new facility was named the Washington Park Library and has been serving the community for more than three decades.

For 22 years, Eddie T. Jackson welcomed people to the Booker T. Washington library and provided exemplary service to the residents of West Orlando until her retirement in 1946. She passed away on October 26, 1979. Among her possessions, a note was found which read: "My Life – What beautiful surroundings were chosen for me to enjoy, while on earth ... I've done my work – I've sung my song, may I rest in peace." In recognition of her accomplishments and contributions to the library, a portrait of Eddie Jackson was commissioned and can now be viewed on the fourth floor of Orlando Public Library. Later this month, Jackson will be honored at Luminary Green, the new 2.3-acre park on the north side of Parramore. As part of the inaugural class of 12 luminaries, this memorial will shine a light on her remarkable legacy and lifelong commitment to public service.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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## African American Read-In

Orlando Public Library, Library Central  
Sunday, February 5, 2–3:30 p.m.

Celebrate African American literature in poetry, story and song performed by local luminaries in conjunction with the 33rd Annual National African American Read-In. Visit [ocls.info/readin](https://ocls.info/readin) for more details.

**Cuisine Corner: Soup Joumou (Haitian Pumpkin Soup)**  
South Trail Branch  
Tuesday, February 7, Noon  
Chef Ingrid Alliance of Pinch of my Cuisine shares her recipe for soup joumou – a squash-based soup traditionally prepared for Haitian Independence Day. Registration required.

**Rock the Wrap: Headwrap Styling Workshop**  
Fairview Shores Branch  
Saturday, February 11, Noon–1:30 p.m.  
This educational and interactive experience provides step-by-step instructions on headwrap styling techniques. Learn about the significance and history of head wrapping. Registration required.

**Woven Stories of Resistance**  
Eatonville Branch  
Saturday, February 18, Noon–3 p.m.  
Join us for a reception and panel discussion to learn about the inspiration behind this powerful quilt exhibition created by the Charmettes Club of Orlando to share their passion for social justice.

**Debunking Myths of Healthy Food in Southern Cuisine**  
Virtual  
Wednesday, February 15, 11 a.m.  
Southern food is often looked upon as unhealthy. Join KeyVion Miller, registered dietician nutritionist, as she discusses healthy options for traditional cultural dishes.

**How to Dutch/French Braid**  
Hiawassee Branch  
Saturday, February 18, 2–3:30 p.m.  
Join Shauna Hart, owner of Glamour Kids Braids & Multicultural Hair-Braiding Training Center, as she teaches how to Dutch/French braid with accessories. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

**Music in the Library: Wassalou**  
Orlando Public Library, Library Central  
Saturday, February 18, 4 p.m.  
Wassalou is an Afropop band that presents a unique talent to the North American cultural landscape. Bringing language, colorful traditional costuming and dance straight out of Africa.

**History of Housing Segregation in Orange County**  
Fairview Shores Branch  
Wednesday, February 22, 10 a.m.  
Community Legal Services will host a discussion on the history of housing segregation in Orange County and how that history has continued to affect housing issues today.

**Music in the Library: Don Black**  
Orlando Public Library, Library Central  
Saturday, February 25, 4 p.m.  
Hear saxophonist Don Black perform. His approach to music, whether it be blues, jazz or pop is poetic, rhythmic and soulful.



### Black History Month 2023 Challenge for Adults

[ocls.beanstack.org](https://ocls.beanstack.org)

February 1–28

Celebrate Black History Month! This month, learn more about Black history, celebrate Black authors and illustrators, and explore events in your community honoring the Black experience. Log your reading and activities throughout the month to earn badges.





**OrisiRisi African Folklore**

**Eatonville Branch**  
*Saturday, February 11, 11:30 a.m.*  
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
*Saturday, February 11, 4:30 p.m.*  
**West Oaks Branch**  
*Monday, February 13, 10 a.m.*  
**South Creek Branch**  
*Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m.*  
 Share the beauty of African life and culture through a unique folkloric performance filled with drumming, dance and storytelling. Recommended for ages 0–12.

**A Trip to Africa**  
**Chickasaw Branch**  
*Wednesday, February 1, 11 a.m.*  
**West Oaks Branch**  
*Tuesday, February 7, 11 a.m.*  
**South Trail Branch**  
*Wednesday, February 15, 11 a.m.*  
**Eatonville Branch**  
*Wednesday, February 15, 10:15 a.m.*  
**Winter Garden Branch**  
*Tuesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.*  
 Discover African culture through interactive stories and activities. Get creative with color as we play with shapes and patterns to make paper kente cloth.

**Alma Thomas Art**  
**Washington Park Branch**  
*Wednesday, February 1, 4 p.m.*  
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
*Saturday, February 4, 3 p.m.*  
**South Creek Branch**  
*Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m.*  
**West Oaks Branch**  
*Wednesday, February 15, 4 p.m.*  
 Honor African American artist Alma Thomas and create your own colorful abstract work of art. Recommended for ages 6–12.

**Collage and Color**  
**Washington Park Branch**  
*Wednesday, February 8, 4 p.m.*  
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
*Thursday, February 16, 4:30 p.m.*  
 Poetry, stories, collage and color all come together to celebrate Ashley Bryan. Recommended for ages 6–12.

**Passport to Kenya**  
**Virtual**  
*Thursday, February 9, 4 p.m.*  
 Learn about the lives of kids around the world through hands-on activities.

**Little Chef: Red Light, Green Light**  
**West Oaks Branch**  
*Tuesday, February 14, 11 a.m.*  
**North Orange Branch**  
*Tuesday, February 28, 11 a.m.*  
**Virtual**  
*Tuesday, February 7, 11 a.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.

**J is for Jazz**  
**Winter Garden Branch**  
*Wednesday, February 15, 10:30 a.m.*  
**North Orange Branch**  
*Thursday, February 16, 11 a.m.*  
**West Oaks Branch**  
*Tuesday, February 21, 11 a.m.*  
**Chickasaw Branch**  
*Wednesday, February 22, 11 a.m.*  
**South Creek Branch**  
*Tuesday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.*  
**Virtual**  
*Thursday, February 9, 11 a.m.*  
*Tuesday, February 21, 11 a.m.*  
 Learn about the lively rhythms and improv sound of jazz music through melodic stories, instrument play and more.

**Crafternoons: Celebrate Black History Month**  
**Winter Garden Branch**  
*Wednesday, February 15, 4 p.m.*  
 Learn how to create new crafts in celebration of Black History Month. Use creativity and collaboration for an hour-long crafting event. Recommended for ages 6–8.

**African American Collage Art**  
**Hiwassee Branch**  
*Thursday, February 16, 4:30 p.m.*  
 Study the works of famous African American artists like Romare Bearden then recreate art in the same style.

**Black History Science Smart**  
**Southeast Branch**  
*Saturday, February 18, 10:30 a.m.*  
 Learn about scientists and inventors who've made us change the way we look at the world. Enjoy facts, trivia and challenges. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

**Scoop!**  
**West Oaks Branch**  
*Wednesday, February 22, 4 p.m.*  
 Get the scoop on African American inventors and discover common household items invented to make our lives easier, including Alfred L. Cralle's ice cream scoop! Recommended for ages 6–12.

**Harlem Renaissance Music Hour**  
**Washington Park Branch**  
*Wednesday, February 22, 4 p.m.*  
 Relive the intellectual, social and artistic movement through music, poetry, art and more! Recommended for ages 11–17.

**Passport to Jamaica**  
**Virtual**  
*Thursday, February 23, 4 p.m.*  
 Learn about the lives of kids around the world through hands-on activities.

**Motown Movin'**  
**Southeast Branch**  
*Friday, February 24, 4 p.m.*  
**West Oaks Branch**  
*Saturday, February 25, 3 p.m.*  
 In honor of Black History Month, bring your family on down to Motown. Move and groove with drop in activities. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.



**Melrose Meetups: Infrared Photography Photo Walk**

**Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center**  
*Saturday, February 11, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.*  
 Bring your camera and walking shoes and join the Orlando Public Library's Melrose Center photography instructors on a guided photo walk in downtown Orlando. This meetup will begin at the Melrose Center on the second floor, followed by a walk outside to gather images, before arriving back to post-process the images for infrared photography.

**Melrose Theatre Meetups: Sketch Comedy Writing**  
**Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center**  
*Sunday, February 12, 3–5 p.m.*  
 Have you ever wanted to write awesome sketch shows like Saturday Night Live? This workshop will introduce you to the sketch writing process with exercises on the elements of comedy, comedy structure, scene work and character development.

**Mardi Gras Festival Masks**  
**Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center**  
*Saturday, February 11, 3–5 p.m.*  
*Tuesday, February 21, 4:30–6:30 p.m.*  
 Laissez les bons temps rouler! Create and assemble a festive Mardi Gras mask using foamsmithing skills.

**Foamsmithing Art Workshop: New York City Art Deco**  
**Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center**  
*Tuesday, February 14, 4:30–6:30 p.m.*  
*Saturday, February 25, 3–5 p.m.*  
 Bring a piece of Art Deco history to life with foamsmithing. Use EVA foam to construct an Art Deco scone right out of 1920s New York City! Build the piece layer by layer until it is ready to decorate a space in your home. A small demonstration of the Glowforge laser cutter will be done during the class.

**Make it Hygge**

Enjoy the experience of being snuggled up at home. Create comfy wardrobe staples, welcoming home accents and accessories that bring the comfort of home to the outside.



**The Little Book of Hygge**

by Meik Wiking

Hygge (pronounced hoo-gah) is the sensation you get when you're cuddled up on a sofa, in cozy socks under a soft throw, during a storm. It's that feeling when you're sharing comfort food and easy conversation with loved ones at a candlelit table. It is the warmth of morning light shining just right on a crisp blue-sky day. *The Little Book of Hygge* introduces you to this cornerstone of Danish life and offers advice and ideas on incorporating it into your own life.

**Sewing – Easy Messenger Bag**

Washington Park Branch  
Wednesday, February 1,  
10 a.m.–Noon

Whether you are off to work or off to hike, this messenger bag is a great accessory! Create a unique bag you can show off.

**Sewing – Palazzo Pants**

Washington Park Branch  
Wednesdays, February 1–15,  
3:30–5:30 p.m.

Add a new pair of palazzo pants to your spring wardrobe while polishing your sewing skills.

**Let's Knit a Detachable Peter Pan Collar**

Southwest Branch  
Wednesdays, February  
1–15, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

**Virtual**  
Mondays, February 6 & 20,  
10:30 a.m.–Noon  
Celebrate OCLS's 100th birthday by knitting the decades with us. This month's featured pattern is a detachable Peter Pan collar.

**Sewing – Quilted Table Runner**

Orlando Public Library  
Tuesday & Wednesday,  
February 7 & 8,  
10 a.m.–Noon & 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Create a unique and colorful table runner using simple quilting techniques with fabric strips. Add your own touch to home décor or make that special someone a one-of-a-kind gift.

**Sewing – Easy Placemats and Napkins**

North Orange Branch  
Saturday, February 18, 2–4 p.m.  
Monday, February 20,  
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Get ready for your next dinner party with your very own placemat and matching napkins! We will be using straight stitching and turning out techniques.

**Sewing – Perfect Pajamas**

Orlando Public Library  
Tuesday & Wednesday,  
February 21 & 22,  
10 a.m.–Noon & 12:30–2:30 p.m.

It's time for pajamas for the whole family! Sew a great pair of pajama bottoms with a drawstring and pockets. Students are required to bring fabric and notions.

**Sewing – T-shirt Quilt**

Orlando Public Library  
Tuesday & Wednesday,  
February 28 & March 1,  
10 a.m.–Noon & 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Do you have T-shirts full of memories stacked in dresser drawers? If so, then a T-shirt quilt may be just what you need to make.



**Let's Knit Heartwarming Scarves**

Orlando Public Library  
Fridays, February 3–17, 10 a.m.–Noon

This lovely bright colored scarf is the cure for any cold and dreary day. Choose a bright color. This class is slow-paced for the beginner.



**Get Acquainted with Microsoft Office**

Use Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel to boost your home and business life. Need to put together a letter, flyer or resume? Word is fit for the job! Want to get up to speed creating a spreadsheet or performing calculations? Excel can help with that!

**Microsoft Word Level 1**

Eatonville Branch  
Wednesday, February 1, 10:15 a.m.  
Orlando Public Library  
Thursday, February 2, 10:30 a.m.  
Southwest Branch  
Thursday, February 2, 3 p.m.  
Alafaya Branch  
Friday, February 3, 10:30 a.m.  
North Orange Branch  
Friday, February 10, 10:15 a.m.  
Create polished documents in Microsoft Word. Navigate the Word user interface and apply basic word processing techniques to create a formatted letter. Ensure readability with basic review tools.

**Microsoft Word Level 2**

Eatonville Branch  
Wednesday, February 1, 11:30 a.m.  
Alafaya Branch  
Friday, February 3, 11:45 a.m.  
Orlando Public Library  
Thursday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.  
Southwest Branch  
Thursday, February 9, 3 p.m.  
North Orange Branch  
Friday, February 10, 11:30 a.m.  
Contact your mailing list with ease. Use the mail merge wizard to create personalized letters and emails.

**Microsoft Word Level 3**

Eatonville Branch  
Wednesday, February 8, 10:15 a.m.  
Alafaya Branch  
Friday, February 10, 10:30 a.m.  
Orlando Public Library  
Thursday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.  
Southwest Branch  
Thursday, February 16, 3 p.m.  
North Orange Branch  
Friday, February 24, 10:15 a.m.  
Use templates with ease. Modify text and picture placeholders, explore paste options, format pictures and insert charts.

**Microsoft Word Level 4**

Eatonville Branch  
Wednesday, February 8, 11:30 a.m.  
Alafaya Branch  
Friday, February 10, 11:45 a.m.  
Orlando Public Library  
Thursday, February 23, 10:30 a.m.  
Southwest Branch  
Thursday, February 23, 3 p.m.  
North Orange Branch  
Friday, February 24, 11:30 a.m.  
Create professional reports. Unify formatting with themes and shading, organize topics with titles and headers and distribute the finished document through printing and sharing options.

**Microsoft Excel Level 1**

Orlando Public Library  
Thursday, February 2, 4 p.m.  
Monday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.  
North Orange Branch  
Saturday, February 4, 10:15 a.m.  
Southwest Branch  
Saturday, February 11, 10:15 a.m.  
Eatonville Branch  
Wednesday,  
February 15, 10:15 a.m.  
Alafaya Branch  
Friday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, February 21, 5:30 p.m.  
Start using Excel today. Input, format and save data in spreadsheets. Calculate data with basic formulas.

**Microsoft Excel Level 2**

North Orange Branch  
Saturday, February 4, 11:30 a.m.  
Orlando Public Library  
Thursday, February 9, 4 p.m.  
Monday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.  
Southwest Branch  
Saturday, February 11, 11:30 a.m.  
Eatonville Branch  
Wednesday,  
February 15, 11:30 a.m.  
Alafaya Branch  
Friday, February 17, 11:45 a.m.  
Tuesday, February 28, 5:30 p.m.  
Calculate data with basic functions SUM and AVERAGE. Use auto fill to streamline your workflow.

**Microsoft Excel Level 3**

Orlando Public Library  
Thursday, February 16, 4 p.m.  
Monday, February 20, 10:30 a.m.  
North Orange Branch  
Saturday, February 18, 10:15 a.m.  
Southwest Branch  
Saturday, February 18, 10:15 a.m.  
Eatonville Branch  
Wednesday,  
February 22, 10:15 a.m.  
Alafaya Branch  
Friday, February 24, 10:30 a.m.  
Analyze data with COUNT functions and recommended charts. Use absolute and relative references to ensure your data is calculated accurately.

**Microsoft Excel Level 4**

North Orange Branch  
Saturday, February 18, 11:30 a.m.  
Southwest Branch  
Saturday, February 18, 11:30 a.m.  
Eatonville Branch  
Wednesday,  
February 22, 11:30 a.m.  
Orlando Public Library  
Thursday, February 23, 4 p.m.  
Monday, February 27, 10:30 a.m.  
Alafaya Branch  
Friday, February 24, 11:45 a.m.  
Format workbooks with frozen panes, headers and themes. Customize worksheets with sheet names, color coding and hidden sheets. Print your data for perfect reports and presentations.



**STEAM Free Play**

**South Trail Branch**  
**Mondays,**  
**February 6 & 20, 3:30–5 p.m.**  
 Explore and play as we have fun with STEAM-related toys! Kits such as LEGO and K’NEX are available for anyone to play.

**Mindful Start Family Yoga**  
**West Oaks Branch**  
**Wednesdays,**  
**February 1–22, 10 a.m.**  
**Winter Garden Branch**  
**Mondays,**  
**February 6–27, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Silly and fun yoga poses designed for kids! Flow-through an imaginative journey filled with puppets, parachute games and relaxing rest time! Recommended for families with children ages 0–7.

**ArtMazing**  
**South Creek Branch**  
**Saturday, February 4, 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 a child 6 years or older.

**Fun Family Film**  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Saturdays,**  
**February 4–25, 2–4 p.m.**  
 Join us for a movie that’s fun for the whole family!

**We Are The World**  
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
**Wednesday, February 1, 4:30 p.m.**  
 This is a craft project using handprints to inspire us all to work so every race and nationality can feel seen and be heard.

**Kids Yoga & Meditation**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Mondays,**  
**February 6–27, 10:15 a.m.**  
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
**Tuesdays, February 7–28, 2 p.m.**  
 Practice yoga, meditation and mindfulness in a fun way by integrating music with movement. Families can wiggle together and learn ways to calm down. Recommended for families with children ages 3–10.

**Escaping Winter Madness**  
**Southeast Branch**  
**Saturday, February 4,**  
**10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.**  
 Get ready to escape winter by using your puzzle solving skills. Avoid the madness with crafts, an escape room and possibly a yeti or two. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

**Movie and a Craft**  
**West Oaks Branch**  
**Saturday, February 11, 3–5 p.m.**  
 Sit back and relax during a family-friendly movie while working on a craft or coloring sheets.

**Family Art Adventures: 100 Years of Art**  
**Washington Park Branch**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 4 p.m.**  
 Explore art styles through the decades as we celebrate the library’s 100th birthday! Recommended for families with children 6 and up.

**Cookies & Milk with a Cop**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Saturday, February 18, 11 a.m.**  
 Bring your kids to meet our local police officers and enjoy a story, cookies and milk! This series will be a great chance to interact with Apopka officers in a fun and informative environment.

**Wetlands Are Wonderful**  
**Winter Garden Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 4:30 p.m.**  
 Celebrate wetlands by learning about some of our most diverse Florida ecosystems and the creatures living inside of them. Recommended for families with children ages 8 and up.

**Dancing Through the Decades**  
**Chickasaw Branch**  
**Wednesday,**  
**February 22, 3:30 p.m.**  
 Get up and move! Listen to the story *How Do You Dance?* by Thyra Heder while learning popular dance moves done throughout the last 100 years. Recommended for families with children 3–12.

**Cuisine Corner Junior: Charcuterie Board**  
**Virtual**  
**Thursday, February 23, 4 p.m.**  
 Whether you’re celebrating with your family or best pals, this tasty centerpiece will impress everyone. It comes complete with an array of candy, cheeses, fruits, chocolates and cured meats to share!

**Pura and Her Puppets**  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Monday, February 27, 4:30 p.m.**  
 Celebrate Pura Belpré with this family reading event. Together, families will create a puppet and build narrative skills by reading to each other. Recommended for families with children ages 6–8.



**Hello, Neighbor!**  
**Chickasaw Branch**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 11 a.m.**  
 Welcome to our neighborhood of make-believe. Join us for a grr-ific time learning practical skills with stories and interactive activities. Recommended for ages 2–5.

**BABY**

**Mother Goose on the Loose**  
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
**Thursdays,**  
**February 2–23, 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!

**Babies en la Biblioteca**  
**Southeast Branch**  
**Monday, February 6, 10:15 a.m.**  
 Adventures can be had both inside the pages of a book and out. Discover new words and worlds with your child as we sing, talk and play during storytime.

**Mama Gansa**  
**Southwest Branch**  
**Monday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Orlando Public Library**  
**Mondays,**  
**February 13 & 27, 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!

**Baby Bookworms**  
**Southwest Branch**  
**Monday, February 27, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Read! Learn! Play! Introduce your baby to important literacy practices that encourage learning and developmental growth.

**TODDLER**

**Storytime Craft**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Wednesdays,**  
**February 1–22, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Southwest Branch**  
**Thursday, February 2–23,**  
**10 a.m.–Noon**  
 Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for ages 2–5.

**Parachute Play**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 11 a.m.**  
 Play, explore and learn about the world. Put thoughts into words by talking about what your child is doing and building positive social interactions with others.

**Bubble Playtime**  
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
**Tuesdays,**  
**February 7–28, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
**Saturday, February 18, 11 a.m.**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 11 a.m.**  
 Help your child with their motor development skills in this interactive bubble class. Recommended for ages 2–5.

**Artsy Toddler**  
**Alafaya Branch**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 10:15 a.m.**  
 Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create! Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences.

**Jumpin’ Jubilee**  
**Southwest Branch**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Celebrate with stories, songs, dancing and crafts in honor of the library’s 100th birthday!

**Count on Me**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Thursday, February 9, 11 a.m.**  
 How much do I love you? Let’s count the ways! Use simple math counting exercises to show what’s in your heart. Recommended for ages 2–5.

**If You’re Happy and You Know It!**  
**Southwest Branch**  
**Wednesday,**  
**February 15, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Clap your hands, stomp your feet and shout hooray! Bring your little ones to celebrate with a smile.

**Pigglebration**  
**Southwest Branch**  
**Wednesday,**  
**February 22, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Celebrate National Pig Day with stories and activities featuring our favorite pigs.

**Colors and Patterns**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Thursday, February 23, 11 a.m.**  
 Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create! Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences. Recommended for ages 1–3.

**Arabic Storytime**

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Sunday, February 26, 4:30 p.m.**  
 Listen to storytime in Arabic. Connect with friends and sing the Arabic alphabet song. Participate in circletime, interactive songs, play and craft time.



**Cuéntame un Cuento**

**South Trail Branch**  
**Tuesdays, February 4 & 28, 11 a.m.**  
**Chickasaw Branch**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 11 a.m.**  
**Southeast Branch**  
**Monday, February 27, 10:15 a.m.**  
**West Oaks Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 11 a.m.**  
**Virtual**  
**Tuesdays, February 7–28, 10 a.m.**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 11 a.m.**  
 Cuéntame un Cuento is an interactive bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish that are suitable for speakers of either language.

**Explore the World!**

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Wednesday, February 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 visiting India.

**Mischievous Monkeys**

**Virtual**  
**Wednesday, February 1, 11 a.m.**  
 Get ready for fun and learn about monkeys! Preschoolers will listen to fact-filled stories and participate in activities that promote early literacy skills.

**Countdown to Kindergarten**

**Fairview Shores Branch**  
**Thursdays, February 2–16, 11:15 a.m.**  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Thursday, February 23, 11 a.m.**  
 Explore families and feelings through stories, rhymes and activities designed to help preschoolers develop skills to become readers and succeed in kindergarten. Recommended for ages 4–5.

**My Hero, the Service Animal**

**North Orange Branch**  
**Thursday, February 2, 11 a.m.**  
 There are heroes all around us! Celebrate the superstars in our community at the library with stories, arts and crafts.

**Chiquiticos / Little Ones**

**Southeast Branch**  
**Thursdays, February 2–23, 10:15 a.m.**  
**Chickasaw Branch**  
**Mondays, February 6–27, 11 a.m.**  
 Learn Spanish through the exploration of original music with a live guitar performance. Reinforce new vocabulary words using visual, auditory, and kinesthetic skills. Recommended for ages 0–8.

**Pajama Party**

**Virtual**  
**Mondays, February 6–27, 7 p.m.**  
 Put on your pajamas and enjoy an interactive virtual storytime with book, songs, games and a craft.

**Yoga with PLAYologist Yolonda**

**Eatonville Branch**  
**Tuesdays, February 7–28, 10:15 a.m.**  
**Orlando Public Library**  
**Sunday, February 26, 3 p.m.**  
 Fun-filled yoga, meditation and mindfulness sessions with a twist that uses a PLAY-based yoga curriculum that is trauma-informed conscious.

**Little Picasso**

**Southwest Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 10:30 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.

**Alphabet Adventures**

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 11 a.m.**  
 Learn the alphabet with exciting stories and fun activities.

**Intimidating Tigers**

**Virtual**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 11 a.m.**  
 Preschoolers will discover exciting facts about tigers through fact-filled stories and activities that encourage the learning and development of early literacy skills.

**Centipede's 100 Shoes**

**South Trail Branch**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 11 a.m.**  
**Virtual**  
**Thursday, February 23, 11 a.m.**  
 Help centipede put on his 100 shoes, then crawl into the celebration with stories, songs and rhymes about centipedes and other bugs in honor of the library's 100th birthday!

**Little Artist**

**North Orange Branch**  
**Friday, February 10, 11 a.m.**  
 Get creative with arts and crafts! Preschoolers will enjoy age-appropriate stories and crafts.

**Count on Me**

**Southeast Branch**  
**Monday, February 13, 10:15 a.m.**  
**Virtual**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 11 a.m.**  
 How much do I love you? Let's count the ways! Use simple math counting exercises to show what's in your heart.

**Caregiver Coffee and a Craft**

**Southeast Branch**  
**Mondays, February 13 & 27, 11 a.m.**  
 Connect with other caregivers while sipping a hot beverage and making a craft. Your child will explore play with friends.

**Hello, Neighbor!**

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 11 a.m.**  
 Welcome to our neighborhood of make-believe. Join us for a grr-ific time learning practical skills with stories and interactive activities!

**Peaceful Pandas**

**Virtual**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 11 a.m.**  
 Come along with us on a trip through the jungles of Asia. Preschoolers will learn about pandas through fact-filled stories and activities that promote early literacy.

**Little Chef: Cinnamon Cream Cheese Roll-Ups**

**Virtual**  
**Thursday, February 16, 11 a.m.**  
 These cinnamon cream cheese roll-ups are the best thing to happen to sliced bread since ... sliced bread! Learn kitchen skills with a fun and easy recipe for a delicious snack.

**Little Chef: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**

**South Creek Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.**  
 If you give a mouse a cookie silly things are bound to happen! Let your little one explore culinary concepts with cookies. Adult participation required.

**All Aboard the Train!**

**Southwest Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Chugga-chugga choo-choo, all aboard! Become a conductor and join us for trainloads of stories and crafts.

**Let's Explore Space!**

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 11 a.m.**  
 Explore planets, galaxies and more through books, songs and games inspired by Mae Jemison.

**Amusing Arctic Animals**

**Virtual**  
**Wednesday, February 22, 11 a.m.**  
 Preschoolers will discover how arctic animals survive in the cold while practicing early literacy skills through stories, songs and a craft.

**Sesame Street Storytime**

**Southwest Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Virtual**  
**Mondays, February 6–27, 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 virtual storytime and craft celebrating our favorite friends.

**Time For Your Checkup!**

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 11 a.m.**  
 The doc is in, and she'll fix you up! Enjoy stories, songs, and games inspired by Doc McStuffins. Don't forget to bring your toy for a checkup!

**STORYTIME**

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**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, 10:15 a.m.  
 Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.  
 Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.  
 West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.  
 Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.  
 Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.  
 Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 11:15 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.  
 West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.  
 Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.  
 Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11 a.m.  
 Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.  
 Winter Garden 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.  
 Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.  
 North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.  
 Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.  
 West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.  
 Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 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.

**FAMILY STORYTIMES**

Hiawassee Branch, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.  
 Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11 a.m.  
 North Orange Branch, First Sundays, 2 p.m.  
 Alafaya Branch, Second Sundays, 2 p.m.  
 South Creek Branch, Third Sundays, 2 p.m.  
 West Oaks Branch, Fourth Sundays, 2 p.m.



### Southwest LEGO Club

Southwest Branch  
 Wednesdays, February 1–22, 4 p.m.  
 The LEGO Club invites you to come use your imaginations to build! Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you.

**LEGO One Scoop**  
 Alafaya Branch  
 Saturday, February 4, 1 p.m.  
 Create greatness with one single scoop! The challenge is on so let's see what you can build! Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you.

**LEGO Block Party**  
 Winter Garden Branch  
 Tuesday, February 7, 4:30 p.m.  
 Is there anything you can't build with LEGO? Get creative and build a unique design of your own!



**Kids Play & Create**  
 Orlando Public Library  
 Wednesdays,  
 February 1–22, 2–3:30 p.m.  
 Choose your own adventure with a variety of board games and DIY crafts. Challenge your friends to a fun game or let your creativity fly with provided craft supplies.

**Snack Around the World: Italy**  
 West Oaks Branch  
 Wednesday, February 1, 4 p.m.  
 Treat yourself to tasty snacks from a land far away! Each month we will learn about a different culture while we sample the yummiest snacks it has to offer.

**Art Club**  
 Alafaya Branch  
 Wednesday, February 1, 4 p.m.  
 Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Recommended for ages 9–12.

**Tabletop Thursday**  
 South Trail Branch  
 Thursday, February 2, 3:30–5 p.m.  
 Go toe to toe and test your wits against your fellow kids with a variety of strategy, card and multi-player party games. Games will be provided or bring one to share! All ages are welcome.

**Back in the Day: '80s**  
 Fairview Shores Branch  
 Thursday, February 2, 4:30 p.m.  
 Hop in your Delorean, because it's time to flashback to the '80s with a craft and trivia. Radical, dude! Recommended for ages 11–17.

**Book Buddies**  
 Southwest Branch  
 Thursdays, February 2–23, 5 p.m.  
 Drop in and practice your reading skills with a teen volunteer buddy. Recommended for ages 5–8.

**One Hundred Years of Picture Books**  
 Eatonville Branch  
 Monday, February 6, 3:45 p.m.  
 Travel back in time through picture books. We will share stories from the past 100 years and children will have the opportunity to become picture book illustrators. Recommended for ages 6–8.

**Brain Games**  
 Fairview Shores Branch  
 Mondays, February 6–27, 4:30 p.m.  
 Use your critical thinking and creativity skills to participate in STEM-based experiments and games!

**Crazy 8's Math Club**  
 Hiawassee Branch  
 Mondays, February 6–27, 4:30 p.m.  
 Help kids learn to love numbers through high-energy math activities that appeal to kids of all math abilities. Recommended for ages 6–8 or grades K–2.

**Beginner's Spanish for Kids**  
 Fairview Shores Branch  
 Tuesdays,  
 February 7–28, 4:30 p.m.  
 Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary through games and activities while having fun.

**Happy Habitats**  
 Alafaya Branch  
 Wednesday, February 8, 4 p.m.  
 Learn about habitats, plants, and animals through books and crafts. This month we're learning about the rainforest. Registration required for each child. Recommended for ages 6–8.

**Pokémon Party**  
 West Oaks Branch  
 Wednesday, February 8, 4 p.m.  
 Calling all trainers big and small: we choose you to party like a Pikachu! Fun, activities and crafts are waiting for you!

**Crafternoons**  
 South Trail Branch  
 Monday, February 13, 4:30 p.m.  
 Get ready for an hour of crafting fun with friends!

**Cuisine Corner Junior: 1920s Food!**  
 Alafaya Branch  
 Wednesday, February 15, 4 p.m.  
 Make some easy recipes from the 1920s and learn about the weird stuff people used to eat a hundred years ago!

**Mayor Buddy's Book Club**  
 Virtual  
 Wednesday, February 15, 4 p.m.  
 Engage in a lively discussion and fun activities with Mayor Buddy's Book Club. Recommended for ages 8–12.

**Paper Pals**  
 Alafaya Branch  
 Wednesday, February 22, 4 p.m.  
 Create fun paper creations inspired by your favorite characters. Learn basic paper engineering techniques while making pop-up cards and papercrafts. Recommended for ages 8–12.

**Frank Epperson & the Popsicle: A Century of Chill**  
 Hiawassee Branch  
 Friday, February 24, 4:30 p.m.  
 Experiment with Frank Epperson, the inventor of the popsicle, to understand the fun and scientific origins of this frozen treat. Recommended for ages 9–12.

**READING Paws**  
 Alafaya Branch  
 Saturday, February 25, 11:30 a.m.  
 North Orange Branch  
 Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
 West Oaks Branch  
 Saturday, February 25, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
 The Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program improves children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a therapy dog.



**Love Bugs**  
 Southwest Branch  
 Wednesday, February 1, 10:30 a.m.  
 North Orange Branch  
 Tuesday, February 14, 11 a.m.  
 Toddlers will engage in bug-themed activities and stories to celebrate Valentine's Day. Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

**Little Chef: Cupid Chow**  
 Virtual  
 Thursday, February 2, 11 a.m.  
 Learn kitchen safety and early mathematical skills while creating a Valentine's recipe made to share! Recommended for ages 3–5.

**Little Chef: Valentine's Treats**  
 South Creek Branch  
 Tuesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.  
 Whip up a delicious treat to share with a special friend for Valentine's Day! Participants will learn kitchen safety while measuring, stirring, dipping and decorating. Recommended for ages 3–5.

**Bee My Valentine**  
 South Creek Branch  
 Wednesday, February 8, 4:30 p.m.  
 South Trail Branch  
 Thursday, February 9, 4:30 p.m.  
 The buzz is all about Valentine's Day. Come and join us for Valentine's stories, crafts and fun! Recommended for ages 6–12.

**Science of Love**  
 Southeast Branch  
 Friday, February 10, 4 p.m.  
 Celebrate Valentine's Day with fun science experiments and challenges. We're not making love potions, but this event will get your heart beating. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

**Baby's First Valentine's Day!**  
 Southwest Branch  
 Monday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.  
 Explore sensory activities made with love and help baby develop fine and gross motor skills. Recommended for ages 0–18 months.

**Valentine Surprise**  
 South Creek Branch  
 Tuesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.  
 Create heart-shaped valentine crafts to surprise the special people in your life! Listen to stories and play games to fill your heart with love. Recommended for ages 3–5.

**Valentine's Day Storytime**  
 Winter Garden Branch  
 Tuesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.  
 Spread the love and celebrate Valentine's Day with stories, songs and activities. Participants will make their very own valentine – to keep, or to share with someone they love. Recommended for ages 3–5.

**Be My Valentine**  
 Southwest Branch  
 Tuesday, February 14, 11 a.m.  
 Celebrate love and make a valentine for someone special in your life. Preschoolers will listen to stories and engage in songs and activities that promote early literacy. Recommended for ages 3–5.

**I Love You to the Moon and Back**  
 Southeast Branch  
 Monday, February 20, 10:15 a.m.  
 Celebrate love, family and friendship as we share a story and interact with Valentine's Day activities and crafts. Recommended for ages 18–16 months.

**Every Child Ready to Read Caregiver Workshop**  
North Orange Branch

**Friday, February 3, 11 a.m.**  
Learn about the five early literacy practices as well as tips, tricks and resources to help your child strengthen important pre-reading skills. Recommended for adults who care for children ages 0–5.

**Caregiver Connect: Stay and Play**

**Winter Garden Branch**  
**Friday, February 3–24, 11:35 a.m.**  
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
**Mondays, February 6–27, 11 a.m.**  
**Orlando Public Library**  
**Mondays, February 6–27, 11 a.m.**  
**Southeast Branch**  
**Monday, February 6 & 20, 11 a.m.**  
**Southwest Branch**  
**Mondays, February 6–27, 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 0–18 months.

**Family Zumba**  
Virtual

**Saturday, February 18, 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.



HOMESCHOOL

**Homeschool Meetup**  
Southwest Branch

**Mondays, February 6–27, 1 p.m.**  
Come and participate in math, science, history, art and literature-based learning to support your child's homeschool curriculum. Recommended for ages 6–12.

**Homeschool: Art Expressions**  
Alafaya Branch

**Thursday, February 9, 2 p.m.**  
Come and be creative as you learn various art techniques. Recommended for ages 6–12.

**Homeschool: Let's Write!**  
Alafaya Branch

**Wednesday, February 15, 1 p.m.**  
Who wants to write their own short story? Join us as we creatively brainstorm and write a short story together! Recommended for ages 6–8.



**Teen Volunteering**  
Hiawassee Branch  
**Saturday, February 4, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
Orlando Public Library  
**Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
High school students will earn two hours of community service by assembling craft kits for the library.

**Middle School Advisory Board Meeting**  
Virtual

**Wednesday, February 1, 4 p.m.**  
Earn community service by collaborating with your peers to test out new tween and teen programs, brainstorm new teen services, and more! Recommended for students in grades 6–8.

**Teens Play & Create**  
Orlando Public Library, Club Central

**Thursdays, February 2, 16, 23, 3 p.m.**  
**Tuesdays, February 7 & 21, 3 p.m.**  
Choose your own adventure with a variety of tabletop board games and DIY crafts. Challenge your friends to a fun game or let your creativity fly with provided craft supplies.

**Teen Volunteering: Orange Slice**  
Alafaya Branch

**Saturday, February 4, 3 p.m.**  
Learn how you can be involved in Alafaya's teen literary and creative arts magazine and earn community service hours along the way.

**Art Club**  
Winter Garden Branch

**Saturday, February 4, 3:30 p.m.**  
Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Recommended for tweens and teens ages 10 and up.

**Escape Room: Captain Albertson's Library**  
Orlando Public Library, Club Central

**Thursday, February 9, 3:30 p.m.**  
**South Creek Branch**  
**Saturday, February 25, 2 p.m.**  
Your time machine froze in 1923. You are stuck in Orlando's original library. Using your critical thinking skills, can you solve the puzzles to escape the past?

**Paint Party!**  
Fairview Shores Branch

**Saturdays, February 11 & 25, 3–4:30 p.m.**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Sunday, February 12, 2–3:30 p.m.**  
**Thursday, February 23, 5:30–7 p.m.**  
Wow, it's been a year since we introduced Paint Party! For our year celebration we will be bringing back the Splash Painting Station along with two new art projects!

**The Dances of Beyoncé**  
Fairview Shores Branch

**Friday, February 17, 4:30 p.m.**  
Who run the world? Girls! Embrace your inner Beyoncé through dance and learn the iconic moves from some of Beyoncé's most popular songs.

**Heartburn! The Un-Valentine's Day Event**  
Orlando Public Library, Club Central

**Tuesday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.**  
Do you despise candy hearts, chocolate flowers and poems about love? Celebrate everything you don't like about Valentine's Day with a variety of Un-Valentine's Day games and activities!

**Teen Art Adventures**  
Southeast Branch

**Wednesday, February 15, 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!

**What Sign Are You?**  
South Trail Branch

**Thursday, February 16, 4:30 p.m.**  
Find out what the stars have in store for you in this introduction to astrology with activities and crafts.

**Teen Art Adventures: Scraffito**  
Eatonville Branch

**Thursday, February 16, 3:45 p.m.**  
Scratch your way to being an artist using an art technique inspired by African American artist Lois Mailou Jones.

**Teen Art Adventures: Bad Art Time**  
West Oaks Branch

**Friday, February 17, 4:30 p.m.**  
Leave your talent at the door because it is time to make some truly dreadful art. Prizes will be given to the worst masterpiece.

**How to Survive a Heartbreak**  
South Creek Branch

**Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m.**  
Has your sweetheart let you down? Does your heart wear a frown? Well then don't be late for this survival date. Teens come spend some time at the library with fun crafts and activities.

**Teen Book Club**  
Alafaya Branch

**Sunday, February 26, 1:30 p.m.**  
Discuss a monthly novel, talk about your favorite books and celebrate all things YA in Teen Book Club!



## LIBRARY LOCATIONS

### Orlando Public Library

101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

### Alafaya Branch

12000 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32826  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

### Chickasaw Branch

870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Eatonville Branch

200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Fairview Shores Branch

902 Lee Road, Suite 26, Orlando, FL 32810  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Hiawassee Branch

7391 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32818  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### North Orange Branch

1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

### South Creek Branch

1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

## Sunday Hours: 🕒

### South Trail Branch

4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr.,  
Orlando, FL 32839  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Southeast Branch

5575 S. Semoran Blvd.,  
Orlando, FL 32822  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Southwest Branch

7255 Della Drive, Orlando, FL 32819  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Washington Park Branch

5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center

1821 E. Silver Star Road, Ocoee, FL 34761  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

### Windermere Branch

530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Winter Garden Branch

805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787  
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

## 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.



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### OCLS Renewal Line

Using the bar code on the back of your library card, take advantage of renewing your items early and check your account for holds via the 24/7 Renewal Line at 407.316.0021.

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