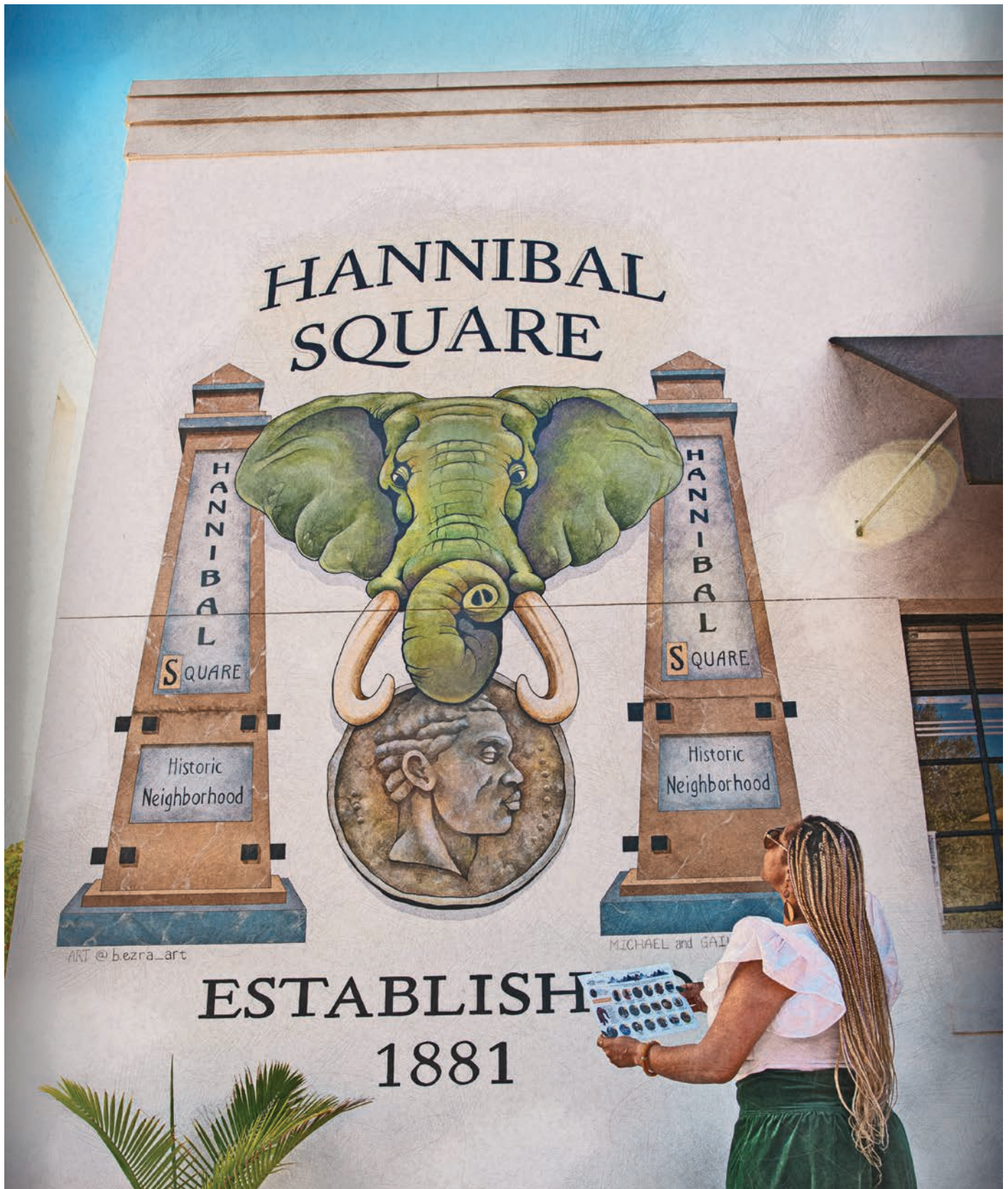


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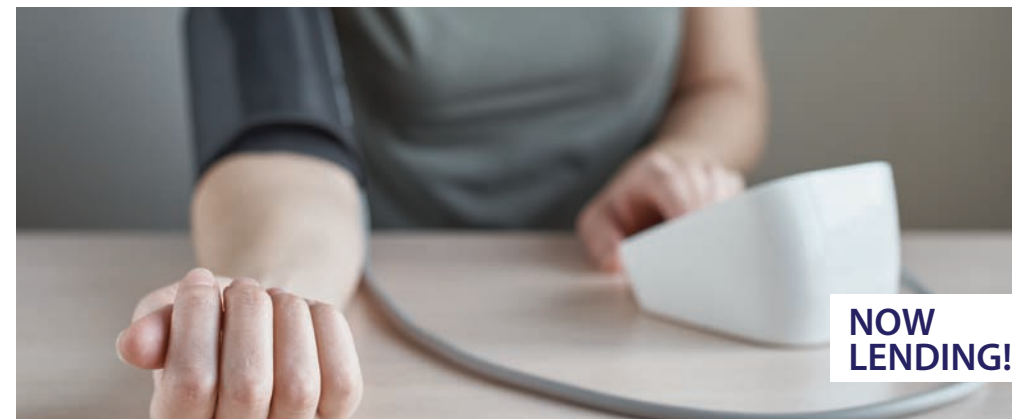


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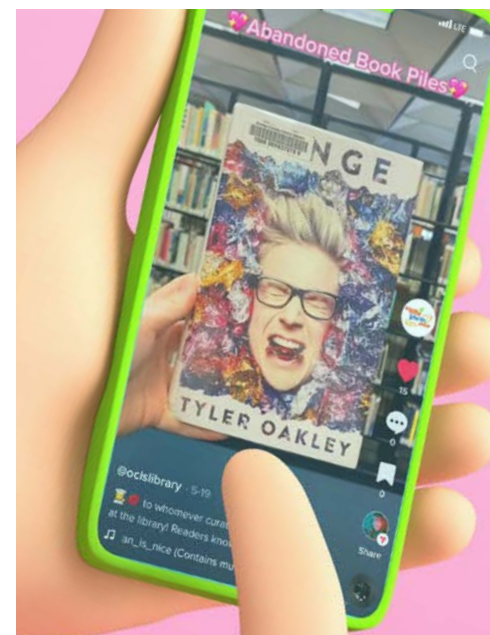
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Next Board of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, February 8, 6 p.m.

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Next Friends of the Library Board of Directors Meeting:

Virtual
Wednesday, February 21, Noon

FROM THE DIRECTOR

If you've been reading *Books & Beyond* over the past year, you've heard us talk a lot about diversity and inclusion. In the past year, we have placed an emphasis on making sure that everyone knows that they belong at the library. We want to meet people where they are, no matter their stage in life, and show them that there's a place for them here.

There's a lot of turmoil in the world right now, and I want our libraries to be safe havens. Our buildings should be places where people know that they are welcome – no matter where you come from culturally, geographically, socioeconomically, personally, you are welcome at the library.

One way we make that clear is by placing an emphasis on cultural celebrations, because I believe that shining a light on the various perspectives, experiences and cultures that make up our community brings us together. February is Black History Month, for example, and our libraries will host a variety of events that recognize Black scientists, inventors, artists, musicians and thought leaders. The biggest of these events is our annual African American Read-In, during which we invite local luminaries – politicians, media personalities, authors and others – to read or perform works by their favorite Black authors, poets and musicians. It's an uplifting event that elevates the work of authors of color, who are woefully undersung and underrepresented in the literature we consume.

I know that being diverse and inclusive is more than about highlighting cultures for one month out of the year, but I also know that it's a great way to signal to people in our community that not only are they seen, they are celebrated. They are welcome.

And you're welcome, too. I hope you'll come to visit us this month and participate in one of our Black History Month events. If you're not sure where to begin, I suggest you start with African American Read-In (details about the event can be found on page 18). We'll meet you there.



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CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, February 4, 2 p.m.

Celebrate and explore Chinese New Year traditions with The Chinese School of CAACF, Inc. To learn more about The Chinese School of CAACF, Inc., visit orlandochineseschool.org.

AARP Income Tax Assistance Southeast Branch

Thursdays, February 1–29, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Mondays, February 5–26, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

AARP volunteers will provide free income tax assistance. Attendees will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

Caregiver Connect: Stay and Play West Oaks Branch

Thursdays, February 1–29, 11:30 a.m.
Windermere Branch

Thursdays, February 1–29, 11:35 a.m.
South Trail Branch

Fridays, February 2–23, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch

Fridays, February 2–26, 11:35 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch

Monday, February 5, 11 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch

Mondays, February 5–26, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library

Mondays, February 5–26, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch

Mondays, February 5–26, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch

Mondays, February 5–26, 11:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch

Mondays, February 5–26, 11:30 a.m.

Connect with other caregivers to meet and mingle while your little one explores imaginary play with new and old friends.

Yoga for Adults

North Orange Branch
Thursdays, February 1–29, 1 p.m.

Yoga is for everyone: male and female; young and elderly; non-flexible and active! Attendees are encouraged to dress in comfortable clothing and bring your own mat. Designed for adults and seniors.

Car Seat Safety

Winter Garden Branch

Friday, February 2, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Did you know that three out of four car seats are installed and used incorrectly? Certified technicians from Safe Kids Orange County will be available to check your car seat on a first-come, first-served basis.

Adult Game Time

Windermere Branch

Saturdays, February 3–24, 3–4:30 p.m.

Get your game on! Spend a fun afternoon playing games and meeting new friends. From party games to classic cards, on a team or on your own, enjoy seeing how the dice roll.

Drawing 101: Artist Hour

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, February 3, 3:30 p.m.

Bring your own drawing project or use our supplies to practice drawing each month! Our teacher will be available to give tips on drawing basics. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Registration required.

All-Levels Yoga

Virtual

Monday, February 5, 8 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.

Career Academy:

Perfecting Your Resume

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, February 6, 2:30 p.m.

Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.

Heart Candle Holders

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Tuesdays, February 6 & 13, 5:30 p.m.

Create a one-of-a-kind clay candle holder to bring a romantic vibe to your home for Valentine's Day in this two-part series. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Tea Social Hour

North Orange Branch

Wednesdays, February 7 & 21, 5 p.m.

Need to unwind? Listen to music, snag a sweet treat with your cuppa, relax and chat while the library provides a creative art activity. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Plant Clinic

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, February 8, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, February 10, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 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.

Scent Sachets

Orlando Public Library

Thursday, February 8, 5:30 p.m.

Learn about the history of fragrances and create your own signature scent for your home.

Yoga for Improved Sleep

Virtual

Thursday, February 8, 7 p.m.

This all-levels yoga class focuses on a relaxing yoga sequence for a better night's sleep. Tap into the balance and relaxation that your body can provide you.

XYZARTS' CUSTOM POETRY EXPERIENCE

Eatonville Branch
Saturday, February 24, 2–4 p.m.

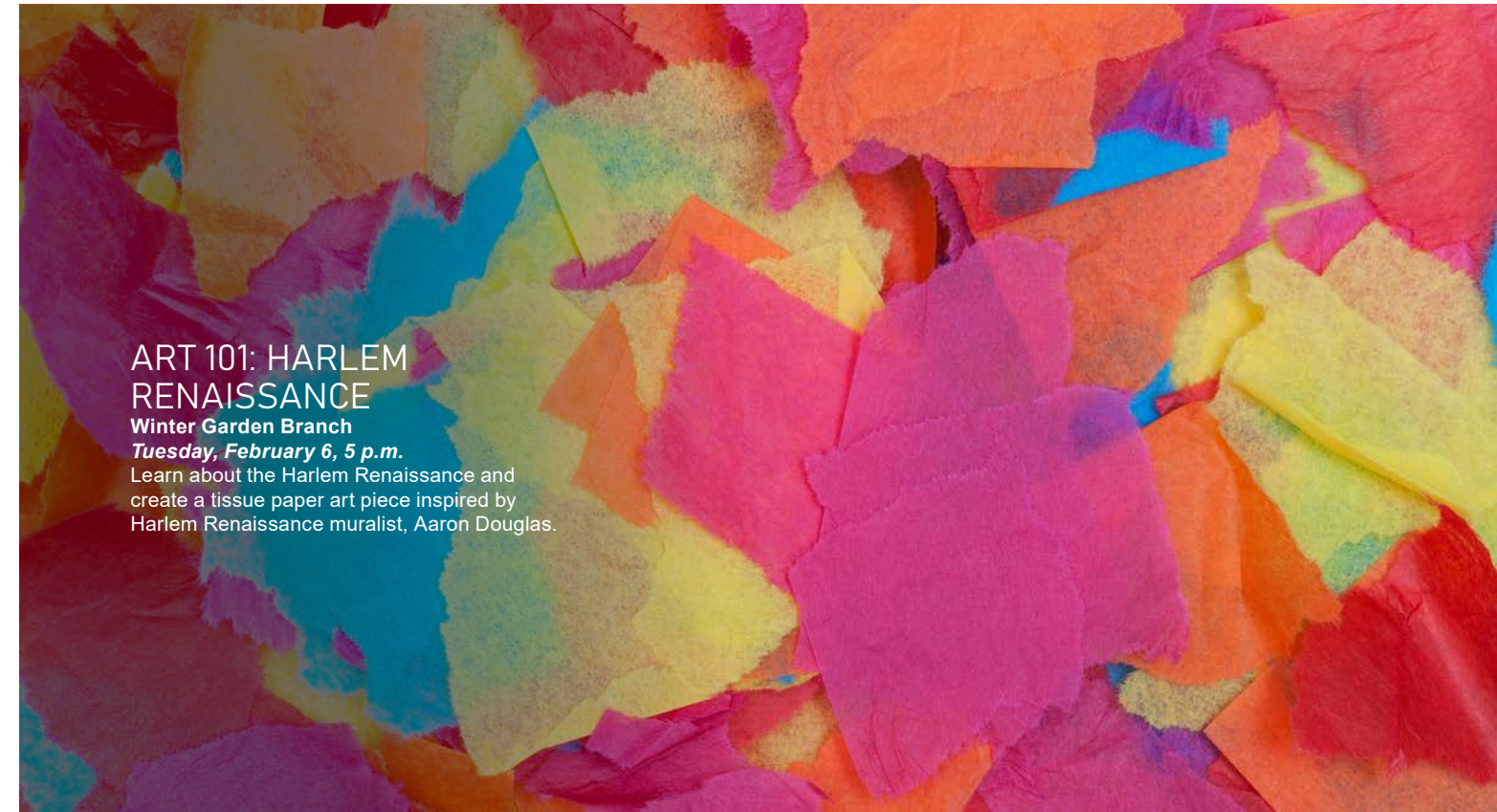
Join award-winning spoken word artist Marquis D Lee as he guides his audience through a unique writing experience, using a vintage typewriter while creating poetry magic.



ART 101: HARLEM RENAISSANCE

Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, February 6, 5 p.m.

Learn about the Harlem Renaissance and create a tissue paper art piece inspired by Harlem Renaissance muralist, Aaron Douglas.



Paper Possibilities Virtual

Friday, February 9, 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 be making Hedi Kyle's diagonal pocket book structure.

Bestie Wine Glasses Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Friday, February 9, 11 a.m.

Bring your bestie and decorate matching wine glasses for the perfect best friends craft event. Registration required.

Beginner Line Dancing Southwest Branch

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

Learn beginner line dances to all types of music and discover a great way to exercise your body and mind, and have fun. Partners not needed. Bring water. Non-stick sole shoes recommended. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Make Art and Be Well:

Paper Quilling Heart Southwest Branch

Saturday, February 10, 2–3:45 p.m.

Learn and enjoy the process of paper quilling by creating a heart design. Supplies provided. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Diversity in Planning

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, February 11, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Enjoy a discussion on diversity in planning and planners during open planner project time. Bring your own supplies and connect and share ideas with other planners. This is a casual meetup event.

Preparing for a Doctor's Appointment Virtual

Monday, February 12, 11 a.m.

Join Jessica Daly, faculty librarian with Advent Health University, as she discusses what you can do to prepare for your next visit to the doctor so you can walk away feeling heard, helped and happy!

Self-Care Jars

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, February 14, 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate yourself by learning about self-care. Create and decorate a self-care jar with ideas to try at home, activities that you enjoy and happy memories. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Southwest Art Meet Up Southwest Branch

Friday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Bring your own art or craft projects with supplies to work on or create something new with provided supplies. Meet others and share the joy of creating art! Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Sketching 101

Virtual

Friday, February 16, 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.

Paper Quilling: Flowers Fairview Shores Branch

Friday, February 16, 3:30–5 p.m.

If you are a quilling professional or new to this art form, you are invited to have a fun and relaxing time practicing a colorful craft. Recommended for ages 12 and up.

Temporary Protective Status for Venezuela

Southeast Branch

Saturday, February 17, 2 p.m.

Learn about Temporary Protective Status for Venezuelans. Explore what it means, who is eligible and how to apply. Presented by Don Jarrell, community relations officer, DHS, USCIS.

Dungeons and Dragons at the Library! West Oaks Branch

Saturday, February 17, 2:30–5:30 p.m.

Have you heard about D&D and want to see what it's all about? Are you an experienced player looking for a new party? Join us at the library where every event is a new adventure! Ages 16 and up.

Puzzle Swap

South Creek Branch

Saturday, February 17, 2:30 p.m.

Finished with an old puzzle and looking for something new? Stop by and swap an old puzzle for a new-to-you one. Please bring at least one complete puzzle for adults.

Altered Books

West Oaks Branch

Sunday, February 18, 2:30–4:30 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.

Chair Yoga

Virtual

Monday, February 19, 8 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.

Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, February 20, 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.

Yoga for Couples

Virtual

Thursday, February 22, 7 p.m.

From stretching your levels of trust to strengthening your communication, join Dana and Adam for a yoga class that can have a positive effect on your relationship that extends far beyond the physical.

Abraham Lincoln:

un nuevo nacimiento de la libertad

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, February 23, 11 a.m.

Escuche un relato de primera mano del propio Abraham Lincoln sobre la historia de los Estados Unidos de América, desde su infancia en la frontera hasta los doce años turbulentos de 1854 a 1865.

Collage Art

Alafaya Branch

Friday, February 23, 4:30 p.m.

Design, cut and paste to create beautiful collages! Come join us at our collage-making event, all supplies will be provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Eatonville Branch Adult Film Club:

Summer of Soul

Virtual

Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m.–1:45 p.m.

Calling all adults! Groove back in time and experience the summer of 1969 in Harlem, New York! Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Lincoln on the Gettysburg Address

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m.

Mr. Lincoln talks about his most famous speech – debunking myths, including historical background to familiar phrases and discussing interesting events that were happening at the same time. Recommended for ages 9 and up.

Dungeons, Dragons and Libraries: Adults

North Orange Branch

Saturday, February 24, 1–3 p.m.

Would you like to play Dungeons & Dragons? Now's your chance! Join us adventurers on our next quest! Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Introduction to Belly Dance

Southwest Branch

Saturday, February 24, 2 p.m.

Join professional belly dancer Helen Blondel as she teaches the fundamentals of belly dance using a step-by-step approach. Learn about the history and social significance of this fun creative art form! Registration required.

TTRPG: The Quiet Year

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, February 24, 2:30–5:30 p.m.

Explore a new tabletop role playing game every month as we play through a multitude of new releases and long-standing favorites. Ages 16 and up. Registration required.

Debunking Myths of Healthy Food

in Southern Cuisine

Virtual

Thursday, February 29, Noon

Join KeyVion Miller, registered dietitian nutritionist, as she discusses healthy options for traditional Southern cultural dishes.



CURRY SHRIMP AND NAAN

Virtual
Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 p.m.
 Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she teaches how to make a delicious curry shrimp with pumpkin and potatoes served with a no-yeast flour almond naan.



MEET THE ARTIST: JAMILE B. JOHNSON

Eatonville Branch
Saturday, February 10, 2–4 p.m.
 Capture a glimpse into the world of Jamile B. Johnson as the self-taught artist guides us through the inspiration behind his latest exhibition entitled *Tanager*. Registration required.

Over the past 10 years, armed with a camera and paintbrushes, Jamile delved into the realms of the arts. Jamile is a self-taught multidisciplinary artist, and he has fearlessly embarked on numerous creative endeavors via drawing, painting, animation and filmmaking. Driven by an insatiable curiosity and an innate desire for storytelling, Jamile's distinctive artistic voice has garnered recognition and praise, and his work has been showcased in numerous galleries, film festivals and art exhibitions, including the Wells' Built Museum of African American History and Culture in Orlando, FL. Jamile's most significant contribution has to be collaborating with award-winning artist Genevieve DeMarco and the Solution Artist Collective.

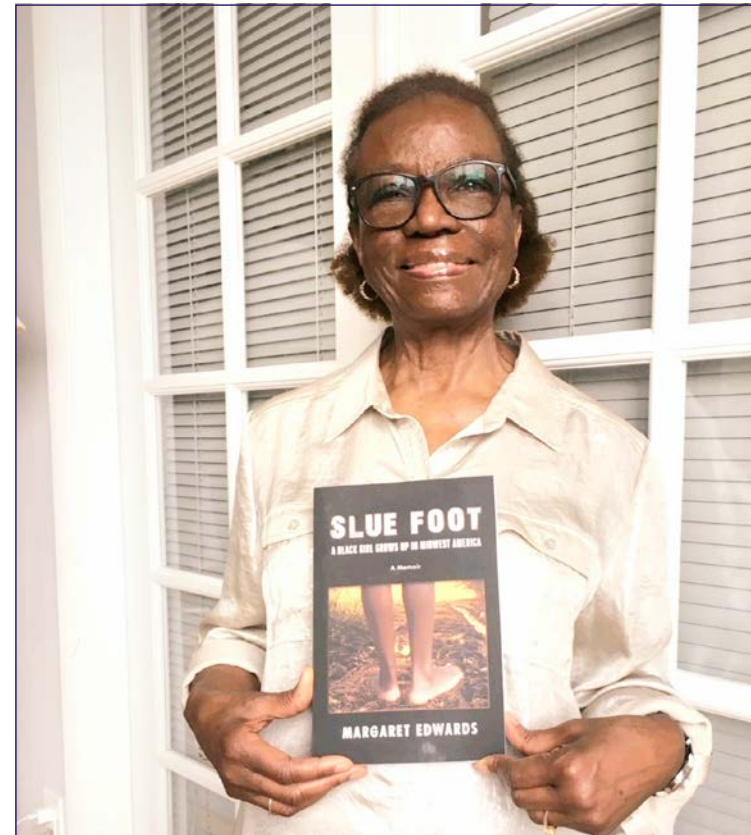
TANAGER

Eatonville Branch
On Display Through March
 Come experience the essence of *Tanager*, Jamile B. Johnson's latest exhibition. This bold and colorful collection explores Jamile's narrative works of art. The audience has the opportunity to follow and celebrate Jamile's newfound spirituality as he deals with navigating the challenges of severe ADHD while grieving the death of his father.



SUSAN MALLERY

In Partnership with Writer's Block Bookstore
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Wednesday, February 14, 7:30–9 p.m.
 Join us for a special after-hours event celebrating the launch of *The Summer Book Club* with bestselling author Susan Mallery! All copies of *The Summer Book Club* to be signed at the event must be purchased through Writer's Block Bookstore. Registration required.



MARGARET EDWARDS

Eatonville Branch
Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m.
 Join award-winning author Margaret Edwards as she reads excerpts from her memoir *Slue Foot: A Black Girl Grows Up in the Midwest*. The book follows the experiences of Margaret and her family from sharecropping in Mississippi to a racially segregated small town in southern Illinois. The readings will be followed by a Q&A and book signing.

HEART HEALTHY

Virtual
Wednesday, February 28, 6 p.m.
 Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, shows you how to make a heart-healthy meal for the special people in your life.



LOCAL AUTHOR FESTIVAL

Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 10, 2–4 p.m.
 Meet and greet local authors at our Local Author Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.

Author Talk with Tessa Bailey

Virtual
Thursday, February 8, 8 p.m.
 Tessa Bailey talks about the launch of her new book, *Fangirl Down*, the first in a super hot sports romance duology with a rom-com about a bad boy professional athlete who falls for his biggest fan.

Author Talk with Jason Mott

Virtual
Tuesday, February 20, 4 p.m.
 Join us as we talk to Jason Mott about his novel *Hell of a Book*. A book that goes to the heart of racism, police violence and the hidden costs exacted upon Black Americans and America as a whole.

Author Talk with Kim Scott

Virtual
Wednesday, February 28, 2 p.m.
 Kim Scott, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Radical Candor: Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity*, will explain the Radical Candor feedback framework and how you can practice it today.



OWNING IT: MEMOIR AND MEMORY

Virtual
Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m.
 Explore how memory both inspires and informs memoir writing while (re)discovering the intersections of creative inquiry and lived experience. Presented by author and educator Sheree L. Greer.



Query Letter Don'ts

Virtual
Thursday, February 1, 7 p.m.
 The query letter is the first impression an agent or editor will have of your writing. Literary agent Sam Farkas will discuss what not to do when querying your novel.

Using Gamification to Help Your Writing Life

Virtual
Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m.
 Are you having trouble sticking to your writing routine? Join author Jennie Jarvis for a workshop designed to help you trick yourself into getting the draft done!

OCLS Writer's Group

Virtual
Sunday, February 11, 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.

Your Self-Publishing Timeline

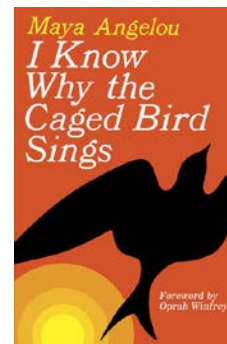
Virtual
Tuesday, February 20, 7 p.m.
 Small press owner and author Arielle Haughee will walk you through each phase of the self-publishing process. She'll help you avoid pitfalls and share a few tricks to make things easier for yourself.

Writer's Meetup

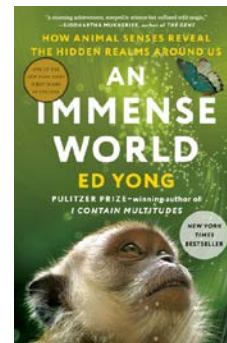
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 24, 3:30 p.m.
 Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Revising and Selling a Memoir

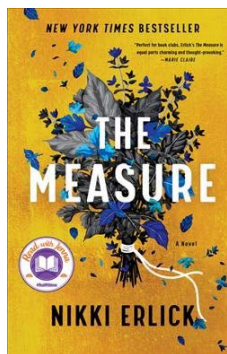
Virtual
Monday, February 26, 7 p.m.
 Finish your memoir, get it ready to go out, query agents and submit it to publishers. Memoirist and journalist Kim Liao will discuss what you need to know to revise and sell your memoir.



Y Read: Book Read Aloud
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
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Saturdays,
February 3–24, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
 Experience the joy and camaraderie of reading aloud a book with others each week. Facilitator-led in partnership with the Dr. P. Phillips YMCA and Southwest Branch. Recommended for ages 18 and up.



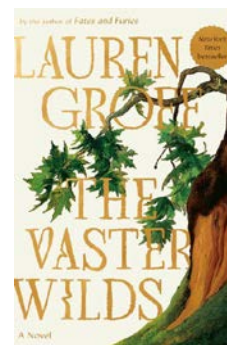
Winter Garden Book Club
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, February 8, 6 p.m.
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Thursday, February 29, 6 p.m.
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
 The author and poet recalls the anguish of her childhood in Arkansas and her adolescence in northern slums.



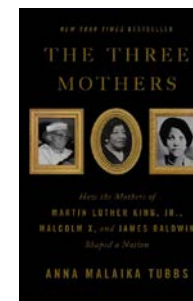
Nature Walk Book Club
Shadow Bay Park
 5100 Turkey Lake Road,
 Orlando, FL 32819
Monday, February 12, 10 a.m.–Noon
 Join Southwest Branch for a walk outdoors at Shadow Bay Park followed by a discussion of *An Immense World* by Ed Yong. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Hiawassee Book Club

Virtual
Monday, February 19, 7–8:30 p.m.
The Measure by Nikki Erlick
 When every person, all over the globe, receives a small wooden box bearing the same inscription and a single piece of string inside, the world is thrown into a collective frenzy.



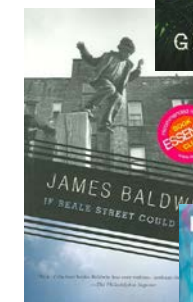
Southwest Book Club
Southwest Branch
Thursday, February 29, 2–3:45 p.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, February 27, 7–8:45 p.m.
The Vaster Wilds by Lauren Groff
 Escaping from a colonial settlement in the wilderness, a servant girl – with nothing but her wits, a few possessions and some faith – is tested beyond the limits of her imagination, forcing her to question her belief of everything her own civilization taught her. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.



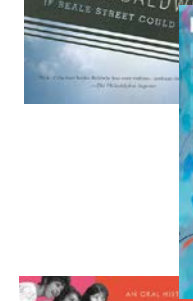
The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation
 by Anna Malaika Tubbs
 Scholar Anna Malaika Tubbs celebrates Black motherhood by telling the story of the three women who raised and shaped some of America's most pivotal heroes.



Libertie
 by Kaitlyn Greenidge
 Inspired by the life of one of the first Black female doctors in the United States and rich with historical detail, Kaitlyn Greenidge's new and immersive novel will resonate with readers eager to understand our present through a deep, moving and lyrical dive into our past.



If Beale Street Could Talk
 by James Baldwin
 In a love story that evokes the blues, where passion and sadness are inevitably intertwined, Baldwin has created two characters so alive and profoundly realized that they are unforgettably ingrained in the American psyche.



Invisible Son
 by Kim Johnson
 From the award-winning and critically acclaimed author of *This Is My America* comes another thriller about a wrongly accused teen desperate to reclaim both his innocence and his first love.



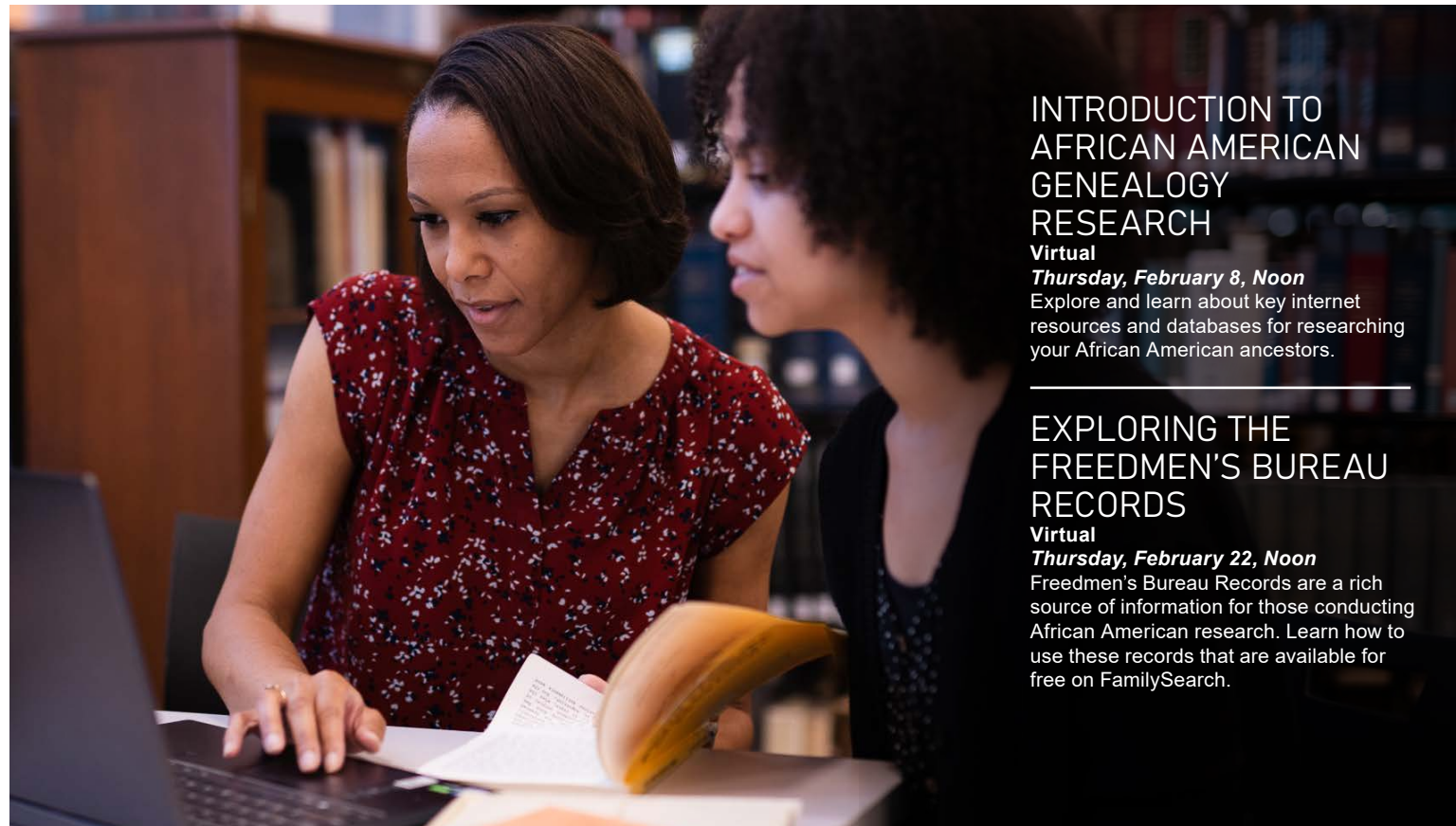
But Will You Love Me Tomorrow?: An Oral History of the '60s Girl Groups
 by Laura Flam & Emily Sieu Liebowitz
 Featuring over 300 hours of new interviews with 100+ subjects, an oral history of the girl groups (such as The Ronettes, The Shirelles, The Supremes and The Vandellas) that redefined the early 1960s.



Unbound
 by Ann E. Burg
 With candor and compassion, Ann E. Burg sheds light on a startling chapter of American history – the remarkable story of runaways who sought sanctuary in the Great Dismal Swamp – and creates a powerful testament to the right of every human to be free.



Fast Pitch
 by Nic Stone
 From *New York Times* bestselling author Nic Stone comes a challenging and heartwarming coming-of-age story about a softball player looking to prove herself on and off the field.



INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY RESEARCH

Virtual
Thursday, February 8, Noon
 Explore and learn about key internet resources and databases for researching your African American ancestors.

EXPLORING THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU RECORDS

Virtual
Thursday, February 22, Noon
 Freedmen's Bureau Records are a rich source of information for those conducting African American research. Learn how to use these records that are available for free on FamilySearch.

FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Virtual
Saturday, February 10, 10 a.m.–Noon
 Connect with some of the many resources, societies and organizations available to help with your family history research journey.

Working on the Railroad

Virtual
Thursday, February 1, Noon
 Do you have an ancestor who worked for the railroads? Join us and learn where to turn to discover information about the railroad, its records and where you might find them.

Finding Your Roots: Immigration Records

Virtual
Tuesday, February 6, 1 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.

Genealogy in the States

Virtual
Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.
 Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Virginia. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Finding Your Roots: Church & Cemetery Records

Virtual
Tuesday, February 13, 1 p.m.
 Discover the types of information contained in church and cemetery records, how to access them and how they can help enhance your family history research.

DNA Case Study

Virtual
Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m.
 See how DNA and the paper trail can intersect to help discover the biological parents of an African American woman adopted in Pennsylvania in the 1920s.

Social Security Records for Genealogy

Virtual
Thursday, February 15, Noon
 The Social Security Act was passed in 1935 and helped to create records for genealogists. Learn how this act impacted your ancestors and what records were created as a result.

Finding Your Roots: Military Records

Virtual
Tuesday, February 20, 1 p.m.
 Military records have been created throughout our history regardless of whether or not there was a war being waged. Learn how military records can help you to uncover information on your ancestors.

Global Genealogy

Virtual
Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.
 Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors. This session focuses on Ireland.

Finding Your Roots: Census Records

Virtual
Friday, February 23, 3 p.m.
 Learn about the information contained in each census and discover how to use the various bits of information as clues to further your research.

Finding Your Roots: DNA Testing

Virtual
Tuesday, February 27, 1 p.m.
 Learn the basics of genetic genealogy and how DNA testing can supplement your traditional genealogical research. Explore the different types of tests that are available.

The Paperless Genealogist

Virtual
Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.
 Feeling bogged down with too much paper from years of genealogical research? Explore options for going paperless and see how digital versions can enhance your research experience.

Periodical Source Index (PERSI)

Virtual
Thursday, February 29, Noon
 PERSI is the premier subject index for genealogy and local history periodicals. Discover how to use PERSI to further your genealogical research.



WE LOVE TECHNOLOGY!

Our Technology Trainers are here to teach you important technology skills this February! Learn how to stay safe in the online world, use Zoom or even publish your own book digitally. Don't forget to stop by one of our locations for some Device Advice!

Video Conferencing Basics

Orlando Public Library
Friday, February 2, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, February 13, 11:45 a.m.
Friday, February 16, 4:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 11:45 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, February 15, 10:15 a.m.
 Learn how to create an account on a popular video conferencing platform like Zoom and build confidence when using features of the platform in an online meeting.

Device Advice

Fairview Shores Branch
Fridays, February 2 & 16, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, February 6 & 20, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, February 3–24, Noon
Orlando Public Library
Tuesdays, February 6 & 27, 11 a.m.
Saturday, February 10, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 24, 4 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Friday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.
 Have a new tablet or smartphone, but not sure how to use it? Let us get you started with the basics, so you become more familiar with your personal device.

Cybersecurity Basics

Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesdays, February 7 & 21, 10:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, February 8, 10:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, February 9, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.
Friday, February 16, 3:15 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.
 Cybersecurity is all about the safety of our information when we're online. Build confidence as you visit websites, create passwords and respond to emails.

Digital Publishing, eBook Formatting & Conversion

Orlando Public Library
Friday, February 23, 11 a.m.
Thursday, February 29, 4:30 p.m.
 Learn how to apply best practices and techniques to successfully convert a Microsoft Word manuscript into an ebook.



TRANSPORTATION SAFETY FOR SENIORS

LIFE Information for Elders
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, February 15, 12:10 p.m.
 Join Mary Ann Horne, with MetroPlan Orlando, as she discusses the Vision Zero Central Florida safety initiative. Learn about transportation options for older drivers, walkers and transit users. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446. Seating is limited. Registration required.

Karaoke (Taylor's Version)

Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, February 1, 5–6:30 p.m.
 Are you the problem? Does everyone agree? We have a blank space for karaoke. Come write your name. You can sing your favorite song. Taylor's Version of course!

Medicare Monday

Washington Park Branch
Mondays, February 5 & 19, 1–2:30 p.m.
 Join experienced Medicare educators Sabrina Ramos and Sandra Sims for this no sales, no pressure educational program.

Qigong Movement and Breathing

Southwest Branch
Friday, February 23, 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.

NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS CORE

Find full-text coverage from major newspapers such as *The Chicago Tribune*, *New York Times*, and *Wall Street Journal*.



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Basic English 1
 South Trail Branch
Fridays, February 2–23, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Wednesdays, February 7–28, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
 Chickasaw Branch
Mondays, February 5–26, 5:30 p.m.
Thursdays, February 8–29, 11 a.m.
 Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, February 6–20, 10:15 a.m.
 Windermere Branch
Wednesdays, February 7–28, 3:30 p.m.
 Virtual
Saturdays, February 3–17, 4 p.m.
 This class is designed for students with a beginner's level knowledge of English.

Basic English 2
 Windermere Branch
Thursdays, February 1–29, 4:45–6:15 p.m.
Wednesdays, February 7–28, 4:45 p.m.
 South Trail Branch
Fridays, February 2–23, 2:30–4 p.m.
Wednesdays, February 7–28, 2:30–4 p.m.
 Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, February 6–20, 11:15 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, February 6–27, Noon–1:30 p.m.
 This class is designed for students with a high beginner to intermediate level of English.

English Conversation Hour
 Fairview Shores Branch
Thursdays, February 1–29, 4:45 p.m.
 Windermere Branch
Fridays, February 2–23, 3:30 p.m.
 Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, February 3–24, Noon
 Chickasaw Branch
Thursdays, February 8–29, 12:30 p.m.
 Virtual
Thursdays, February 1–29, 2 p.m.
Fridays, February 2–16, 4:45 p.m.
Wednesdays, February 7–28, Noon
 Come practice your English speaking skills during the English Conversation Hour. All proficiency levels are welcome.

Introducción al Inglés
 South Trail Branch
Fridays, February 2–23, 4–5:30 p.m.
 Introducción al Inglés está diseñada y enfocada en Hispanohablantes interesados en aprender el idioma del Inglés comenzando desde lo mas básico y desarrollando vocabulario, gramática y conversación.

English from Zero
 Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, February 3–24, 10:30 a.m.
 West Oaks Branch
Saturday, February 17, 4:30 p.m.
 Virtual
Mondays, February 5–26, 3 p.m.
Tuesdays, February 6–27, 3:30 p.m.
 Join us to learn and talk about new basic English vocabulary associated with different topics.

Creole Connect
 South Trail Branch
Mondays, February 5–26, 2–4 p.m.
 Vini aprann pale e pratike anglè w nan kou sa.

Practice Makes Perfect
 Winter Garden Branch
Mondays, February 5–26, 2–3:30 p.m.
 Chickasaw Branch
Tuesdays, February 6–27, 2–3:30 p.m.
 Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, February 6–20, 3:15–4:30 p.m.
 Practice Makes Perfect are English conversation classes led by Adult Literacy League volunteers.

Writing Clearly Part 1
 Virtual
Tuesdays, February 6–27, 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for a virtual meeting where we will learn and practice grammar and a variety of writing styles.

Speaking Clearly Intermediate
 Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, February 6–20, 2 p.m.
 Speaking Clearly is a pronunciation class for intermediate speakers designed to introduce the rules of spelling and pronunciation of English words and phrases.

Writing Clearly Part 2
 Virtual
Wednesdays, February 7–28, 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for a virtual meeting where we will practice different writing styles.

Práctica Spanish Conversation
 Virtual
Wednesdays, February 7–28, 4–5:30 p.m.
 ¡Práctica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Conversation topics and themed vocabulary will be provided. Recommended for adults.

Introductory English Course
 Chickasaw Branch
Saturdays, February 10 & 24, 11 a.m.
Friday, February 16, 11 a.m.
 This course is designed for students who have very little or no English experience.



Languages Classes

Adult French
 Windermere Branch
Mondays, February 5, 12 & 26, 2:30 p.m.
 Virtual
Tuesdays, February 6–27, 1 p.m.
Wednesdays, February 7–28, 6 p.m.
 Adult French is specifically designed for students with no prior French exposure. It combines face-to-face class time with the flexibility of independent learning. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Spanish from Zero: Intermediate with Brenda
 Virtual
Tuesdays, February 6, 13 & 27, 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.
 Come and learn Spanish grammar with Ms. Brenda.

Homeschool: Spanish
 Windermere Branch
Tuesdays, February 6 & 20, 2 p.m.
 Develop your Spanish skills with us! In this Spanish class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Spanish from Zero: Basics with Ms. Brenda
 Virtual
Tuesdays, February 6, 13 & 27, 4 p.m.
 Come and learn basic Spanish with Ms. Brenda.

Beginner's Spanish for Kids
 Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesdays, February 6–27, 4:30 p.m.
 Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary through games and activities while having fun. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Spanish From Zero for Beginners with Ms. Brenda
 Virtual
Tuesdays, February 6, 13 & 27, 6 p.m.
 Learn and use Spanish for the first time with Ms. Brenda.

Homeschool: French
 Windermere Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 2 p.m.
 Virtual
Tuesday, February 27, 2 p.m.
 Develop your French skills with us! In this French class, you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Bilingual Fun Time Para Niños
 North Orange Branch
Wednesday, February 28, 3:30 p.m.
 Learn and practice Spanish with us de una manera divertida (in a fun way)! Explore Spanish vocabulary about feelings and create a craft displaying emotions. Recommended for ages 5–9.

Craftsy en Español

Encuentre audiolibros y libros electrónicos, consúltelos, descárguelos a su dispositivo móvil y acceda a ellos de inmediato usando Libby, desde OverDrive.



CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED



Citizenship Inspired
 Hiawasse Branch
Thursdays, February 1–22, 10:30 a.m.
 Windermere Branch
Thursdays, February 1–22, 3–4:30 p.m.
 South Creek Branch
Saturdays, February 3–24, 3:30–5 p.m.
 Fairview Shores Branch
Mondays, February 5–26, 5 p.m.
 Virtual
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, February 6, 7, 13 & 14, 3–5 p.m.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, February 20, 21, 27 & 28, 3–5 p.m.
 During this program, students will meet once each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.



MELROSE CENTER 10TH ANNIVERSARY
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, February 10, 2–5 p.m.
 The Melrose Center turns 10! Come enjoy a special musical performance by E-Turn and join the fun at a Second Saturday Improv show. Tour the updated studios and spaces, and discover how you can get creative with our amazing classes and resources. We'll also be announcing the return of the Melrose Awards for 2024 – with cash prizes!



1ST PLACE: \$500
2ND PLACE: \$300
3RD PLACE: \$200

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ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY, MELROSE CENTER
Information Session:
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 4–7 P.M.
Resource Availability Window:
FEBRUARY 23–24, 10 A.M.–10 P.M.
FEBRUARY 25, 10 A.M.–NOON

CHALLENGE: CREATE A VIDEO GAME FROM SCRATCH

Are you up for the challenge? Put your skills to the test as you create a video game from scratch in under 72 hours! Join the information session to form your team, learn more about the secret theme and special challenges. The Melrose Center will be open to provide resources during select dates and times. Games will be showcased for play and public voting at the **Orlando Gaming Expo**. For rules and to register, visit ocls.info/orlando-game-jam.




ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY, MELROSE CENTER
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1–5:30 P.M.

Play, give feedback and vote on games created during the **Orlando Game Jam**. Find out which teams will be crowned the winners! Mingle with local video game studios, educators and developers to learn about the amazing things being developed in your town.

Exhibitor Registration:
ocls.info/orlando-gaming-expo



February's fiber arts classes are a vibrant tapestry of creativity! Check out our classes on knitting and crochet for a haven of hook-and-yarn magic! Whether you're a novice or a seasoned, our sessions cater to all skill levels. Join us in this journey of imagination and skill, where every creation is a testament to your unique flair!

MEET AND MAKE KNITTING GROUP
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.
 Have a great time mingling with other Central Florida fiber artists while working on your craft. Be sure to bring your work in progress, yarn and tools. All levels are welcome.



Let's Knit Skill Building Sheep Swatches Virtual
Monday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.
 Build up your knitting skills in this technique-focused series. Each class features a new skill, stitch pattern or technique. Swatches created may be seamed onto a cardstock sheep swatch holder.

Sewing: Tote Bags
Orlando Public Library
Mondays, February 5–26, 2 p.m.
 Take the fashion world by storm! We will teach you everything you need to know to start sewing like a pro. Create a simple and easy tote bag perfect for shopping, the beach or running errands.

Let's Crochet Level 2
Hiawassee Branch
Mondays, February 5 & 19, 4 p.m.
 Level up your crocheting. Learn how to create more open fabric with new stitches. Techniques include chaining up rows, as well as double and half double crochet stitches.

Let's Crochet Pet & Me Headbands
North Orange Branch
Tuesdays, February 6 & 13, 5 p.m.
 Create matching headbands for you and your pet. Use single and double crochet to create this colorful two-part project.

Sewing: Simple Hemming
North Orange Branch
Saturday, February 10, 2 p.m.
 Purchased a pair of pants or a skirt that's just a bit too long? Join us in this sewing class and learn how to complete simple hems on everything from dress pants to skirts.

Let's Knit a Lace Sampler Scarf
Virtual
Mondays, February 12 & 26, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn how to read a lace chart and how to execute the techniques to create a beautiful lace scarf.

Sewing: Pull-on Shorts
Orlando Public Library
Tuesdays, February 13–27, 2 p.m.
 Let's make your first sewing project quick and easy. Learn to sew pull-on shorts from start to finish using patterns, fabric and sewing machines.

Hand Sewing Basics
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 4:30 p.m.
 Basic hand-sewing skills are essential skills needed in everyday life. Learn the basic techniques to get started, including how to make a quilter's knot, thread a needle and sew a running stitch.

CLASES DE ARTE TEXTIL

Costura: Doblado Simple
North Orange Branch
Monday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.
 ¿Compró un par de pantalones o una falda que es demasiado larga? Únase a nosotros en esta clase de costura y aprenda cómo completar dobladillos simples desde pantalones de vestir hasta faldas.

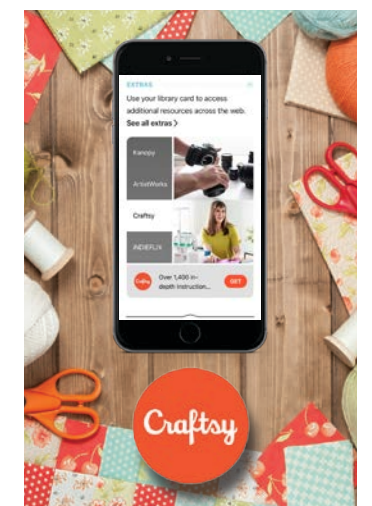
Costura: Ojales y Botones
North Orange Branch
Monday, February 19, 10:30 a.m.
 ¡Vaya más allá de lo básico con su máquina de coser! Aprenda a estabilizar y coser ojales a máquina para obtener un acabado pulido, luego use su máquina para colocar botones.

Téjido en Croché: Pañuelo para ti y tu cachorro
North Orange Branch
Tuesdays, February 20 & 27, 5 p.m.
 Crea unos pañuelos a juego para ti y tu mascota. Usa puntos bajos y altos para crear este colorido proyecto.

FEATURED BOOK
 Explore new techniques, get ideas for projects and find helpful patterns in our featured fiber arts book.



Simple Modern Sewing
by Shufu To Seikatsu Sha
 Make a closefit of comfortable and easy go-to garments without needing tons of patterns. You just need the eight included basic templates, which show you how to fold and cut for each of the 25 unique designs.



Our library now has access to Craftsby, an online resource with over 1,300 courses for all creative makers.

Discover in the Libby app under Extras.

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African American Read-In

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, February 18, 2–3:30 p.m.

Celebrate African American literature through poetry, story and song, performed by local luminaries in conjunction with the 35th Annual National African American Read-In. This annual event highlights African American books and authors during Black History Month by bringing friends and communities together to share in reading. Presenters are subject to change. For more information and a complete list of presenters, visit ocls.info/readin.



Orisirisi African Folklore

Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 3, 1:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Monday, February 12, 4:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, February 25, 2 p.m.

Share the beauty of African life and culture through a unique folkloric performance filled with drumming, dance and storytelling.



Black History Month Challenge for Adults

ocls.beanstack.org
February 1–29

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

Literature in Color
Washington Park Branch
Thursday, February 1, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 24, 2–3:30 p.m.
Celebrate the 35th Annual National African American Read-In with crafts for the whole family. Learn about authors of African American literature and make a book yourself. Recommended for families.

Let's Embroider Empowerment Messages – Black History Month
Washington Park Branch
Friday, February 2, 3:30–5 p.m.
Tuesday, February 6, 4 p.m.
Remind yourself to keep going strong while also practicing your embroidery skills in this beginner-friendly class.

Zora's Butterfly Garden
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 11 a.m.
Celebrate Zora Neale Hurston and her history by learning about folklore through singing, talking, playing, writing and reading. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Rock the Wrap: Headwrap Styling Workshop
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, February 11, 2–3:30 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. A beautiful African headwrap fabric is included in this workshop. Registration required.

Multicultural Haircare and Hairstyling Class
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Explore how to properly detangle, moisturize and style curly, coily and kinky tresses. Explore healthy braiding techniques and get advice on the best hair tools for textured hair. Registration required.

World of Watercolor
North Orange Branch
Monday, February 19, 4:30–6 p.m.
Experiment with watercolor in this guided interactive session to create a design inspired by revolutionary artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. Delve into the art style of neo-expressionism.

Music in the Library: Wassalou
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, February 25, 2 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.

Crafternoons: Celebrate Black History Month
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, February 27, 3:30 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.

Q&A with Hannibal Square Heritage Center

WAYNE MIDDLETON, MARKETING PROJECT COORDINATOR

The fabric of Orange County's history is interwoven with the stories, memories, struggles and victories of the Black community. The Orange County Library System is proud to welcome the Hannibal Square Heritage Center to Local Wanderer, a program that gives library holders access to historic, cultural and educational attractions.

To celebrate our new partnership, we paid a visit to the Hannibal Square Heritage Center where manager Barbara Chandler gave us a tour and shared the history of the community and what the center does to preserve that legacy.

Hannibal Square was established in 1881. Could you tell us a little bit about the history of its founding?

Hannibal Square (the "west side") was officially founded in 1881, only 40 years after Florida became the 27th state, and 14 years after Florida reentered the Union after seceding in 1861.

The free Black families who lived here provided labor for building a town to serve wealthy white winter residents and visitors. Although Florida and Winter Park remained deeply segregated into the 1960s, the railroad jobs and domestic service positions with Winter Park's wealthy white families resulted in educational opportunities and comparative prosperity and privilege for Winter Park's Black residents.

On October 12, 1887, young Republican Gus Henderson led a march of Black registered voters across the railroad tracks to Ergood's Drugstore. The resulting election established a quorum that voted to incorporate the town of

Winter Park including Hannibal Square. Two Black men from Hannibal Square, Walter B. Simpson and Frank R. Israel, were elected aldermen and served from 1887 to 1893.

The City of Winter Park's prime location fueled the development and gentrification of Hannibal Square, with a significant loss of cultural landmarks and native residents. Members of



the community rallied to preserve what is left of its heritage, and that is where the Hannibal Square Heritage Center story begins.

How did the Hannibal Square Heritage Center get its start?

The center was established in 2007 by Crealdé School of Art, in partnership with residents from the Hannibal Square community and the City of Winter Park.

How does the center promote the rich history of Hannibal Square and support the community today?

With *The Heritage Collection: Photographs and Oral Histories of West Winter Park*, a permanent exhibition of more than 200 framed, archival pieces that capture the lives of Winter Park's African American community and *The Hannibal Square Timeline* which documents significant local and national events in African American history since the Emancipation Proclamation.

Orange County Library System cardholders are now able to check out passes to visit the Hannibal Square Heritage Center. What can visitors to the center expect?

Visitors receive a docent-led experience relating the history of a community as told by its residents. The exhibitions and programs weave the stories of this proud neighborhood together with art, family history and community experience. ■





Meet you
There

MEET ETHAN WATFORD, BRANCH OUTREACH SPECIALIST

Hello! My name is Ethan Watford and I am one of the outreach specialists for OCLS. Each outreach specialist has a specific branch area in which they work, and I am proud to say mine is Winter Garden! I work with daycares, schools, neighborhood shelters, senior centers, 55+ communities and many other groups and organizations to bring all that the library has to offer into our communities. In addition to serving Winter Garden, I also serve Oakland, Tildenville and Horizon West. You may also see me out and about on our book bike donated by the Sorosis of Orlando Woman's Club. When I am not working, I am spending my time with my family, playing music or traveling to a national park with my wife and children. My passion for education and service to my community was instilled in me at a young age by my parents and to have found a career in which I help others develop their own passions is a dream come true! If you would like the library involved with your group or organization, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Book Bike at the Oakland Farmer's Market
Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland
126 Petris Ave., Oakland, FL 34760
Thursdays, February 8 & 22, 10 a.m.

Paws in the Park
Lake Eola Park
512 East Washington St.,
Orlando, FL 32801
Saturday, February 10, 10 a.m.

Family Day at OMA
Orlando Museum of Art
2416 N. Mills Ave., Orlando, FL 32803
Saturday, February 10, 11 a.m.

Library Pop-Up: Horizon West
Waterleigh Community Clubhouse
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,
Winter Garden, FL 34787
Saturday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.

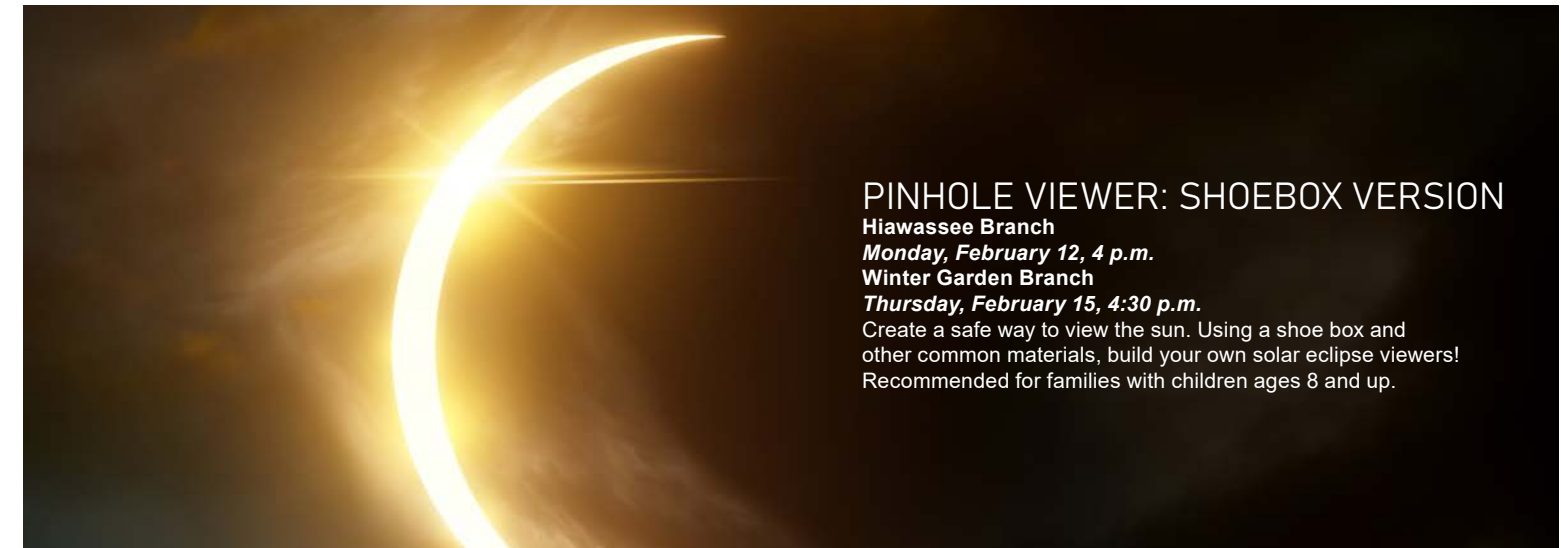
Library Pop-Up: Horizon West – Storytime and Craft
15572 Marina Bay Drive,
Winter Garden, FL 34787
Wednesday, February 28, 11 a.m.

StoryWalk at Bill Frederick Park
3401 S. Hiwassee Road,
Orlando, FL 32835
Thursday, February 17, 11 a.m.
A small entrance fee per car is required to enter the park.

Storytime at Bill Frederick Park
3401 S. Hiwassee Road,
Orlando, FL 32835
Saturday, February 3, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, February 7, 10 a.m.
A small entrance fee per car is required to enter the park. Recommended for ages 0–12.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

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PINHOLE VIEWER: SHOEBOX VERSION

Hiwassee Branch
Monday, February 12, 4 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, February 15, 4:30 p.m.

Create a safe way to view the sun. Using a shoe box and other common materials, build your own solar eclipse viewers! Recommended for families with children ages 8 and up.

Eclipse Chalk Art
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, February 2, 4:30 p.m.
Learn how eclipse watchers used to record what they saw before modern technology. Participants will then create their very own eclipse art! Recommended for ages 3 and up.

Pocket Solar System
South Trail Branch
Saturday, February 3, 2 p.m.
Construct a pocket solar system you can carry everywhere you go! Share your final model by engaging in math challenges. Recommended for families with children 8 and up.

Why Don't Eclipses Happen Every Month?
Windermere Branch
Saturday, February 3, 2 p.m.
Learn why we do not see eclipses at every full and new moon. Create 3D models of the Earth, moon and sun to demonstrate solar and lunar eclipses. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

UV Kid
Hiwassee Branch
Tuesday, February 6, 4:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, February 20, 4:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, February 22, 4:30 p.m.
Discover how scientists work to keep astronauts safe from radiation in space. Create and craft a creature with a built-in UV-radiation "detector." Recommended for families with children ages 4 and up.

Making A Solar Eclipse Book
Washington Park Branch
Tuesday, February 6, 5 p.m.
Create an artistic masterpiece as you learn about the solar eclipse. Participants will assemble their own book covers inspired by this extraordinary event. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Solar Eclipse Perler Beads
Hiwassee Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 4 p.m.
Create eclipse-inspired Perler fusion bead art using solar and lunar patterns. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

Crochet a Star!
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 5 p.m.
Make your own tiny star. Previous crochet experience is required. Ages 18 and up.

UV Friendship Bracelet
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 4 p.m.
Learn about UV rays and craft a Valentine's Day beaded bracelet with a built-in UV-radiation "detector" to protect a friend! Recommended for families with children ages 4 and up.

Solar Friendship Bracelets
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 4:30 p.m.
Celebrate the upcoming solar eclipse with your own color-changing UV-activated friendship bracelets. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Family Art Adventures: Sunscreen Art
Southeast Branch
Saturday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.
Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration using the power of the sun. Inspiration is a must! Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Homeschool Science: Why Do Eclipses Happen?
West Oaks Branch
Monday, February 19, 11 a.m.
Using simple materials, participants explore the vast distance between the Earth and moon and model how solar and lunar eclipses happen. Recommended for ages 6–15. Registration required.

Sorting Games: How Big? How Far? How Hot?
Washington Park Branch
Tuesday, February 20, 5 p.m.

Discover more about our place in space! Introduce your child to concepts such as size, distance and temperature. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Shadow Tracing
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, February 22, 3:30 p.m.
Create and trace your shadow from different angles and discover how shadows appear based on the position of the light source. Recommended for families with children ages 3–8.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Solar Cupcakes
Southeast Branch
Thursday, February 22, 4:30 p.m.
Explore the sun and solar activity by modeling them as solar cupcakes. Learn about basic cooking techniques and make fun and tasty treats. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Design Your Own Solar Cupcakes
South Trail Branch
Saturday, February 24, 2 p.m.
Decorate your own cupcake inspired by the sun! Explore aspects of the sun and solar activity by modeling them as solar cupcakes. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Sun Cookies
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, February 24, 2 p.m.
Create a model of the sun that you can eat! Use candy pieces and a cookie to make a delicious treat. All ages are welcome.

Crafternoons: Solar Eclipse
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, February 28, 4:30 p.m.
Get ready for an hour of crafting fun with friends and discover more about our place in space! Recommended for ages 6–12.



ORLANDO BALLET PRESENTS:
SLEEPING BEAUTY STORYTIME

Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 3, 2 p.m.
Enter the fairy tale world of *Sleeping Beauty* with this enchanting storytime. Engage in the story through dance as the Orlando Ballet guides families through creative movements. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Fun Family Film
South Trail Branch
Saturdays, February 3–25, 10:15 a.m.–Noon
Join us for a movie that's fun for the whole family!

Box Engineers
Southeast Branch
Saturday, February 3, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, February 6, 5:30 p.m.
Fuel your creativity with a cardboard box! Families will work together to design and construct an architectural marvel. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Storygami
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, February 3, 3 p.m.
Get crafty for Valentine's Day by making an origami heart or lily. Enjoy a reading of *Happy Valentine's Day, Dolores* by Barbara Samuels.

Mindful Start Family Yoga
Winter Garden Branch
Mondays, February 5–26, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesdays, February 7–28, 10 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.

Tall Tales of Zora Neale Hurston
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 4:30 p.m.
We've got a whopper of a tale for you! Learn how to use the characteristics of a tall tale to create one of your own and make the unbelievable believable.

Valentine's Day Puzzle Wreath
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 4:30 p.m.
Make a heart-shaped wreath for Valentine's Day decoration or as a gift to a loved one. A fun crafty project for all ages!

Lunar New Year Celebration
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, February 10, 2 p.m.
Have luck, wealth and good fortune celebrating the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. Learn about some Asian traditions and customs.

Motown Movin'
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, February 15, 3 p.m.
Bring your family on down to Motown! Move and groove together with drop-in activities related to the first Black-owned record company in the U.S.

ArtMazing
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.
Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must! Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

The Science of Pokémon
Hiwassee Branch
Thursday, February 22, 4:30 p.m.
Who's that Pokémon? Dive into the science behind some of your favorite Pokémon powers. Recommended ages 6 and up.

Freedom Quilt
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, February 28, 4 p.m.
Create your own patchwork square out of paper. Learn how quilt patterns became messages that may have helped slaves travel the Underground Railroad.

African American Collage Art
South Creek Branch
Thursday, February 29, 4:30 p.m.
Study the works of famous African American artists like Romare Bearden then recreate art in the same style.

Mother Goose on the Loose
Orlando Public Library
Mondays, February 5–26, 10:30 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursdays, February 15–29, 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!

Mama Gansa
Southwest Branch
Monday, February 5, 11 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!

Bouncing Baby Ducks
Southwest Branch
Monday, February 12, 11 a.m.
Babies and caregivers will engage in early literacy practices through song, movement and play with a duck theme.

Shake, Rattle & Roll
Southwest Branch
Monday, February 19, 11 a.m.
Encourage your baby's movement and hand-eye coordination by exploring shapes, shakers and sounds.

Baby's First Art
Southwest Branch
Monday, February 26, 11 a.m.
First experiences are so incredible to witness! Bring your little one to play, explore and create art pieces that both of you will enjoy.

BABY'S FIRST VALENTINE'S DAY!

Southeast Branch
Monday, February 5, 10:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, February 27, 11 a.m.
Explore sensory activities made with love and help baby develop fine and gross motor skills.





I LOVE YOU TO THE MOON AND BACK

Winter Garden Branch
 Wednesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.
 Southwest Branch
 Wednesday, February 14, 11 a.m.

Celebrate love, family and friendship as we share a story and interact with Valentine's Day activities and crafts.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

Chickasaw Branch
 Wednesday, February 28, 11 a.m.

Celebrate a positive mindset and sunny moments by singing songs, reading stories and completing crafts and activities sure to make your little one smile! Recommended for ages 2-5.



A TRIP TO AFRICA

Fairview Shores Branch
 Tuesday, February 20, 10:30 a.m.
 Eatonville Branch
 Wednesday, February 21, 10:15 a.m.
 Southeast Branch
 Tuesday, February 27, 4:30 p.m.

Discover the African culture through interactive stories and activities. Get creative with color as we play with shapes and patterns to make paper kente cloth.

Storytime Craft
 Southwest Branch
 Thursdays, February 1-29, 10 a.m.-Noon
 North Orange Branch
 Wednesdays, February 7-28, 10:30 a.m.
 Drop in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for ages 2-5.

Bluey and Friends!
 West Oaks Branch
 Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m.
 Wackadoo! Come celebrate Bluey and friends with crafts, stories, activities and fun.

Artsy Toddler
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Tuesday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.
 Chickasaw Branch
 Wednesday, February 7, 11 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch
 Wednesday, February 14, 10:15 a.m.
 Learn new fine motor skills using paint, paste, glue and stamps to create! Toddlers will enjoy stories and songs, and then create a craft.

Relaxation Stations
 West Oaks Branch
 Tuesday, February 6, 11 a.m.
 Introduce relaxation to your little one. Although it may not be a quiet event, you will enjoy a calming time with soothing activities and stations.

Bubble Playtime
 Alafaya Branch
 Wednesday, February 7, 10:15 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch
 Wednesdays, February 7 & 21, 11 a.m.
 North Orange Branch
 Tuesday, February 20, 11 a.m.
 South Creek Branch
 Wednesday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.
 Help your child develop gross motor skills in this interactive bubble party.

Love Bugs
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Wednesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.
 Southeast Branch
 Monday, February 19, 10:15 a.m.
 Use heart-shaped cutouts to create sweet little love bugs with your love bug! Bug-themed activities and stories will be included too.

Puppy Love
 Southwest Branch
 Wednesday, February 7, 11 a.m.
 Share your love for our forever friends with stories and activities. Plush puppies are welcome.

Valentine's Day Craft and a Snack
 Eatonville Branch
 Monday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for a Valentine's Day-inspired craft and enjoy a small snack while creating. Recommended for ages 2-4.

A Villainous Valentine
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Tuesday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.
 Even villains have secret admirers. Find out how Ursula, Captain Hook and all of your favorite villains celebrate Valentine's Day.

Count on Me
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Wednesday, February 14, 10:30 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.

Tiny House
 Winter Garden Branch
 Tuesday, February 20, 10:30 a.m.
 After an outdoor storytime, little explorers will learn, grow and play with hands-on activities inspired by using objects in your garden! Recommended for ages 2-5.

Toddler Playground
 Southwest Branch
 Wednesday, February 21, 11 a.m.
 Toddlers use unstructured play to advance their physical and cognitive development and to have fun!

Seamos Amigos
 Southwest Branch
 Wednesday, February 28, 11 a.m.
 Amigos come in all colors! Discover friendship and kindness through a world of color in this bilingual program.

Sesame Street Storytime
 Virtual
 Mondays, February 5-26, 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.

Pajama Party
 Virtual
 Mondays, February 5-26, 7 p.m.
 Put on your pajamas and enjoy an interactive virtual storytime with a book, songs, games and a craft.

Mindful Play Learning: Yoga for Preschoolers
 Eatonville Branch
 Tuesdays, February 6-27, 10:15 a.m.
 Each session is themed and playfully uses yoga and imagination to teach early learners social-emotional skills, support cognitive development and enhance creativity. Recommended for ages 3-5.

Countdown to Kindergarten
 Southwest Branch
 Tuesdays, February 6-27, 11 a.m.
 South Creek Branch
 Wednesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.
 Count and quack your way to becoming a good reader through stories, rhymes and activities designed to help preschoolers develop vital skills to succeed in kindergarten. Recommended for ages 4-5.

Bilingual Storytime
 Winter Garden Branch
 Wednesdays, February 7 & 21, 10:30 a.m.
 Help your child develop key early literacy skills through music, movement and stories in this bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish. Recommended for ages 2-5.

Dance Party!
 North Orange Branch
 Thursday, February 8, 11 a.m.
 Join an event full of songs and dancing that will get you up off the floor to learn and play along. Just say the magic words, "Dance Party!"

Little Artist
 North Orange Branch
 Friday, February 9, 11 a.m.
 Get creative with arts and crafts! Explore art techniques and play with bubbles while learning letters, numbers and colors.

Little Readers
 Virtual
 Saturday, February 10, 10 a.m.
 Start your child's reading journey with engaging activities focused on phonics and sight words. Emergent readers should be able to recognize all alphabetical letters.

J is for Jazz
 Southeast Branch
 Monday, February 12, 10:15 a.m.
 Tuesday, February 13, 4:30 p.m.
 Winter Garden Branch
 Tuesday, February 13, 4:30 p.m.
 Learn about the lively rhythms and improv sound of jazz music through melodic stories, instrument play and more.

Alphabet Adventures
 Alafaya Branch
 Tuesday, February 13, 11 a.m.
 Learn the alphabet with exciting stories and fun activities.

Homeschool Jr.
 Windermere Branch
 Wednesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.
 Kickstart your child's education! Listen to stories and engage in activities about basic concepts.

Little Chef: Love Monster Cookies
 North Orange Branch
 Thursday, February 15, 11 a.m.
 Put your chef hats on and join us as we make Love Monster cookies. Mix, roll and eat a cute monster treat. Recommended for ages 3-5.

STORYTIMES

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TINY TALES

(ages 0–18 months)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 11:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.

TODDLER TIME

(ages 18–36 months)

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, 11:00 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.

STORYBOOK FUN

(ages 3–5)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME

(ages 0–5)

Hiwassee Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
Washington Park Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
South Trail Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

FAMILY STORYTIME

North Orange Branch, First Sundays, 2 p.m.
South Creek Branch, Third Sundays, 2 p.m.



VALENTINE SURPRISE

South Trail Branch

Thursday, February 1, 10:15 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, February 1, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, February 14, 11 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.

Cuéntame un Cuento

South Creek Branch

Tuesday, February 20, 10:30 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Monday, February 26, 10:15 a.m.

Virtual

Thursdays, February 1–22, 10 a.m.

Friday, February 23, 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 Space with Mae!

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, February 20, 11 a.m.

Explore planets, galaxies and more through books, songs and games inspired by Mae Jemison.

Pajama Jamboree

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, February 20, 4:30 p.m.

Put on your favorite jammies for a fun-filled evening of a story, craft and a snack. Seating is limited. Recommended for ages 3–7.

Around the World

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.

Let's hop on our magic carpet and take a trip to a new country! Learn about the world through stories and a craft.

Doc McStuffins Storytime

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, February 21, 11 a.m.

The doc is in, and she'll fix you up! Enjoy stories, songs and games inspired by Doc McStuffins and learn about the first Black doctors. Don't forget to bring your toy for a checkup!

LITTLE CHEF: RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, February 20, 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! Registration required.



CHILDREN'S

AGES 6–12
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BLACK HISTORY SCIENCE SMART

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, February 6, 3:30 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, February 7, 4 p.m.

Hiwassee Branch

Tuesday, February 13, 5 p.m.

Celebrate Black History with a look at scientists and inventors who've made us change the way we look at the world. Enjoy facts, trivia and challenges.



Homeschool Discovery

Windermere Branch

Thursdays, February 1–15, 1 p.m.

Discover the world around us through STEM, geography, the arts, culture, history, literature and library-aligned themes with hands-on activities. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool: Art Expressions

Windermere Branch

Fridays, February 2 & 16, 2 p.m.

Develop and express creativity in a fun art experience. Children will expand their abilities as they improve their fine motor skills and ingenuity. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Celebrate Groundhog Day!

Eatonville Branch

Friday, February 2, 3:30 p.m.

Did the groundhog see its shadow? What does that mean? Join us to celebrate this unique holiday and learn more about the science behind this annual phenomenon!

LEGO Club

South Creek Branch

Saturday, February 3, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 27, 5:30 p.m.

Expand your creativity and imagination with LEGO! Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you.

READING Paws

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Saturday, February 10, 11:30 a.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.

Homeschool Meetup

Southwest Branch

Mondays, February 5, 19 & 26, 1 p.m.

Come participate in math, science, history, art and literature-based learning to support your child's homeschool curriculum.

Chess Club

Windermere Branch

Mondays, February 5 & 19, 4 p.m.

Drop in for a game of chess at the library. Chess sets are available for play and lessons will be provided. Recommended for ages 7–12.

Read to Sydney

Winter Garden Branch

Monday, February 5, 4 p.m.

Read to Sydney is a local therapy dog organization that encourages children to practice their reading skills with an attentive furry listener.

South Trail Chess Club

South Trail Branch

Mondays, February 5, 12 & 26, 4–5:30 p.m.

Capture your opponent's pieces and checkmate their king. Each week we will have some free play chess and a mini lesson. Registration required. Recommended for ages 9 and up.

Bee My Valentine

South Creek Branch

Monday, February 5, 4:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, February 14, 4 p.m.

The buzz is all about Valentine's Day. Come and join us for Valentine's Day stories, crafts and fun!

International Cuisine Club

Windermere Branch

Tuesdays, February 6–27, 4:30 p.m.

Bon appétit! From setting the table to the science behind flavor we'll explore and discover new cultures and the foods that shape them. Recommended for ages 7–14.

Southwest LEGO Club

Southwest Branch

Wednesdays, February 7–28, 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.

Way Back When the Ashanti

Dressed in Gold

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, February 7, 4 p.m.

Dive into the Ashanti kingdom and explore Adinkra symbols, soul washers, mythology and ancient Ashanti history.

LEGO One Scoop

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, February 8, 3:30 p.m.

Create greatness with one single scoop! The challenge is on so let's see what you can build! Bricks for play will be provided but cannot go home with you.

Origami Club

Orlando Public Library

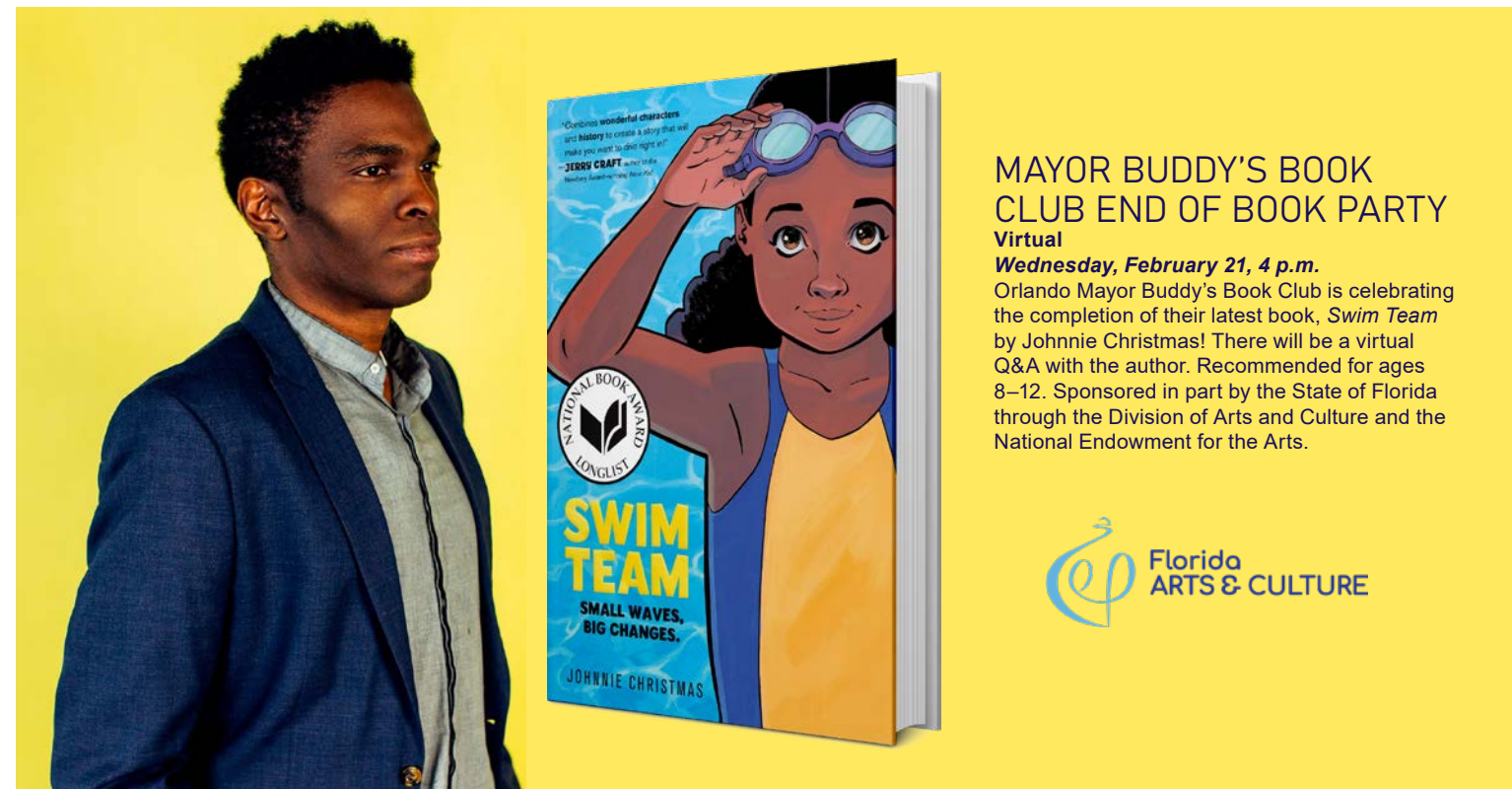
Thursday, February 8, 3:30 p.m.

Fold paper hearts just in time for Valentine's Day and unravel the fun of this ancient craft! Go on a fun and educational journey into the world of paper folding. Recommended for ages 8–12.



ALMA THOMAS ART

Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 17, 3 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, February 22, 4:30 p.m.
 Honor African American artist Alma Thomas and create your own colorful abstract work of art. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.



MAYOR BUDDY'S BOOK CLUB END OF BOOK PARTY

Virtual
Wednesday, February 21, 4 p.m.
 Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club is celebrating the completion of their latest book, *Swim Team* by Johnnie Christmas! There will be a virtual Q&A with the author. Recommended for ages 8–12. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida through the Division of Arts and Culture and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Lore at the Library: Chinese Zodiac

Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, February 8, 4:30 p.m.
 Explore the lore of the Chinese Zodiac and learn the history of Lunar New Year while making a dragon puppet. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Science of Love

Southeast Branch
Thursday, February 8, 4:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Monday, February 12, 3:15 p.m.
 We may not be making love potions, but this event is sure to get your heart beating with fun science experiments and STEAM challenges.

Dungeons, Dragons and Libraries: Kids

North Orange Branch
Saturday, February 10, 1–3 p.m.
 Have you ever wanted to play Dungeons & Dragons? Now's your chance! Join us adventurers on our next quest! Recommended for families with children ages 9–15.

Homeschool Art: Victorian Flower Arranging

West Oaks Branch
Monday, February 12, 11 a.m.
 What do daffodils, roses and carnations have in common? They all have something to say! Learn how to arrange a bouquet to secretly send a message to that special someone. Recommended for ages 6–15.

Homeschool Meet Up

Southwest Branch
Monday, February 12, 1 p.m.
 Come participate in math, science, history, art and literature-based learning to support your child's homeschool curriculum.

Homeschool Explorers

North Orange Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 2 p.m.
 Explore art and stories while meeting new friends. Support your child's homeschool curriculum with crafts and stories from around the world.

Matters of the Heart

Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 3:30 p.m.
 During the Valentine's season, we think about love! But how well do you know your own heart? Join us for an activity about the cardiovascular system to get in the spirit!

Black History Month Heroes

South Creek Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 p.m.
 Learn about the lives of scientist Katherine Johnson, painter Alma Thomas and fashion designer Patrick Kelly through crafts and activities. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Cuisine Corner Junior:

Edna Lewis' Apple Crisp
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 14, 2:30 p.m.
 Discover the life of Southern chef Edna Lewis and create a no-bake apple crisp inspired by her farm-to-table recipe. Recommended for ages 9 and up. Registration required.

Heartburn! The Un-Valentine's Day Event

Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 3 p.m.
 Do you despise candy hearts, chocolate flowers and poems about love? Then join us for an event filled with everything we don't like about Valentine's Day.

Collage and Color

Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 4 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 4:30 p.m.
 Poetry, stories, collage and color all come together to celebrate Ashley Bryan.

Cuisine Corner Junior:

Valentine's Day Rice Krispies Treats
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 4:30 p.m.
 Learn how to turn a classic delight into your next Valentine's Day treat! Recommended for ages 9 and up.

Magic Tree House Expeditions

Virtual
Wednesday, February 14, 4:30 p.m.
 Jack and Annie need your help with their latest voyage in the Magic Tree House. If you love their adventures, now is your chance to be part of their travels through time. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Valentine's Day Party

North Orange Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
 Calling all little sweethearts and tiny cupids! You're invited to our Valentine's Day party. We'll decorate a sweet treat and craft something fun for you to keep or give to your special pal-entine.

Escape from the Candy Shop

Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, February 15, 4:30 p.m.
 It's a sugar overload at the new Candy Shop! Do you have what it takes to solve puzzles and answer riddles before the grand opening? Registration required.

Make and Take

Alafaya Branch
Friday, February 16, 4 p.m.
 Get ready to build! Make a Home Depot wooden craft to keep. This month we'll make a fish tank craft. Recommended for ages 6–8. Kits are limited. Registration required.

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs

South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Saturday, February 24, 10:30 a.m.
 Children can improve their reading skills by reading to a therapy dog with Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida. Practice with a furry friend and build your confidence.

Marvelous Manatees

Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 17, 1:30 p.m.
 Did you know that a long time ago, some people thought that manatees were mermaids? Creativity abounds in our activities involving Florida's marvelous manatees. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Stellar Space Crafts

Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, February 17, 3 p.m.
 Come with us to create some out-of-this-world crafts as we learn about how to draw constellations and make rockets and comets to blast off to your next adventure.

Picture Book Putt Putt

Windermere Branch
Monday, February 19, 11:30 a.m.
 Swing on down to the library to putt your stuff on our picture book-themed putt putt course. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

Super Service Dogs

Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, February 20, 4:30 p.m.
 Did you know dogs can have jobs too? Learn about the different kinds of tasks service dogs are trained to do, create a themed craft and meet a real-life service dog! Recommended for ages 6–8.

Gross Science

South Creek Branch
Tuesday, February 20, 5:30 p.m.
 Explore the science of boogers, blood and guts with kid-friendly experiments. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Fashion Focused

Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, February 21, 2:30 p.m.
 In celebration of Fashion Week show your personal style! Design and bring to life your own fashion-focused project. Walk the runway to showcase your creation. Recommended for ages 8–13.

Backyard Birds of Prey

Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 3:15 p.m.
 Meet and learn about the birds of prey that can be found in your own backyard! In partnership with Audubon Center for Birds of Prey.

Happy Habitats

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 4 p.m.
 Learn about habitats, plants and animals through books and crafts. This month we're learning about the ocean. Recommended for ages 6–8. Registration required.

Masai Animal Masks

Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 4 p.m.
 Listen to a story and create original artwork based on Masai tribal costume masks.

Spy School

Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 4 p.m.
 Come train to be a super, secret spy with a series of puzzles and obstacles that will make you an espionage expert!

Homeschool Branch Out

Windermere Branch
Thursday, February 22, 1 p.m.
 Branch out and develop new skills. Socialize with friends as you expand your horizons during this exploratory recreation time. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Macaroni Mania

Windermere Branch
Monday, February 26, 4 p.m.
 Create a macaroni masterpiece! Macaroni Mania explores the versatility of using pasta to create one-of-a-kind crafts. Recommended for ages 5–12.

Create Comics

Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, February 28, 4:30 p.m.
 Put together cool comic drawings using Comic Life. Change layouts, add cartoons and write a story to make your comic drawings come alive! Recommended for ages 10–12.

Pirates! All Aboard to New Orleans

Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, February 29, 4:30 p.m.
 All aboard to explore New Orleans with a quirky pirate crew! We'll read a Cajun tale, create a craft and play trivia with everyone's favorite parrot, Petey!

I HEART ART

South Creek Branch
Thursday, February 1, 4:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 4:30 p.m.
Fall in love with your creations. Explore heart-themed projects while getting to know other young artists.

VALENTINE ORIGAMI

South Creek Branch
Thursday, February 8, 4:30 p.m.
Cut, fold and paste your way to the cutest valentines ever!

HOW TO SURVIVE A HEARTBREAK

South Creek Branch
Friday, February 9, 4:30 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, February 14, 4:30 p.m.
Has your sweetheart let you down? Does your heart wear a frown? Well then don't be late for this survival date. Come spend some time at the library with fun crafts and activities.



MOCK SAT: READING & WRITING

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, February 3, 3-5 p.m.
Practice your test-taking skills in a stress-free environment at the library! Recommended for ages 14-18. Registration required.

MOCK SAT: MATH

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, February 10, 3-5 p.m.
Practice your test-taking skills in a stress-free environment at the library! Recommended for ages 14-18. Registration required.

HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Virtual
Tuesday, February 6, 4 p.m.
Earn community service by collaborating with your peers to test out new teen programs, brainstorm new teen services and more! Recommended for students in grades 9-12.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Virtual
Wednesday, February 7, 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.



Fandom Friday
South Creek Branch
Fridays, February 2 & 16, 4:30 p.m.
Play games, watch movies and anime, discuss your favorite manga, and socialize with new friends who are equally obsessed with your favorite fandoms. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Teen Board Game Meetup
South Creek Branch
Saturday, February 3, 1:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Friday, February 9, 4:30 p.m.
Leave Monopoly at home! Come learn a new board game or revisit some unique favorites. Games will be provided. Registration required.

Rock Art
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 4:30 p.m.
Come paint with us! No two rocks are alike and that makes them a perfect canvas for unique art.

Homeschool Teen Rec Time
Windermere Branch
Wednesdays, February 7 & 21, 4:45 p.m.
Socialize, play games, do crafts, learn a life skill or just hang out with friends during this teen-reserved library recreation time. Light snacks provided.

Let's Play D&D
Hiawassee Branch
Saturdays, February 10 & 24, 1-5 p.m.
Learn to play Dungeons & Dragons! Step into the exciting world of D&D. Choose your character and work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.

Paint Party!
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, February 10, 3-4:30 p.m.
Can you believe that Paint Party is 2 years old? Celebrate our anniversary and create your very own artwork at three different art stations. See you all soon!

Dungeons and Dragons at the Library
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, February 10, 4-6 p.m.
Learn to play Dungeons & Dragons! Step into the exciting world of D&D. Choose your character and work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.

Washington Park's Animanga Club
Washington Park Branch
Tuesdays, February 13 & 27, 5 p.m.
Love manga and anime? Join us for manga recommendations, crafts, anime and more!

Mathemagic
South Creek Branch
Thursday, February 15, 4:30 p.m.
Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, step right up and learn some amazing tricks involving numbers and measuring. Get ready to impress even the toughest crowd!

Art Club
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, February 17, 3:30 p.m.
Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Registration required.

Teen Takeover
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 3-5 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Wednesday, February 21, 3-5 p.m.
High school students earn up to two hours of community service by assembling craft kits and performing other tasks as needed. Registration required.



VOLUNTEER

Teen Volunteering: Orange Slice
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, February 3, 3-5 p.m.
Earn community service hours by becoming involved in Alafaya's teen literary and creative arts magazine, *Orange Slice*. Registration required.

Teen Volunteering
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, February 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Calling all teens! Do you have a program idea that you would love to help make into reality? Share your perspective and brainstorm future programs for teens just like you!

Teen Volunteering
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, February 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
High school students will earn one and a half hours of community service by assembling craft kits for the library. This month's focus will be dinosaur-related crafts.

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.

CLOSURES

2024 U.S. Olympic Team Trials Marathon

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, February 3



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