

BOOKS & BEYOND

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Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra

To learn more and plan your visit, check out: orlandophil.org



North Orange Branch Sidewalk Sale

Saturday, March 16
10 a.m.–2 p.m.

During the cooler months of the year look for us at your local branch! The Friends host pop up sidewalk sales throughout the county that showcase a bit of everything from the Friends Bookstore. Although our sidewalk sales are much smaller in size compared to the bookstore collection, we offer the same exceptionally low prices you will find on book sale weekends!

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LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Next Board of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, March 14, 6 p.m.

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Next Friends of the Library Board of Directors Meeting:

Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, March 13, Noon



JOB FAIR

MARCH 27, 2024 12-4PM

Bridging the gap between you and 100+ employers from the Central Florida area!

Orlando Fairgrounds Expo Building
4603 W Colonial Dr.

- Dress interview ready & bring resumes.
- Entry, intermediate & experienced jobs.



cfec.org/job-fairs



Presidential Preference Primary & Municipal Elections Early Voting

Monday, March 4–Sunday, March 17
10 a.m.–6 p.m.

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| Alafaya Branch | Southwest Branch |
| Chickasaw Branch | South Creek Branch |
| Fairview Shores Branch | Washington Park Branch |
| Hiawasse Branch | West Oaks Branch |
| Southeast Branch | Winter Garden Branch |

Presidential Preference Primary Election Day (For Assigned Precincts)

Tuesday, March 19, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southwest Branch

FROM THE DIRECTOR |

Every year, Orange County Library System holds a Staff Development Day in November, where we bring everyone together to learn, network and get to know their colleagues. A big part of the day is celebrating milestones. We're lucky to have a lot of staff who've made working for the library not just a job, but a meaningful career that spans years.

It's not uncommon to meet people who've worked here for 10, 20, even 30 years. But during our last Staff Day, in November 2023, I realized we have one employee who has surpassed 55 years working for OCLS. Her name is Liz, and she started at Orange County Library System in 1968. Today, she works at the South Trail Branch as a Circulation Clerk. During Women's History Month, the library makes an effort to recognize the contributions of women to our society over the years. Sometimes the biggest contributions come from people who spend their lives working in service to their communities without asking for any fanfare at all. So, it feels appropriate to recognize Liz's contributions to OCLS during this Women's History Month. We interviewed Liz about her time working for the library, and you can watch that video on our YouTube channel. You can read more about Liz and her library story on page 17.

This month in *Books & Beyond*, we also recognize women authors who've focused on retelling the stories of women in folklore and mythology. Sometimes the women in these stories are traditionally portrayed as witches, demons or monsters seeking revenge, but a new trend in fiction gives them a fresh take – think deeper motivations, more nuanced backstories and reimagined voices. We've written about this trend and highlight some interesting titles you might enjoy on page 19.

And, as always, we also celebrate women in our programming during Women's History Month. Throughout March, you'll find programs on women in history, science and the arts at multiple locations. For example, we'll be hosting an event at our Eatonville Branch featuring Hannibal Square Heritage Center's Barbara Chandler sharing her story, from being a single mother living in the Virgin Islands to being the first Black woman to run for office in Winter Park. And we'll wrap up the month with the Women in the Arts Inc.'s Celebrating the Genius of Women Expo in the Melrose Center.

See page 18 for a more detailed listing of events happening around the system. And if you find yourself at the South Trail Branch this month, make sure you thank Liz for her service.



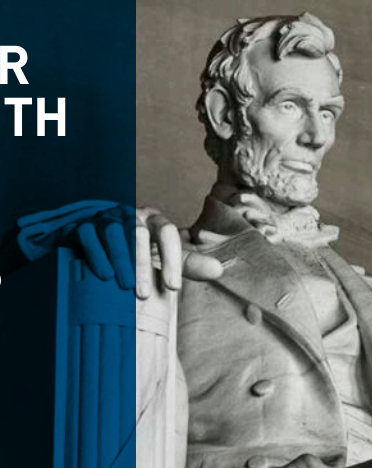
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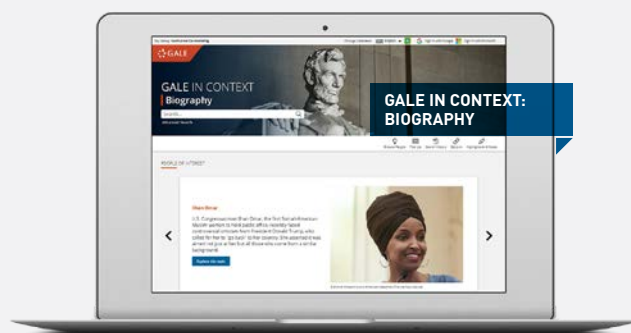
DATABASE HIGHLIGHT:
GALE IN CONTEXT: BIOGRAPHY

UNCOVER
THE TRUTH
BEHIND
THEIR
STORIES



Gale in Context: Biography is a comprehensive database containing over 600,000 biographies of noteworthy people from the past and present. You can easily obtain authoritative information, either in brief or in-depth. The database offers a variety of multimedia resources such as video, audio clips, podcasts, images, and more, which allow you to become well-acquainted with your subject.

It also has tools enabling you to download, print, share content online, and receive citation help. The content is well-organized and easily accessible. By searching narrative biographies, news, magazine, and multimedia content, you can explore the world's most influential people. Gale in Context: Biography is an excellent source of information for students, researchers, and anyone who is interested in learning about prominent individuals from various disciplines and subject areas. It is user-friendly and provides a wealth of information on a broad range of topics.



17TH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST AUTHOR SERIES



FEATURING
LAUREN GROFF

LAUREN
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THE
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A Novel



FRIDAY, APRIL 12
7 PM

Southwest Branch | 7255 Della Drive Orlando, FL 32819

Join us for the 17th Annual Southwest Author Series featuring bestselling author, Lauren Groff. Presented in partnership with the Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. Book sale and signing to follow author presentation.

IMPROVING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Virtual

Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.

Join Jessica Daly, faculty librarian with Advent Health University, as she discusses the connection between mental and physical health. Learn about free online resources to help you in your journey.



Caregiver Connect

South Trail Branch
Fridays, March 1–29, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, March 4, 11 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Mondays, March 4–25, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Mondays, March 4–25, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Mondays, March 4–25, 11 a.m.
Tuesdays, March 5–26, 5:15 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Mondays, March 4–25, 11:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursdays, March 7–28, 11:30 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursdays, March 7–28, 11:35 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Fridays, March 22 & 29, 11:35 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, March 25, 11:30 a.m.
Connect with other caregivers to meet and mingle while your little one explores imaginary play with new and old friends.

Adult Game Time

Windermere Branch
Saturdays, March 2–30, 3–4:30 p.m.
Get your game on! Spend a fun afternoon playing games and meeting new friends. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Drawing 101: Artist Hour

Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 2, 3:30 p.m.
Bring your own drawing project or use our supplies to practice drawing each month! Recommended for ages 18 and up. Registration required.

AARP Income Tax Assistance

Southeast Branch
Mondays, March 4–25, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Thursdays, March 7–28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesdays, March 6–27, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Thursdays, March 7–28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesdays, March 5–26, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Friday, March 1–29, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Income tax assistance from AARP volunteers. By appointment only, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

Resin Shamrocks

North Orange Branch
Monday, March 4, 4 p.m.
Create a UV resin shamrock charm for a necklace or keychain. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro

Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, March 5, 2:30 p.m.
Interview tips and practice.

Taking the Con Out of Consumer: Safeguard Yourself From Scams

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Join the Orange County Consumer Protection Office and learn to avoid scams, fraud and illegal business practices.

Tea Social Hour

North Orange Branch
Wednesdays, March 6 & 20, 5 p.m.
Unwind with music, a sweet treat and your cuppa during a creative art activity. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Yoga for Adults

North Orange Branch
Thursdays, March 7–28, 1 p.m.
Wear comfortable clothing and bring your mat. Recommended for adults and seniors.

Yoga for Strength

Virtual
Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m.
Presented by certified yoga instructor Dana Brady.

Plant Clinic

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 9, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, March 14, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Master Gardener volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office will be available to answer your gardening questions.

Art 101: Botanical Watercolors

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, March 12, 5:30 p.m.
Learn basic watercolor techniques while creating a piece of botanical art. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

How to Catch Up: 7 Ways to Declutter When Overwhelmed

Virtual
Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.
Join author and organizer Jamie Novak as she shares seven super simple ways to catch up on your organizing tasks and your to-do list.

Forever Roses

North Orange Branch
Wednesday, March 13, 4:30–6 p.m.
Celebrate Women's History Month by making a rose that will last forever using satin ribbon. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Sketching 101

Virtual
Friday, March 15, 11 a.m.
Learn the basics of sketching using simple techniques and observation.

Interior Design 101

Windermere Branch
Saturday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Join Rebecca Hubler, interior designer, and learn to transform an ordinary space into the extraordinary.

Chair Yoga

Virtual
Monday, March 18, 8 a.m.
All levels; requires use of a chair.

World of Watercolor

North Orange Branch
Monday, March 18, 4:30–6 p.m.
Guided interactive session to create your own mini nebula. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Podcast Listening Club: Care

Foxtail Coffee Co.
7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819
Monday, March 18, 6:30–8 p.m.
Join us at Foxtail Coffee Co. to discuss various aspects of care – self-care to childcare to eldercare to memory care. Ages 18 and up.

Career Academy:

Perfecting Your Resume
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, March 19, 2:30 p.m.
Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.

DIY Bullet Journal

Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 19, 4:30 p.m.
Organization and creativity will bring your bullet journal to life. Attendees must bring their own journals. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Cozy Mystery Corner

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 p.m.
Settle down and get cozy while we explore cozy mystery reads.

DIY Rollerball Perfume

Alafaya Branch
Friday, March 22, 4 p.m.
Make a personalized rollerball perfume and learn about a famous female perfumer. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Dungeons, Dragons and Libraries: Adults

North Orange Branch
Saturday, March 23, 1–3 p.m.
Join other adventurers for a D&D quest! Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Altered Books

Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 23, 2:30–4 p.m.
Bring your imagination. Supplies provided. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Honey Bees and Beekeeping

Alafaya Branch
Saturday, March 23, 4 p.m.
Learn the basics of honey bees from beekeeper Kathleen Dugan Cavanagh.

Duct Tape Flower Pen

Alafaya Branch
Sunday, March 24, 2 p.m.
Celebrate spring by creating a flower pen out of duct tape. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

“Yes And” Improv Basics

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, March 24, 3–5 p.m.
Get an introduction to the foundations of improv.

Water Wise Neighbor Program

North Orange Branch
Wednesday, March 27, 3–6 p.m.
Maximize water savings for your home. Orange County Utilities water customers will receive free on site high-efficiency devices, while supplies last.

Lowering Blood Pressure and Cholesterol With Food

Virtual
Thursday, March 28, 11 a.m.
Join KeyVion Miller, registered dietitian nutritionist, to learn about heart healthy foods.

Intro to Dance

Southwest Branch
Saturday, March 30, 10:30 a.m.
Move, stretch and dance to fun, energizing music while exploring jazz and modern dance combinations. Ages 18 and up.

Intro to Foundation Center & Grant Resources

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, March 30, 10:30 a.m.
Get the 101 on using this comprehensive directory to win grants.

DIY Secret Book Box

Windermere Branch
Saturday, March 30, 11 a.m.
Create your own covert compartment by converting a hardcover book into a secret book box. Recommended for ages 13 and up.

All-Levels Yoga

Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 30, Noon
Virtual
Monday, March 4, 8 a.m.
Ages 18 and up.

CUISINE CORNER

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TRADITIONAL JAMAICAN OXTAIL

Virtual

Monday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she teaches how to make a delicious and hearty dish that is rich in flavor.



CARIBBEAN ISLAND FRUIT

Virtual

Wednesday, March 20, 6 p.m.

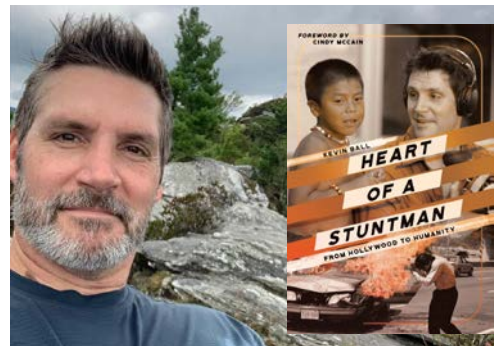
Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show you how to make easy recipes at home featuring fruits from the islands.





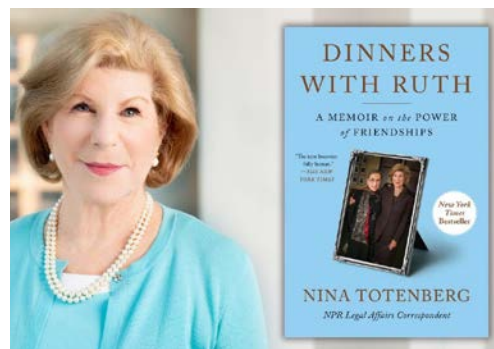
LOCAL AUTHOR FESTIVAL

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, March 24, 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.



**MEET THE AUTHOR:
 KEVIN BALL**

Eatonville Branch
Saturday, March 23, Noon
 Join author Kevin Ball as he discusses his book *Heart of a Stuntman*, which recounts his transformational journey from Hollywood to humanity.



**AUTHOR TALK WITH NINA
 TOTENBERG**

Virtual
Wednesday, March 6, 4 p.m.
 Join Nina Totenberg as she talks about her nearly fifty-year friendship with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.



**AUTHOR TALK WITH
 CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI**

Virtual
Thursday, March 14, 4 p.m.
 Join us as we chat with bestselling author Christopher Paolini about his return to the World of Eragon with *Murtagh*.



**WRITE FASTER,
 NOT LONGER**

Virtual
Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m.
 Do you want to write faster? *New York Times* bestselling author Ginny Myers Sain will share tips and tricks for writing on a tight deadline and boosting your daily word count.

**THE LIFE OF A BOOK:
 FROM ROUGH
 DRAFT TO
 FINISHED PRODUCT**

Virtual
Friday, March 8, 7 p.m.
 Literary agent Sam Farkas will break down how a book gets published and what happens at the different stages of traditional publishing.

Creating a Pitch Deck

Virtual
Saturday, March 2, 4 p.m.
 Pitch decks are visual tools to help sell creative works, such as film scripts, tv shows and even novels. Jennie Jarvis will discuss how to build them and how they can help in your creative projects.

OCLS Writer's Group

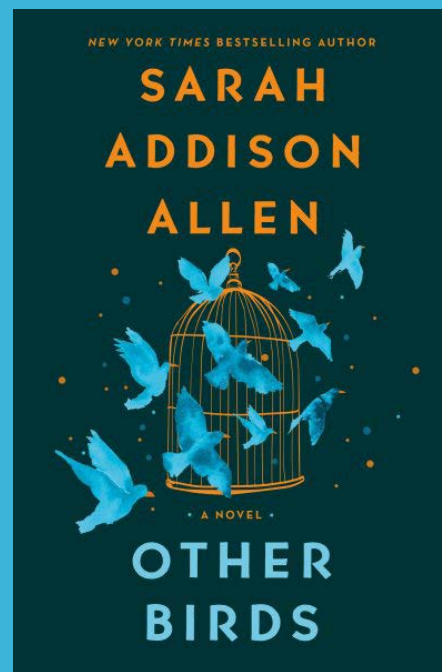
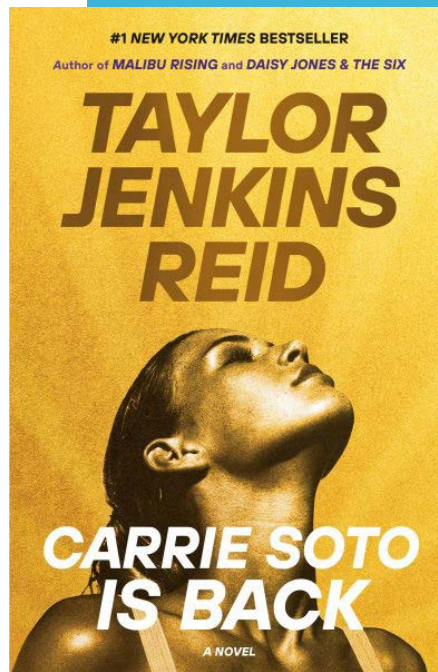
Virtual
Sunday, March 10, 4 p.m.
 Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

Fractured Tales: Sifting Story Elements Together

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 Award-winning author Lynne Marie will explore the art of fracturing tales and inspire writers of all genres to stitch story elements together for a well-told story that resonates but is fresh and new.

Writer's Meetup

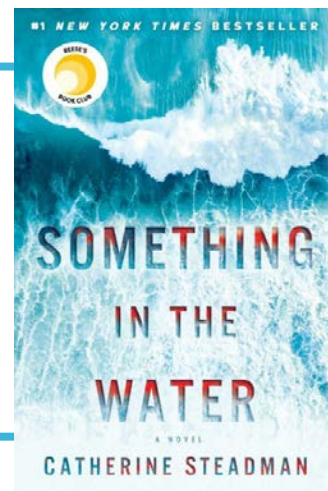
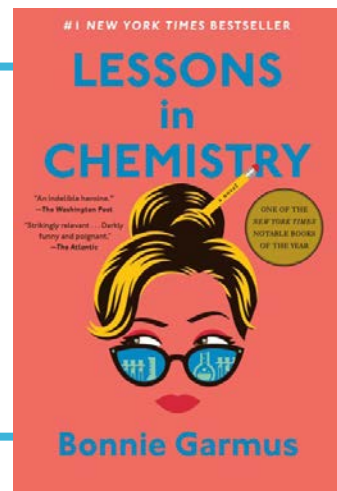
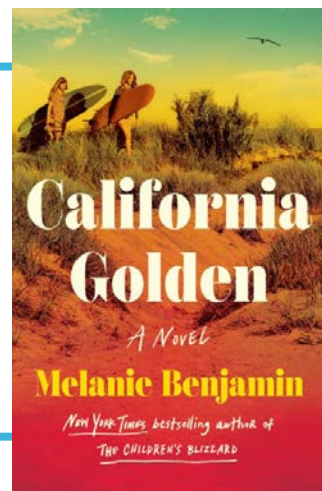
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 23, 3:30 p.m.
 Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Recommended for ages 18 and up.



Y Read: Book Read Aloud
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
 7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819
Saturdays, March 2–30, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
 Experience the joy and camaraderie of reading aloud a book with others each week. Facilitated in partnership with the Dr. P. Phillips YMCA and Southwest Branch. Ages 18 and up.

Books & Banter
Panera Bread Hunter's Creek
 12644 S Orange Blossom Trl, Orlando, FL 32837
Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m.
 Discuss *Carrie Soto Is Back* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. This event will be located at Panera Bread Hunter's Creek, hosted by South Creek Branch. Ages 18 and up.

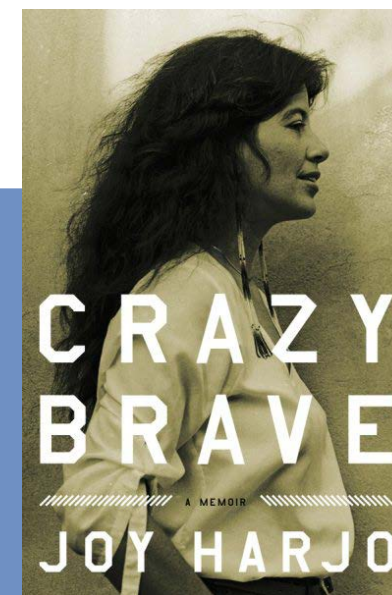
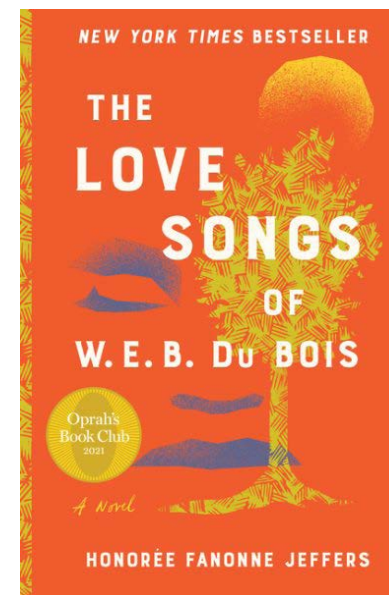
Nature Walk Book Club
Bill Frederick Park
 3401 S. Hiwassee Road, Orlando, FL 32835
Monday, March 11, 10 a.m.–Noon
 Take a walk outdoors at Bill Frederick Park followed by a discussion of *Other Birds* by Sarah Addison Allen. A small entrance fee per car is required to enter the park. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.



Alafaya Book Club
 Virtual
Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m.
California Golden by Melanie Benjamin
 Two teens in 1960s California grapple with the unconventional path of their mother, who defies societal expectations as a talented female surfer.

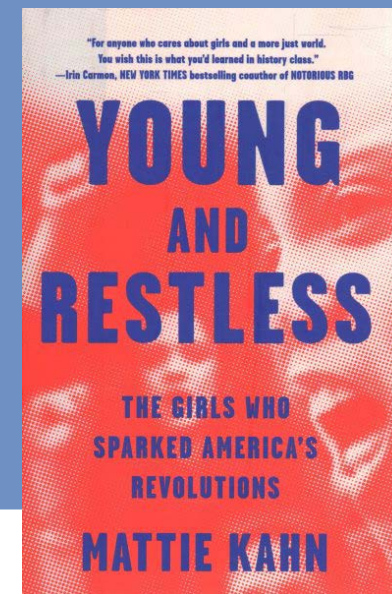
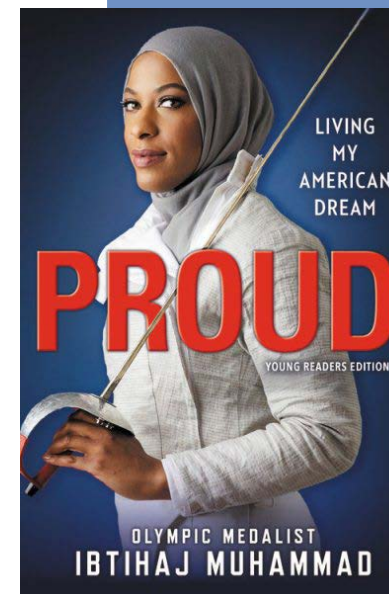
Winter Garden Book Club
 Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, March 14, 6 p.m.
 Virtual
Thursday, March 28, 6 p.m.
Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
 In the early 1960s, chemist and single mother Elizabeth Zott, the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show due to her revolutionary skills in the kitchen, uses this opportunity to dare women to change the status quo.

Hiwassee Book Club
 Virtual
Monday, March 18, 7–8:30 p.m.
Something in the Water by Catherine Steadman
 A shocking discovery while on their honeymoon in Bora Bora forces Mark and Erin to make a dangerous choice between speaking out or protecting their secret.



The Love Songs of W. E. B. Du Bois
 by Honorée Fanonne Jeffers
 Ailey, the daughter of an accomplished doctor and a strict schoolteacher, embarks on a journey through her family's past, helping her embrace her full heritage, which is the story of the Black experience in itself.

Crazy Brave
 by Joy Harjo
 A memoir from the Native American poet describes her youth with an abusive stepfather, becoming a single teen mom, and how she struggled to finally find inner peace and her creative voice.



Proud
 by Ibtihaj Muhammad
 The inspiring and critically acclaimed all-American story of faith, family, hard work and perseverance by Olympic fencer, activist, *New York Times* bestselling author and *Time* "100 Most Influential People" honoree Ibtihaj Muhammad.

Young and Restless
 by Mattie Kahn
 Young women have been disenfranchised and discounted, but the true retelling of major social movements in America reveals their might: they have ignited almost every single one.



Shark Lady
 by Jess Keating & Marta Álvarez Miguéns
 An inspiring story by critically acclaimed zoologist Jess Keating about finding the strength to discover truths that others aren't daring enough to see. Includes a timeline of Eugenie's life and many fin-tastic shark facts!

Jovita Wore Pants
 by Aida Salazar; art by Molly Mendoza
 The remarkable true story of Jovita Valdovinos, a Mexican revolutionary who disguised herself as a man to fight for her rights.

FINDING YOUR ROOTS: NEWSPAPERS

Virtual
Tuesday, March 5, 1 p.m.
 Join us as we explore how you can use newspapers to expand your family history research and learn more about your ancestors.

Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing Study Group
Virtual
Wednesdays, March 6–27, 6:30 p.m.
 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.

Genealogy in the States
Virtual
Thursday, March 7, Noon
 Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in South Carolina. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Sunday Morning Genealogy
Virtual
Sunday, March 10, 11 a.m.
 Grab a cup of coffee (or tea) and join us for this Sunday morning genealogy hangout. Feel free to ask any type of genealogy question or propose a genealogy discussion topic.

Finding Your Roots: City Directories
Virtual
Tuesday, March 12, 1 p.m.
 Learn how historical city directories can supplement your family's genealogical research.

Building Your Family Tree on Ancestry.com
Virtual
Thursday, March 14, Noon
 Discover all of the tools and resources **Ancestry.com** has to help you build your family tree online.

Global Genealogy
Virtual
Tuesday, March 26, 1 p.m.
 Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors. This session focuses on England and Wales.

Exploring DNA Tools on Ancestry.com
Virtual
Thursday, March 28, Noon
 Learn about the latest tools **Ancestry.com** has developed to assist you in working with your DNA matches.

Finding Your Roots: Vital Records
West Oaks Branch
Friday, March 29, 3 p.m.
 Births, marriages and deaths are important pieces of information for your family history. Become familiar with the key sources for locating your ancestors' vital records.

ADULTOS MAYORES, 5 PASOS PARA SIMPLIFICAR TU VIDA

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.
 Preparate para tu años dorados tomando acción ahora. Este evento se presentado en español.



Medicare Monday
Washington Park Branch
Monday, March 4 & 18, 1–2:30 p.m.
 Sabrina Ramos and Sandra Sims are experienced Medicare Educators. Join them for the Medicare Educational Event, no sales and no pressure.

What Parks and Recreation Has to Offer
LIFE Information for Elders
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, March 21, 12:10 p.m.
 Join Mandy J. Kimmer, public information officer for Orange County Parks & Recreation, as she discusses the endless opportunities for seniors, caregivers and families visiting Orange County Parks. Seating is limited. Registration required. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

Qigong Movement and Breathing
Southwest Branch
Friday, March 22, 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.

Maintaining Healthy Relationships With Your Adult Children
LIFE Information for Elders: Branching Out Series
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, March 27, Noon
 Join Dr. Vincent Polite, licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, as he discusses ways parents and adult children can improve their relationship. Registration required. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.



NORALIZ ORENGO
 BRANCH OUTREACH SPECIALIST

Hi, my name is Noraliz, and I've had the pleasure of being part of the team at OCLS for over 15 years. In March of 2023, armed with firsthand knowledge of library resources that could truly enrich the lives of my neighbors, I embarked on a new adventure as an Outreach Specialist primarily serving residents in the southeast area of Orange County.

After learning more about the needs and interests of the community, I began organizing bilingual events for children and hosting meetups focused on promoting literacy and providing academic support for individuals of all ages. I have also enjoyed participating in various community events, where I have been able to meet many amazing people and share information about the resources and services available free of charge with a library card.

The most rewarding part of my job is the opportunity to meet and listen to your stories. Whether you're sharing past experiences or expressing excitement about accessing new resources, I feel honored to be a small part of your journey towards success.

I enjoy sipping on warm drinks and am always on a quest to find the best pizza in town; so, whether it's during my next coffee break or at an event, I look forward to meeting you there!

OUTREACH EVENTS:

Horizon West: Monthly Book Club
Waterleigh Community Clubhouse
 16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,
 Winter Garden, FL, 34787
Wednesday, March 6, 1 p.m.
The Library Book by Susan Orlean

Storytime on the Porch
Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland
 126 W. Petris Ave., Oakland, FL 34760
Thursday, March 7, 10 a.m.

Horizon West: Family Storytime
Waterleigh Community Clubhouse
 16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,
 Winter Garden, FL 34787
Saturday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.

Horizon West: Friendship Bracelets
Waterleigh Community Clubhouse
 16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,
 Winter Garden, FL, 34787
Saturday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.

Library Pop-Up at Bike Life Cafe
 112 W. McKey St., Ocoee, FL 34761
Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Horizon West: Storytime
Waterleigh Community Clubhouse
 15572 Marina Bay Drive,
 Winter Garden, FL 34787
Wednesday, March 27, 11 a.m.



Valencia College Dental Hygiene Sealant Clinic
 Dental Hygiene Clinic, AHS Building, Parking Lot A/B
 1800 S. Kirkman Road,
 Orlando, FL 32811
Saturday, March 2, 8 a.m.
 First Come, First Served
 (100 appointments available)

Book Bike at Oakland Farmer's Market
Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland
 126 W. Petris Ave.,
 Oakland, FL 34760
Thursdays, March 14 & 28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

BASIC ENGLISH 1

Designed for students with a beginner's level knowledge of English.

South Trail Branch
 Fridays, March 1–29, 11:30 a.m.
 Tuesdays, March 5 & 12, 11:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays, March 6–27, 11:30 a.m.
 Thursdays, March 7 & 14, 11:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch
 Fridays, March 1–29, 4:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
 Mondays, March 4–25, 5:30 p.m.
 Thursdays, March 7–28, 11 a.m.

Southeast Branch
 Tuesdays, March 5–26, 10:15 a.m.

Washington Park Branch
 Tuesdays, March 5–26, 2:30 p.m.

Virtual
 Mondays, March 4–25, 6:45 p.m.

BASIC ENGLISH 2

Designed for students with a high beginner to intermediate level of English.

South Trail Branch
 Fridays, March 1–29, 2:30–4 p.m.
 Tuesdays, March 5 & 12, 1 p.m.
 Wednesdays, March 6–27, 2:30–4 p.m.
 Thursdays, March 7 & 14, 1 p.m.

Alafaya Branch
 Saturdays, March 2–30, 10:30 a.m.

Southeast Branch
 Tuesdays, March 5–26, 11:15 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch
 Tuesdays, March 5–26, Noon–1:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch
 Wednesdays, March 6–27, 4:45 p.m.
 Thursdays, March 7–28, 4:45–6:15 p.m.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION HOUR

Come practice your English speaking skills. All proficiency levels are welcome!

Windermere Branch
 Fridays, March 1–29, 3:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
 Thursdays, March 7–28, 12:30 p.m.

Washington Park Branch
 Tuesdays, March 12 & 26, 4 p.m.

Alafaya Branch
 Saturdays, March 23 & 30, Noon

West Oaks Branch
 Tuesday, March 26, 4:30 p.m.

Virtual
 Fridays, March 1–22, 4:45 p.m.
 Wednesdays, March 6–27, Noon
 Thursdays, March 7–28, 2 p.m.



Introducción al Inglés

South Trail Branch
 Fridays, March 1–29, 4–5:30 p.m.
 Introducción al Inglés está diseñada y enfocada en Hispanohablantes interesados en aprender el idioma del Inglés comenzando desde lo más básico y desarrollando vocabulario, gramática y conversación.

Introductory English Course

Chickasaw Branch
 Fridays, March 1, 15 & 29, 11 a.m.
 Saturdays, March 9 & 23, 11 a.m.
 This course is designed for students who have very little or no English experience.

Creole Connect

South Trail Branch
 Mondays, March 4–25, 2–4 p.m.
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Practice Makes Perfect

Winter Garden Branch
 Mondays, March 4–25, 2–3:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
 Tuesdays, March 5–26, 2–3:30 p.m.
 English conversation classes led by Adult Literacy League volunteers.

Making Cents: Tu dinero en Inglés

Southeast Branch
 Tuesdays, March 5–19, 12:30 p.m.
 En este taller de 6 sesiones, tú aprenderás las habilidades en Inglés necesarias para administrar tu dinero en los Estados Unidos.

Speaking Clearly Advanced

Virtual
 Mondays, March 4–25, 10 a.m.
 This course is designed for students who want to improve their speaking and presentation skills.

Speaking Clearly Intermediate

Southeast Branch
 Tuesdays, March 5–26, 2 p.m.
 Get an introduction to the rules of spelling and pronunciation of English words and phrases.

Writing Clearly Part 1

Virtual
 Tuesdays, March 5–26, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn and practice grammar and a variety of writing styles.

Writing Clearly Part 2

Virtual
 Wednesdays, March 6–27, 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for a virtual meeting where we will practice different writing styles.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

Adult French

Windermere Branch
 Mondays, March 4–25, 2:30 p.m.

Virtual
 Tuesdays, March 5–26, 1 p.m.
 Wednesdays, March 6–27, 6 p.m.

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.

Beginner's Spanish for Kids

Fairview Shores Branch
 Tuesdays, March 5–26, 4:30 p.m.
 Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary through games and activities while having fun. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Basic Spanish With Ms. Wilnelia

Virtual
 Tuesdays, March 5–26, 6 p.m.

Vocabulary workshop for individuals who speak little to no Spanish.

Práctica Spanish Conversation

Virtual
 Wednesdays, March 6–27, 4–5:30 p.m.
 ¡Práctica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Spanish Conversation Hour

Chickasaw Branch
 Wednesdays, March 6–27, 5–6:30 p.m.
 Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Spanish from Zero: Intermediate with Ms. Brenda

Virtual
 Tuesdays, March 19 & 26, 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.
 Learn Spanish grammar with Ms. Brenda.

Spanish from Zero: Basics with Ms. Brenda

Virtual
 Tuesdays, March 19 & 26, 4 p.m.
 Learn basic Spanish with Ms. Brenda.

Spanish From Zero for Beginners with Ms. Brenda

Virtual
 Tuesdays, March 19 & 26, 6 p.m.
 Learn and use Spanish for the first time with Ms. Brenda.

CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED

Citizenship Inspired

Fairview Shores Branch
 Mondays, March 4–25, 5 p.m.
Windermere Branch
 Thursdays, March 7–28, 3–4:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
 Saturdays, March 30 & April 6, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Virtual
 Tuesdays & Wednesdays, March 5, 6, 12 & 13, 3–5 p.m.
 Tuesdays & Wednesdays, March 19, 20, 26 & 27, 3–5 p.m.
 During this program, students will meet to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.





DaVinci Resolve: Edit Page
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Friday, March 8, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Tuesday, March 12, 4–5:30 p.m.
You filmed your video – now what? Edit your project in DaVinci Resolve's Edit Page, a great start to post-production.

DaVinci Resolve: Fusion FX
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Friday, March 8, 1:30–3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19, 4–5:30 p.m.
Use DaVinci Resolve's Fusion page to enhance your video with titles, effects, masks and motion tracking.

DaVinci Resolve: Color Page
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Friday, March 8, 3:30–5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26, 4–5:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of color grading using DaVinci Resolve and RAW video.



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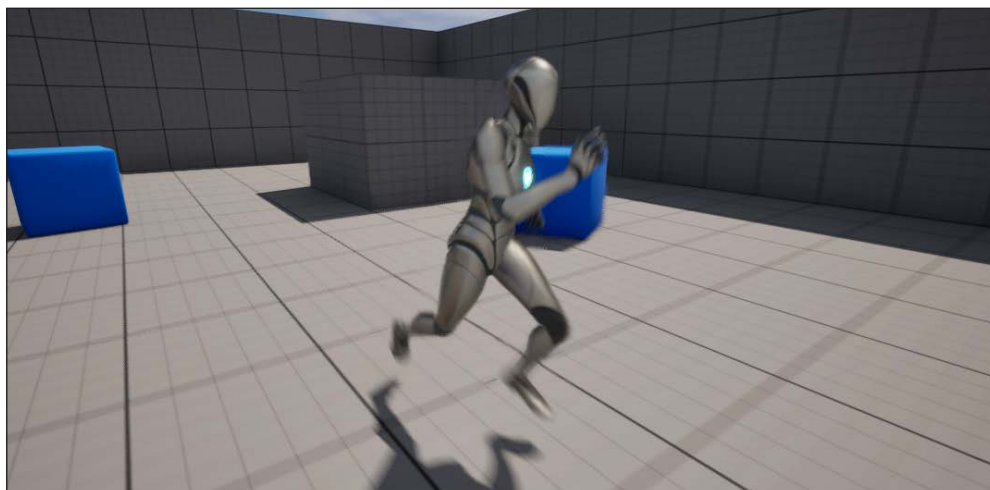
Calling all filmmakers and video creators! Driven by innovation and creativity, the Melrose Film Festival highlights the work of imaginative filmmakers across the globe. Submissions will be accepted from March 1 to April 17 and select films will be showcased at our September 28 screening event. For more information and a complete list of rules, visit filmfreeway.com/melrosefilmfestival. Come share your stories at the Melrose Film Festival!



FAMILY STEM SATURDAYS: GNOME PLANTERS

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Paint your very own 3D-printed gnome planter. Our instructor will guide you through the decorating process which includes adding a succulent for the perfect finishing touch. Materials fee: \$3.

Bookbinding – No Sew Spine Construction
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Thursday, March 14, 6–8 p.m.
Interested in creating beautiful artist books or handmade journals but unsure where to start? Launch your bookbinding adventure with simple construction techniques that do not require sewing or glue.



Unreal-Third-Person Blueprint Programming
Virtual
Wednesday, March 6, 4–5:30 p.m.
Join us and learn how to program the camera and player game object movements of a third-person game in Unreal with Blueprints.

Unreal-Enhanced Input Action Blueprint Programming
Virtual
Wednesday, March 13, 4 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Join us and learn how to program the input values from an input device to trigger events on a game at runtime in Unreal with Blueprints.

Staff Spotlight: Liz P.

South Trail Branch circulation clerk Liz P. has worked at Orange County Library System since 1968 and is our longest-serving employee. Liz started at Orlando Public Library in the Fine Arts department before moving on to Tech Services and then the Inter-library Loan department before moving into her current role at South Trail Branch. We asked Liz what brought her to the library nearly 56 years ago and what keeps her coming back.



“ I always liked libraries. We contribute so much to the community. You’ve got classes and all kinds of interesting programs and you can just learn how to do things. Thank you for letting me help the community all these years. ”
Thank you, Liz



Clockwise from top: Liz applies a spray protectant to a book; Liz and South Trail Branch Manager Carolyn McClendon; Reading to a group of children at South Trail Branch's Juneteenth event in 2022; At the OCLS Staff Day in 2018.

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Watch Liz talk about her career at OCLS.



**WOMEN IN THE ARTS EXPO:
CELEBRATING THE GENIUS OF WOMEN**

**Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, March 30, 2–4 p.m.**

Engage with the professional fine arts community of Central Florida in a two-hour networking event cultivating inclusivity and equity for women artists. Featuring a keynote discussion addressing the “how” of advancing in the fine arts with arts industry leaders Katherine Page, Curator of Art and Education at Mennello Museum of American Art, and Natalia Guerrero, artist-astronomer and an honorary advisory board member of Women in the Arts, Inc.

**Creative Women Reading Challenge
March 1–31**

ocls.beanstack.org
Celebrate creative women with us as we read a variety of genres about artistic endeavors, write book reviews and complete creative activities throughout March. OCLS cardholders, ages 18 and older, can participate in this challenge to earn digital badges.

Women Make History

**Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, March 5, 3:30 p.m.**
**South Trail Branch
Tuesday, March 19, 4:30 p.m.**
Recognize the impact of powerful women who made awesome contributions to our history with stories, crafts and activities. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Pow-Her-Ful

**Southeast Branch
Tuesday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.**
**West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 19, 11 a.m.**
With great power comes great responsibility. Explore the common empowering qualities of well-known women like Simone Biles, Frida Kahlo, Jane Goodall and more. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Women in Science

**South Creek Branch
Tuesday, March 5, 5:30 p.m.**
Get hands-on with STEAM activities while learning about female inventors and scientists. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

**Women in Science
Virtual**

Thursday, March 7, 11 a.m.
Get hands-on with early science activities while learning about female inventors and scientists. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Mae Among the Stars

**Eatonville Branch
Thursday, March 7, 3:30 p.m.**
3,2,1 blast off! Let’s learn about Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to travel into space. We will honor her by engaging in themed crafts and activities. Recommended for ages 6–8.

HerStory: The Art of Being Barbara

**Eatonville Branch
Saturday, March 9, Noon–1 p.m.**
Immerse yourself in a conversation with Barbara Chandler, named one of “Orlando’s 2023 Leading Ladies” by *Orlando Family Magazine*. This one-of-kind conversation will cover an array of topics from being a single mother from the Virgin Islands to being the first African American to run for city commissioner in Winter Park. Barbara’s story encourages and educates the world around her.

Music in the Library: Shannon Rae

**Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, March 10, 2 p.m.**
Seasoned vocalist Shannon Rae will perform adored classics by female artists. Hear songs every generation will enjoy. You might even catch yourself singing along.

Wonder Women in the Arts and Sciences

**Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, March 13, 3:30 p.m.**
**Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 27, 4 p.m.**
Marvel at the contributions of some amazing women in history with a series of science and art projects. Recommended ages for 6–12.

Super Women Storytime

**Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, March 26, 10:30 a.m.**
Allies assemble! Read stories and participate in activities featuring favorite women superheroes such as Ms. Marvel and Wonder Woman. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Women’s History Art Collage

**Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, March 27, 3:30 p.m.**
Cut, tear, mix and glue newspaper and magazine paper to create a unique collage. Easy to do and enjoyable! Recommended for ages 6–12.

**Crafternoons:
Celebrate Women’s History**

**Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, March 29, 4 p.m.**
Learn how to create new crafts in celebration of Women’s History Month. Use creativity and collaboration for an hour-long crafting event. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Retelling HER Story

The stories we gain by reshaping myths with women as the main characters

by Caryn Morris, Digital Marketing Specialist

Modern authors are myth-busting familiar tales by passing the pen to the side characters – women. Centuries of mythology across the world has historically centered and celebrated male narratives: their origins, battles, journeys, wins and losses. Female characters, whether damsels or monsters, by contrast are often one dimensional. They are left with infamy, often shown as manipulative and deceitful, even when their downfall is due to the attention and actions of men. We’re looking at you, Helen of Troy. Written about the extremes of the human experience, where heroes rise above, evil is conquered and the gods never fail to meddle and manipulate it all, classic myths retold with a modern twist have been trending steadily for several years with female authors at the helm. This intersection of mythology and feminism is helping to retell humanity’s most foundational stories.

Shifting the narrative voices and perspectives from male to female in centuries-old tales challenges what it means to be a hero or even a villain. Representation matters and can create a desire to learn the stories of those who exist in the margins. Not just women, but people of color, queer characters, and the historically misunderstood.

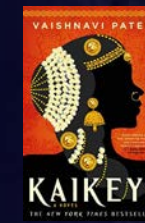
As we honor Women’s History Month and reflect on women’s contributions to the world by sharing their stories, here are a few mythology adaptations that shift the narrative by placing women as main characters. ■



Kaikeyi

by Vaishnavi Patel

An epic tale that re-imagines a historically despised queen from Indian mythology.



Women and Other Monsters
by Jess Zimmerman

A fresh cultural analysis of female monsters from Greek mythology, and an invitation for all women to reclaim these stories as inspiration for a more wild, more “monstrous” version of feminism.



Medusa’s Sisters

by Lauren J.A. Bear

A vivid and moving reimagining of the myth of Medusa and the sisters who loved her.



Redemption in Indigo

by Karen Lord

When Paama leaves her husband, she attracts the attention of the undying ones who present her with the Chaos Stick, which allows her to manipulate the subtle forces of the world.



AUTHOR TALK WITH MADELINE MILLER

Virtual

Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m.

Madeline Miller, bestselling author of *The Song of Achilles* and *Circe*, will chat with us about her process in retelling Greek classics.

Unleash your inner fashionista or sewing superhero with Fiber Arts classes! March is all about breaking the mold; bring your best ideas and let the library be your space to learn sewing, serging, crochet, knitting and more.

FEATURED BOOK

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



The Serger's Technique Bible by Julia Hincks

For fast and professional edging, hemming, seaming and decorative stitching, you simply can't beat a serging machine. This all-skill-level book is the perfect guide to make sure you get the most out of your new machine – or out of that old serger that you've never gotten the hang of!



Now is the time to build a solid foundation for your technology endeavors! Explore four levels of Microsoft Word to create flyers, resumes, letters and more. Register for JavaScript fundamentals and learn how to develop dynamic and interactive websites.

JAVASCRIPT FUNDAMENTALS

Orlando Public Library

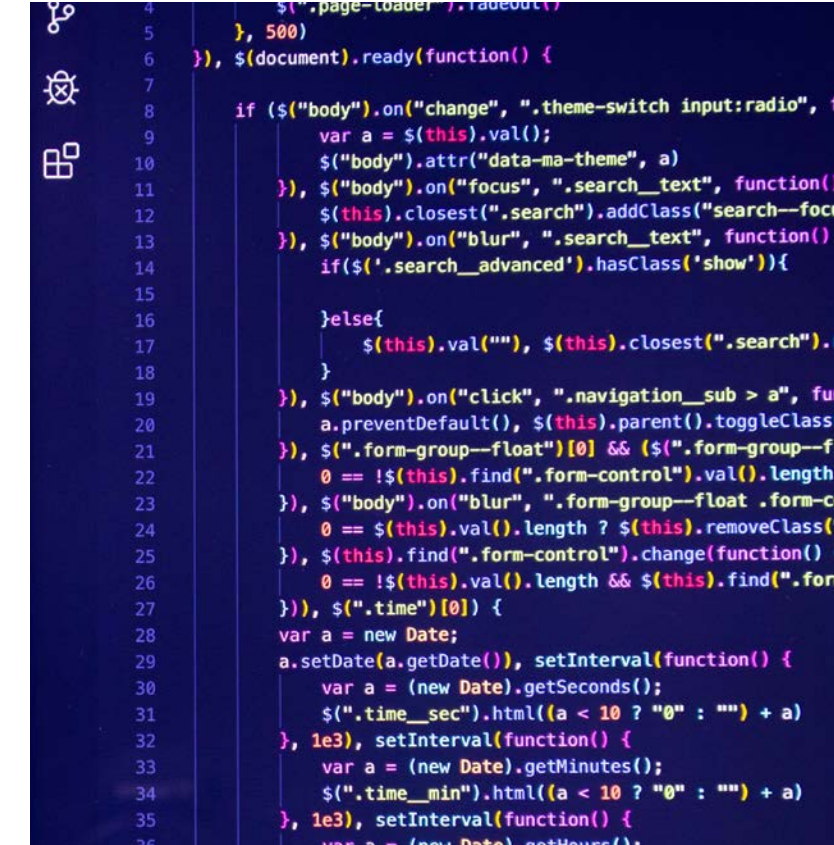
Friday, March 1, 3:30 p.m.–5 p.m.

Saturday, March 30, 10:30 a.m.–Noon

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, March 20, 4–5:30 p.m.

Develop interactive webpages with rich media content. Students will learn the fundamentals of JavaScript and useful techniques to bring a static webpage to life.



Sewing: Raglan Sleeve T-Shirt

Orlando Public Library

Sundays, March 3–24, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Create an easy and unique t-shirt with raglan sleeves in this four-part series. Learn a simple pattern that can be customized. Students are required to bring fabric and notions.

Crochet and Knitting MeetUp

Chickasaw Branch

Tuesdays, March 5–26, 4:30 p.m.

Bring your crochet and knitting projects, yarn and tools to meet with other fiber artists! All levels are welcome.

Let's Crochet in the Round

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, March 5, 5–6:30 p.m.

Add to your project possibilities by crocheting in the round! Create amigurumi, hats, bowls and more. Learn how to create circles with increase stitches and use stitch markers to track your work.

Sewing: Introduction to the Sewing Machine

Chickasaw Branch

Thursdays, March 7 & 21, 3–5 p.m.

Ever wanted to make your own custom clothes, home decor, costumes or accessories? Join us in this basic sewing class and learn about sewing safety, basic sewing machine skills and stitching seams.

Meet and Make Knitting Group

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, March 12, 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 Crochet Granny Squares

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, March 12, 5–6:30 p.m.

Crochet a classic granny square. Granny squares are the foundation of many blankets, bags and sweaters. Learn how to crochet in circles and then use increase stitches to make a square.

It's Sew Easy: Custom Vinyl Transfers

Orlando Public Library

Monday–Wednesday, March 18–20, 2–4 p.m.

Learn to use Cricut Design Software to create a custom vinyl transfer. Add the transfer to a tote bag, drawstring backpack or apron. Fabric and notions provided. Recommended for ages 13–17.

Let's Crochet Level 1 & 2

Hiawassee Branch

Monday, March 18, 4–6 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 Squares: Lucky Clover

Chickasaw Branch

Tuesday, March 26, 3–4:30 p.m.

Build your crochet skills block by block. Each pattern creates a unique square that can be enjoyed alone or joined together as a comfy blanket. Crochet a 3D clover with front loop-only stitches.

CLASES DE ARTE TEXTIL

Tejido en Croché: En la Ronda

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, March 19, 5–6:30 p.m.

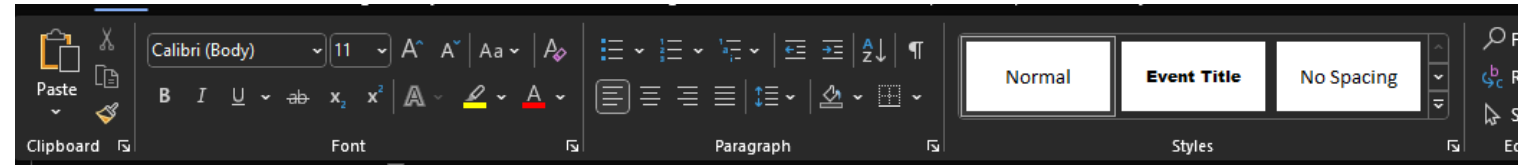
¡Añade posibilidades a tu proyecto tejiendo en redondo! Crea amigurumis, gorros y más. Aprende a crear círculos con puntadas de aumento y use marcadores de puntadas para seguir su trabajo.

Tejido en Croché: Cudradro Granny

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, March 26, 5–6:30 p.m.

Teje un clásico cuadrado de abuela. Los Cuadrados Granny son la base de muchas mantas, bolsos y suéteres. Aprende a tejer en círculos y luego use puntos de aumento para hacer un cuadrado.



Microsoft Word Level 1

Alafaya Branch

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

Thursday, March 7, Noon

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesday, March 5, 10:15 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, March 5, 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, March 5, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, March 5, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, March 15, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Thursday, March 7, 10:15 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Thursday, March 7, 10:45 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Saturday, March 16, 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

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesday, March 5, 11:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Thursday, March 5, 11:45 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, March 5, 4:45 p.m.

Friday, March 15, 11:45 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, March 6, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Thursday, March 7, 11:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, March 7, 1:15 p.m.

Monday, March 11, 5:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Thursday, March 14, 10:45 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Saturday, March 16, 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

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, March 7, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, March 12, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Thursday, March 14, 10:15 a.m.

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, March 14, Noon

Monday, March 18, 5:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesday, March 19, 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Thursday, March 21, 10:45 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Saturday, March 30, 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

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, March 6, 11:45 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, March 12, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, March 12, 4:45 p.m.

Friday, March 22, 11:45 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Thursday, March 14, 11:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, March 14, 1:15 p.m.

Monday, March 25, 5:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesday, March 19, 11:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Thursday, March 28, 10:45 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Saturday, March 30, 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.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

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SOLAR ECLIPSE 101

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Tuesday, March 5, 5:30 p.m.

Join Emil Buehler Planetarium director Derek Demeter for an exploration of all you need to know about the upcoming solar eclipse on Monday, April 8.

Sorting Games:

How Big? How Far? How Hot?

South Trail Branch

Saturday, March 2, 2 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Friday, March 22, 11 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Friday, March 22, 2 p.m.

Introduce your child to concepts such as size, distance and temperature. Recommended for adults and families with children ages 5 and up.

Sun Cookies

Washington Park Branch

Tuesday, March 5, 5 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, March 12, 11 a.m.

Hiwassee Branch

Wednesday, March 20, 4 p.m.

Create a model of the sun that you can eat using candy pieces and a cookie.

Book to Film Series

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Thursday, March 7, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Friday, March 22, 2:30–5 p.m.

This series focuses on books that have been made into movies. Join us for screenings of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and *Apollo 13*.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Sun Pizza

Orlando Public Library

Thursday, March 7, 3:30 p.m.

Create a model of the sun that you can eat! We will pick, cut and arrange toppings to make a tasty pizza. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Design Your Own Solar Cupcakes

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, March 9, 2 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Monday, March 11, 3:15 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, March 27, 3:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, March 27, 4 p.m.

Explore aspects of the sun and solar activity by modeling them as solar cupcakes. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Why Don't Eclipses

Happen Every Month?

South Trail Branch

Thursday, March 14, 4:30 p.m.

Create 3D models of the Earth, moon and sun to demonstrate solar and lunar eclipses. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

Bear's Shadow

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, March 19, 11 a.m.

Washington Park Branch

Tuesday, March 19, 5 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, March 26, 11 a.m.

Follow Bear in this interactive storytime as he discovers how shadows are created. Recommended for families with children ages 3–5.

Why Do Eclipses Happen?

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, March 20, 3:30 p.m.

Explore the vast distance between the Earth and moon, and model how eclipses happen. Recommended for families with children ages 8 and up.

Way Back When the Dragon Ate the Sun

West Oaks Branch

Thursday, March 21, 2 p.m.

Learn how ancient cultures explained eclipses with fun crafts and activities. Recommended for ages 6–12. Registration required

Shrinky Dinks Eclipse Charms

North Orange Branch

Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m.

Create a charm using Shrinky Dinks plastic to celebrate the moon passing between the sun and Earth!

Solar Spectacles Showcase!

Fairview Shores Branch

Saturday, March 23, Noon

Explore the vast distance between the Earth and the moon. We will use a sunspotter telescope to view the sun. Recommended for families.

Little Chef: Moon Snacks

Southeast Branch

Monday, March 25, 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday, March 26, 4:30 p.m.

Blast off on a tasty adventure as we spread, cut and layer an out-of-this-world snack. Adult participation required. Recommended for ages 3–5.

UV Kid

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, March 26, 3:30 p.m.

Discover how scientists work to keep astronauts safe from radiation in space. Create a creature with a built in UV-radiation "detector"! Recommended for families with children ages 4 and up.

Eclipse Bingo

Hiwassee Branch

Thursday, March 28, 4:30 p.m.

Learn some fun astronomy facts while enjoying a game of family bingo.

Young Engineer: Solar Oven

Southeast Branch

Saturday, March 30, 10:30 a.m.–Noon

It's engineering time! Build your own solar oven and bake yourself a treat. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Space Games

Winter Garden Branch

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

Learn about the upcoming eclipse with space trivia and decorate your very own pair of eclipse glasses. Recommended for adults.

SAVE THE DATE!

Eclipse Viewing Parties

Monday, April 8

Get your glasses ready and step outside to view the eclipse in real time. For a complete list of times and locations, visit ocls.info/eclipse.



Q&A with the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra

by Wayne Middleton, Marketing Project Coordinator



The Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra is one of the many great cultural institutions that are part of Local Wanderer, Orange County Library System's culture pass program which provides free access to library card holders across the county. We wanted to get to know them better, so we sat down with Executive Director Karina Bharne to talk about the Philharmonic's history, educational resources and upcoming performances.

Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra was established in 1993 and has become a staple of the performing arts in Central Florida. Could you tell us a little about the history of the Philharmonic?

The Orlando Philharmonic has a rich history in the Central Florida community. The OPO was founded by community leaders and musicians who were inspired to promote symphonic music through excellence in performance, education and cultural leadership. The Philharmonic has previously performed at notable venues such as the Bob Carr Theater and Exploria Stadium, and is currently a resident company of the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts as well as The Plaza Live, a historic Central Florida venue.

The Philharmonic is now celebrating its 31st season, led by Music Director Eric Jacobsen, and is comprised of creative musicians based in Central Florida. You can also find the Orlando Philharmonic collaborating with fellow resident arts organizations in Central Florida, such as Opera Orlando, Orlando Ballet and many more!

Every year, Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra presents more than 170 live concerts that reach more than 70,000 children and families, many of which are available through Local Wanderer. What kinds of events and performances does the Philharmonic offer throughout the year?

We annually present the 10-concert Classics Series and Pops Series in the beautiful Steinmetz Hall, as well as a Focus Series and Symphony Storytime Series. The Philharmonic presents its live concerts for children, youth and families annually through its innovative Young People's Concerts, Symphony Storytime Series, Notes in Your Neighborhood program and free outdoor community concerts. The Classics Series brings grand masterworks from both classical and contemporary composers to the stage, while the Pops Series delivers fresh and exciting visual performances from aerial artists to a cinematic concert experience. The Focus Series, Resonate Festival and Summer Serenades Series concerts offer more intimate chamber-style performances that feed the mind and soul.

The Philharmonic offers several programs that provide music education and performance opportunities for young people. How can our readers get involved?

There are many ways to get involved, and we are grateful for your interest! We encourage readers to take advantage of Local Wanderer passes to attend the Philharmonic's Classics Series, Pops Series, Symphony Storytime Series and Young People's Concerts. We would love to see you in the audience this season. To support our orchestra through other means, The Friends of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra is the volunteer organization for the OPO, and offers several educational presentations each season, each focused on upcoming concerts. Visit The Friends website, friendsorlandophil.org, for more information on what they offer and how to join.

What makes access to live music so important?

The Orlando community is lucky. We have some of the most talented musicians living right here in Central Florida. Our musicians invest and give back to this community in so many ways. Access to live music is critical because it not only helps build community and but also helps community bridging.

I'm excited to see how the OPO can further build community through music in the coming years through our performance series. The opportunities are endless!

You were chosen as the executive director of Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra in October 2023 and are new to the Orlando area. What are you most excited about?

In the past few weeks, I have explored Orlando and met many members of this incredible community! I am most excited about having my family enjoy the rich arts and culture scene that Orlando has to offer.

In addition, I have loved following many accounts on Instagram for great food recommendations. We are especially looking forward to trying out Neapolitan pizza places and Indian restaurants! ■



Visit ocls.info/wander or scan to check out your passes today!



THE UGLY DUCKLING
PRESENTED BY THE
CENTRAL FLORIDA BALLET
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, March 9, 11 a.m.
Take a journey of self-discovery with this classic tale of a young bird making its way through the world. Presented by the Central Florida Ballet.



ALOHA, TODDLERS!
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 27, 11 a.m.
Cruise down to the library for a staycation luau with plenty of tropical island fun for your little ones.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Bird Nests
Southeast Branch
Saturday, March 2, 10:30 a.m.
Create your very own bird nest out of delicious treats! Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

A World of Color
Southeast Branch
Friday, March 8, 4 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, March 20, 4 p.m.
Create abstract art inspired by the work of Disney artist Mary Blair. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Mario Day Celebration!
North Orange Branch
Saturday, March 9, 2–4 p.m.
Drop in to make crafts and play games while celebrating Mario, Luigi and Princess Peach on Mario Day! Recommended for ages 6–12.

Holi: Festival of Colors
Southeast Branch
Thursday, March 14, 4:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.
Come celebrate the Hindu spring festival of Holi. Learn the history and meaning of this festival and how it is celebrated in India and around the world.

Are You a Leprechaun?
Eatonville Branch
Friday, March 15, 3:30 p.m.
Do you have the luck of the Irish? Test your golden charm while playing games, enjoying activities and making crafts.

Celebrate Spring With Easy Egg Decorating
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, March 16, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Saturday, March 30, 2 p.m.
Get creative! Grab your paint, glue, markers and tissue paper for some fun and easy egg decorating.

Storygami
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, March 16, 3 p.m.
Make your very own origami rabbit and enjoy some springtime stories.

Mindful Start Family Yoga
Winter Garden Branch
Mondays, March 18 & 25, 10:15 & 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesdays, March 20 & 27, 10 a.m.
Flow through an imaginative journey filled with puppets, parachute games and relaxing rest time. Recommended for families with children ages 0–7.

Orlando Ballet Presents: Green on Green Storytime
West Oaks Branch
Monday, March 18, 11 a.m.
Using music from Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, we will explore the changing seasons through music and use our bodies to help tell the story of the year of nature. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Dungeons & Dragons
Windermere Branch
Monday, March 18, 4 p.m.
Have you ever wanted to play D&D? Join us adventurers on our next quest! Recommended for families with children ages 9 and up.

Eggstravaganza
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Join us on an egg hunt around the library and enjoy a sweet surprise!

Inside Out Escape Room
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 23, 1–3 p.m.
Riley's in trouble, and Joy needs you to help unlock an important core memory! Adult participation required. Ages 5 and up. Registration required.

Box Engineers
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, March 26, 5:30 p.m.
Work together to design and construct an architectural marvel. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Family Art Adventures: Yayoi Kusama
Southeast Branch
Thursday, March 28, 4:30 p.m.
Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Perler Bead Accessories
North Orange Branch
Thursday, March 28, 4:30–6 p.m.
Create pixelated art with Perler beads by designing your very own accessories.

Family Art Adventures: Georgia O'Keeffe
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, March 30, 11 a.m.
Learn about artist Georgia O'Keeffe, then create artwork as a family. Recommended for families with children 5 and up. Registration required.

BABY (Ages 0–18 Months)

Mother Goose on the Loose
Orlando Public Library
Mondays, March 4–25, 10:30 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursdays, March 7–28, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, March 25, 11 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!

Baby Discovery
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, March 26, 11 a.m.
Play with your little one while exploring colors and textures through stories, songs and activities that will enhance their world.

TODDLER (Ages 18–36 Months)

Bean Bag Play With a Purpose
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, March 5, 11 a.m.
Come play with us and have fun as we use movement, balance and coordination to develop gross motor skills.

Bilingual Storytime
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesdays, March 6–27, 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.

Little Bugs
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, March 21, 11 a.m.
Let's learn, grow and play as we learn about our favorite bugs with interactive stations for all!

Storytime Craft
North Orange Branch
Wednesdays, March 6–27, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursdays, March 21 & 28, 10 a.m.–Noon
Drop in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for ages 2–5.

St. Patrick's Day: Craft and a Snack
Eatonville Branch
Monday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.
Join us for a St. Patrick's Day-inspired craft and enjoy a small snack while creating. Recommended for ages 2–4.

Boats Float

Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 20, 11 a.m.
Ahoy! Toddlers will engage in stories and songs about boats and participate in a fun activity using fine motor skills to reinforce what they have learned.

Hoppity-Hop-Hop!
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, March 20, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, March 28, 11 a.m.
It's funny bunny time! Hop along with a story and sensory activities full of fun for every bunny. Recommended for ages 2–5

I SEA Sharks
South Trail Branch
Thursday, March 21, 10:15 a.m.
Dive into stories and interactive activities inspired by our ocean friends and learn more about Eugenie Clark's journey in becoming the ocean's most fearless scientist.

Bugs and Other Creepy Crawlies
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 26, 11 a.m.
Our favorite insects are everywhere! Explore creepy crawly things through stories, songs and art experiences.

A Perfect Picnic
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, March 27, 11 a.m.
The ants go marching one by one, hurrah! March on in to figure out what makes a picnic perfect.

PRESCHOOL (Ages 3–5)

Cat in the Hat Seusstacular Jamboree
Windermere Branch
Monday, March 4, 10:30 a.m.
The Cat in the Hat invites you to a Dr. Seuss celebration. Engage in fun-filled fantasticals and festivities and receive your own signature hat. Registration required.

Sesame Street Storytime
Virtual
Monday, March 4–25, 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.

Mindful Play Learning: Yoga for Preschoolers
Eatonville Branch
Tuesdays, March 5–26, 10:15 a.m.
Uses yoga and imagination to teach early learners social-emotional skills, support cognitive development and enhance creativity.

Countdown to Kindergarten: Play with Your Food
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, March 5, 11 a.m.
Who says you can't play with your food? Strengthen important early literacy skills through food-themed stories, activities and a craft. Recommended for ages 4–5.

Teddy Bear Picnic
North Orange Branch
Thursday, March 7, 11 a.m.
Bring your teddy bear to the library! Interact with your teddy through stories, songs and rhymes. Recommended for ages 2–5.



PLANT A BUTTERFLY GARDEN

South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy stories of spring before planting milkweed and flowers to attract butterflies to the South Creek patio garden. This program is taking place outside, weather permitting.

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Learn more about the South Creek Community Garden



Build a Computer
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, March 7, 1 p.m.
Take an adventure inside a computer! Build your own paper laptop from the inside out while learning what makes a computer work.

Little Readers
Virtual
Saturday, March 9, 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.

Cuéntame un Cuento
Southeast Branch
Monday, March 11, 10:15 a.m.
Tuesday, March 12, 4:30 p.m.
Virtual
Thursdays, March 7–28, 10 a.m.
Friday, March 8, 11 a.m.
An interactive bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish that are suitable for speakers of either language.

Nature Play
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 12, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate nature through stories and activities inspired by the great outdoors. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Once Upon a Kingdom
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, March 12, 10:30 a.m.
By special decree, princesses and knights of the kingdom are invited to attend an enchanted fairy tale spectacular full of fun fit for royalty.

Countdown to Kindergarten: Counting at the Pond
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, March 12, 11 a.m.
Count and quack your way to becoming a good reader through stories, rhymes and activities. Recommended for ages 4–5.

Countdown to Spring
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, March 12, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 19, 10:30 a.m.
4-3-2-1! Spring is coming soon! Help us get ready with stories and activities to welcome the season.

Homeschool Jr.
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.
Kickstart your child's education! Listen to stories and engage in activities about basic concepts.

Preschool Yoga and Stories
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.
Bring stories to life with gentle movement.

Flutter By
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, March 13, 11 a.m.
From crawling caterpillar legs to colorful wings, flutter by to explore the lives of beautiful butterflies. Recommended for ages 2–5.

The Very Healthy Caterpillar
North Orange Branch
Thursday, March 14, 11 a.m.
Put your chef's hats on and make very healthy caterpillars using sun butter, celery and grapes for a yummy healthy snack.

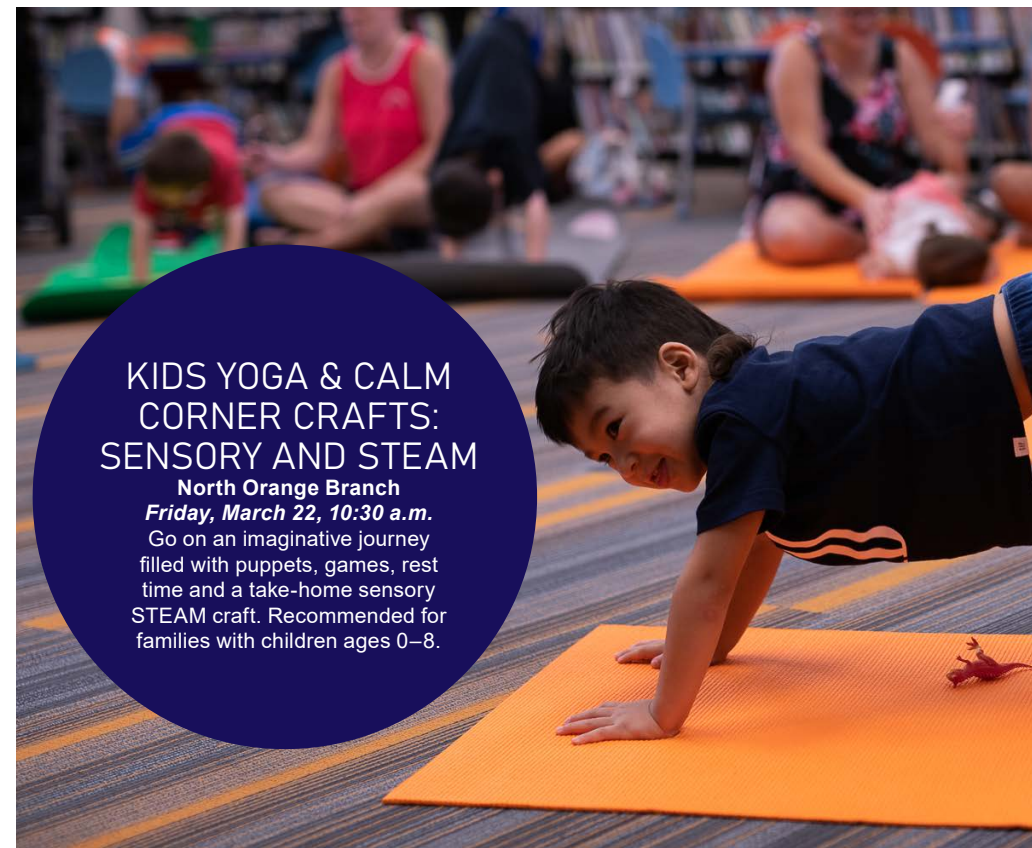
Hello, Spring!
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, March 19, 11 a.m.
Do you see the blooming flowers, smell the fresh-cut grass or hear the baby chick peep? Learn, explore and play with all the things this season brings. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Pajama Jamboree
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, March 19, 4:30 p.m.
Put on your favorite jammies for a fun-filled evening of a story, craft and a snack. Recommended for ages 3–7. Seating is limited.

Little Chef: Breakfast Around the World
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.
Travel by plate! Explore the wide world of breakfast with stories and a step-by-step recipe demonstration. Adult participation is required. Registration required.

Chickens in the Yard
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.
Let's celebrate chickens with stories, games, songs and a fun craft!

Move and Play
Alafaya Branch
Monday, March 25, 11:15 a.m.
Get ready to move and groove to popular kid songs.



KIDS YOGA & CALM CORNER CRAFTS: SENSORY AND STEAM

North Orange Branch
Friday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.
Go on an imaginative journey filled with puppets, games, rest time and a take-home sensory STEAM craft. Recommended for families with children ages 0–8.

Discover Florida
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, March 26, 11 a.m.
Travel with us on a virtual road trip across Florida. Learn what makes our state cool through educational activities, stories and a craft.

Listen, Move & Play Among the Bugs
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, March 27, 10:15 a.m.
What do those creepy crawlies do all day? Investigate the world of bugs with us!

Around the World: France
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 27, 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. Ages 3-5.

Little Chef: Fruit Rockets
Hiwassee Branch
Friday, March 29, 11:15 a.m.
In this fun, easy program, kids will create a delicious fruit rocket. Adult participation is required. Registration required.



EVERYBODY BONJOURS!

South Creek Branch
Thursday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about France through stories and crafts inspired by Leslie Kimmelman's *Everybody Bonjours!* À bientôt! See you soon!

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

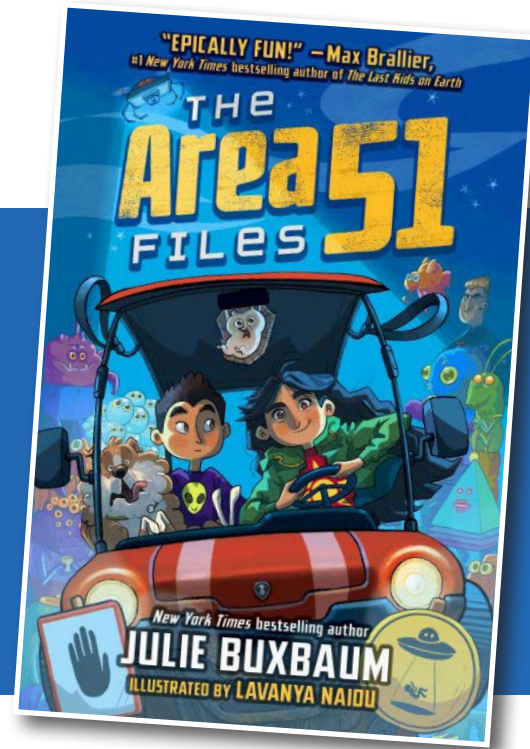
ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME

(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.
Eatonville Branch, Thursdays, 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.
West Oaks Branch, Fourth Sundays, 2 p.m.



MAYOR BUDDY'S BOOK CLUB

Virtual

Wednesday, March 27, 4 p.m.

Engage in a lively discussion and fun activities with Mayor Buddy's Book Club's latest read, *The Area 51 Files* by Julie Buxbaum. Recommended for ages 8-12.



INTRODUCTION TO LEGO WEDO CAMP

Windermere Branch

Monday-Wednesday, March 18-20, 10:30 a.m.

Explore the world of LEGO WeDo as we build and program LEGO robotics. Recommended for ages 5-6. Registration required.

LEGO WEDO ANIMAL CAMP

Windermere Branch

Monday-Wednesday, March 18-20, 11:30 a.m.

Discover how animals move as you build and program robotic LEGO animals. Recommended for ages 7-12. Registration required.

LEGO WEDO VEHICLE CAMP

Windermere Branch

Monday-Wednesday, March 18-20, 1 p.m.

Explore different mechanisms as they bring LEGO vehicles to life. Recommended for ages 7-12. Registration required.

Homeschool: Art Expressions

Windermere Branch

Fridays, March 1 & 15, 2 p.m.

Children will expand their abilities as they improve their fine motor skills and ingenuity. Recommended for ages 6-17.

READING Paws

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Saturday, March 9, 11:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m.

Improve reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a therapy dog.

Dungeons, Dragons and Libraries: Kids

North Orange Branch

Saturday, March 2, 1-3 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to play D&D? Join us adventurers on our next quest! Recommended for families with children ages 9-15.

Dr. Seuss EGGstravaganza

Windermere Branch

Monday, March 4, 4 p.m.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day with all things *Cat in the Hat*. Receive a signature hat and engage in fantastical fun. Recommended for ages 6-8. Registration required.

Chess Clubs

South Trail Branch

Mondays, March 4-25, 4 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesdays, March 5-26, 3:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Mondays, March 11 & 25, 4 p.m.

Drop in for a game of chess at the library.

Paw Patrol Story Time

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesday, March 5, 10:30 a.m.

Ryder comes and reads a *Paw Patrol* story! This will also include an interactive craft.

Homeschool: Spanish

Windermere Branch

Tuesdays, March 5 & 19, 2 p.m.

Learn basic Spanish vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6-17.

LEGO Clubs

Windermere Branch

Tuesdays, March 5, 12 & 26, 4:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Tuesday, March 12, 5:30 p.m.

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, March 27, 4 p.m.

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

Create Comics

Fairview Shores Branch

Wednesday, March 6, 3:30 p.m.

Put together cool comic drawings using Comic Life. Recommended for ages 10-12.

Homeschool Discovery

Windermere Branch

Thursdays, March 7-21, 1 p.m.

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

How Much Do You Weigh on the Moon?

Southeast Branch

Thursday, March 7, 4:30 p.m.

Experiment with gravity and learn how it works, both on Earth and in space. Recommended for ages 9-12.

Kids Field Day

South Creek Branch

Saturday, March 9, 1:30 p.m.

Enjoy cooperative games and activities in the sunshine. Recommended for families with children ages 6-12.

Homeschool Explorers

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, March 12, 2 p.m.

Support your child's homeschool curriculum with crafts and stories from around the world. Recommended for ages 6-12.

Spring Into Crafts

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, March 12, 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate spring with easy-to-make crafts.

Musical Construction: DIY Rain Sticks

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, March 12, 4:30 p.m.

Experience the soothing sounds of rain on demand by learning how to make your very own rain stick! Recommended for ages 6-8.

St. Patrick's Day!

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, March 13, 4 p.m.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day the leprechaun way. Don't forget to wear green!

Happy Pi Day!

Windermere Branch

Thursday, March 14, 2 p.m.

Celebrate Pi Day by enjoying some Pi activities and creating your own mini pie.

Barbie World

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, March 14, 3:30 p.m.

Learn the origin behind one of our favorite icons and the effect her empowerment had on many, then design a Barbie blueprint.

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs

South Creek Branch

Saturday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Saturday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.

Children can improve their reading skills by reading to a therapy dog with Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida.

Spring Around the World

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.

Ever wonder how other countries celebrate spring? Discover the world through creativity with hands-on activities that just might get a little messy! Recommended for ages 6-8.

Sadako Sasaki and the 1000 Origami Cranes

South Creek Branch

Monday, March 18, 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to make origami cranes while we talk about Sadako's story and legacy. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Spring STEM

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, March 19, 3 p.m.

Spring into fun STEM challenges to help commemorate the season! Together we will observe and dissect items found in nature.

Seven Wonders of the World

South Creek Branch

Tuesday, March 19, 5:30 p.m.

Learn about some of the greatest man-made structures before diving into STEAM activities to bring them to life.

March Crafternoon

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, March 20, 4 p.m.

Celebrate Spring Break and spring flowers with a "floating" flower arrangement! Recommended for ages 6-8. Registration required.

Medieval Stained Glass

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, March 20, 4 p.m.

Lower the drawbridge, and prepare the royal windows! It's time to create stained glass just like in medieval times.

Magic Tree House Expeditions

Virtual

Wednesday, March 20, 4:30 p.m.

Jack and Annie need your help with their latest voyage in the Magic Tree House. Recommended for ages 6-8.

Painting with Nature

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, March 20, 4:30 p.m.

Create art using tools from the environment to explore the textures and patterns of the great outdoors. Recommended for ages 6-8.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Dirt and Worms in a Cup

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, March 21, 2:15 p.m.

Dirt and worms? Yuck! Or yum? Create a delicious dessert and explore critters and ecosystems that may be found when digging in the dirt.

Origami Club

Orlando Public Library

Thursday, March 21, 3:30 p.m.

Go on a fun and educational journey into the world of paper folding. Recommended for ages 8-12.

Happy Habitats

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, March 21, 4 p.m.

Learn about habitats, plants and animals through books and crafts. Recommended for ages 6-8. Registration required.

Street Art Lab

Hiwassee Branch

Thursday, March 21, 4 p.m.

Unleash your creativity and embrace the vibrant world of street art. Recommended for ages 10-14.

Dinosaur Week

at Fairview Shores Branch

Tea Rex Party
Fairview Shores Branch
Monday, March 18, 3 p.m.
Stomp on in for a dinosaur party! We'll enjoy stories and songs before moving on to "tea," treats and crafts. Fancy, whimsical or prehistoric attire is encouraged.

Dinosaur Safari
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, March 19, 10:30 a.m.
Embark on a dinosaur safari at the library, exploring dinosaurs in their habitats. Recommended for families.

Dinosaurs Before Dark
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about dinosaurs with hands-on activities. Recommended for ages 2–5.

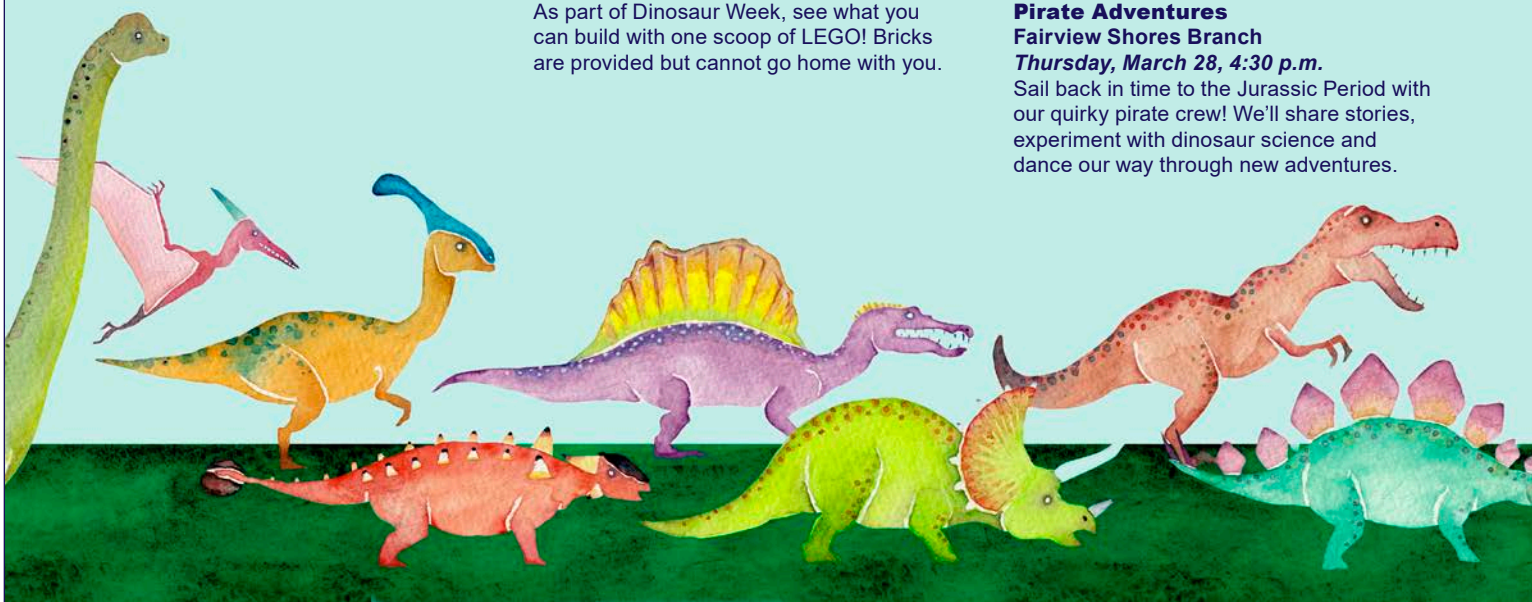
Dinosaur Skeleton Pasta Art
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, March 20, 2 p.m.
Let's make dinosaur skeletons out of pasta in different shapes and sizes.

LEGO Club
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, March 21, 3 p.m.
As part of Dinosaur Week, see what you can build with one scoop of LEGO! Bricks are provided but cannot go home with you.

Escape from Dino Land
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, March 22, 3 p.m.
There are dinosaurs on the loose! Do you have what it takes to solve puzzles, answer riddles and escape? Registration required.

D is for Dinosaur
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, March 23, 3 p.m.
Dino time is near; let's give a roaring cheer! We are off on a dinosaur adventure using stories and activities. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Pirate Adventures
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, March 28, 4:30 p.m.
Sail back in time to the Jurassic Period with our quirky pirate crew! We'll share stories, experiment with dinosaur science and dance our way through new adventures.



Cuisine Corner Junior: Fluffy Bunny Cakes
South Trail Branch
Thursday, March 21, 4:30 p.m.
Hop into spring and welcome in the sunshine with a bunnyrific cupcake. Turn a cupcake into a delicious animal work of art!

Zora Zines
South Creek Branch
Friday, March 22, 1:30 p.m.
Learn about Zora Neale Hurston and some of her nature-inspired folktale collections. Recommended for ages 9–12.

LEGO One Scoop
Windermere Branch
Friday, March 22, 2:15 p.m.
Create greatness with one single scoop! Bricks are provided but cannot go home with you.

LEGO Block Party
Hiwassee Branch
Friday, March 22, 4 p.m.
Is there anything you can't build with LEGO? Let's find out! LEGO bricks are provided but cannot go home with you.

Homeschool Meetup
Southwest Branch
Monday, March 25, 1 p.m.
Participate in math, science, history, art and literature-based learning. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Backyard Birds of Prey
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, March 27, 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.

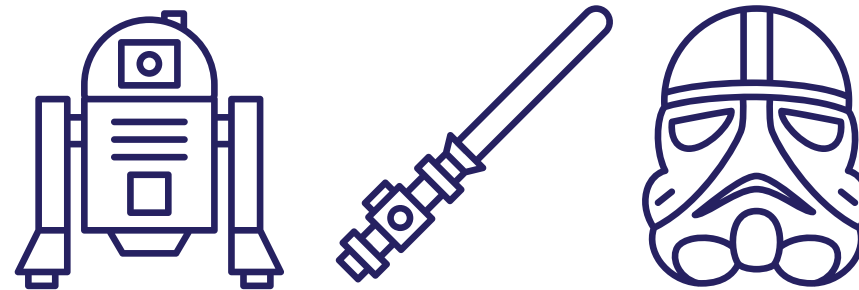
What's Bugging You?
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, March 27, 4 p.m.
Learn all about creepy, crawly critters with stories, games and activities that will make your skin crawl.

Homeschool Branch Out
Windermere Branch
Thursday, March 28, 1 p.m.
Branch out and develop new skills. Socialize with friends as you expand your horizons. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Animal Crossing Shrinky Dinks
Alafaya Branch
Friday, March 29, 4 p.m.
Make your own Animal Crossing Shrinky Dink magnet or keychain.

TEENS

AGES 13–18
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STAR WARS THE TEENS STRIKE BACK

South Trail Branch
Friday, March 22, 4:30 p.m.
A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away ... there was a library destined for a teen program full of lightsaber duels, Jedi training, cosmic trivia and Clone Wars. May the Force be with you.

How the World Builds
Orlando Public Library
Friday, March 1, 3:30 p.m.
Travel from the desert to the jungle to the city, and everywhere in between, to discover how different communities around the world are built.

High School Advisory Board Meeting
Virtual
Tuesday, March 5, 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.

Homeschool Teen Rec Time
Windermere Branch
Wednesdays, March 6 & 20, 4:45 p.m.
Socialize, play games, do crafts, learn a life skill or just hang out with friends. Light snacks provided.

Washington Park's Animanga Club
Washington Park Branch
Tuesdays, March 12 & 26, 5 p.m.
Love manga and anime? Join us for manga recommendations, crafts, anime and more!

Just Buggy
Orlando Public Library
Friday, March 15, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Join us to watch a buggy movie and design your own edible bug.

Art Club
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 16, 3:30 p.m.
Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Recommended for ages 10 and up. Registration required.

Eatonville Branch Teen Film Club
Virtual
Thursday, March 21, Noon–2:30 p.m.
Do you enjoy movies? Celebrate spring break with a great movie and even greater conversation.

Teen Board Game Meetup
South Creek Branch
Friday, March 22, 3:30–5 p.m.
Leave Monopoly at home! Learn a new board game or revisit some unique favorites. Registration required.

Teen Volunteering
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
High school students will earn two hours of community service by assembling craft kits for the library.

Teen Takeover
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 27, 3–5 p.m.
Earn up to two hours of community service by assembling craft kits and performing other tasks as needed. Registration required.

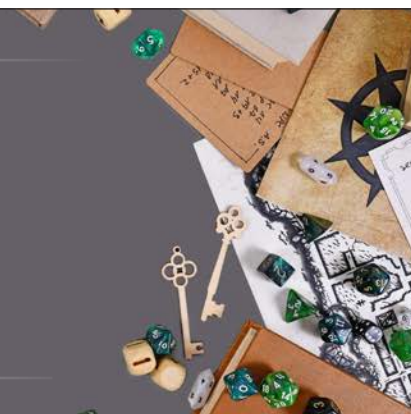
Fandom Friday
South Creek Branch
Friday, March 29, 4:30 p.m.
Play games, watch movies and anime, discuss your favorite manga and socialize with new friends who are equally obsessed with your favorite fandoms. Ages 10 and up.

Coloring Time!
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 30, 1:30 p.m.
Dust off your crayons and markers and see if you can stay in the lines as we channel our inner child and color!

Teen Cuisine: Coffee
Windermere Branch
Saturday, March 30, 2 p.m.
Whether it's hot, iced or blended we all love coffee. Learn about different types of coffee and how to make some of your favorite coffee drinks.

LET'S PLAY D&D
Hiwassee Branch
Saturdays, March 9 & 23, 1–5 p.m.
Learn to play D&D! Choose your character and work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS AT THE LIBRARY!
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 23, 2:30–5:30 p.m.
Join new and experienced D&D players for a new adventure! Ages 16 and up.



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

Easter

All Locations
Sunday, March 31

Día de Pascua

Todos las localidades:
el domingo, 31 de marzo



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