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**Next Friends of the Library
Board of Directors Meeting:**
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Feb. 18 • Noon

Drive up, Drop off

Your Orange County Library System is making it easier to return checked out material with four convenient book drop locations across the county.

Avalon Park

Tanja King Park
13001 Tanja King Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32828

Fashion Square

Fashion Square Mall
3505 E. Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32803

Horizon West

Hamlin Town Center
14416 Shoreside Way
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Lake Nona

Valencia College
12350 Narcoossee Rd.
Orlando, FL 32832



Celebrating Heritage and Hearts at Your Library

Throughout February, your Orange County Library System offers opportunities for all ages to learn, grow and connect through engaging programs that celebrate cultural heritage and promote heart-healthy living.

Celebrate the Chinese New Year and explore Chinese New Year traditions at Orlando Public Library Saturday, February 7, at 11 a.m. Enjoy a spectacular performance by The Chinese School of CAACF. Or explore your own family's history and head to West Oaks Branch at 10 a.m. for the Family History Fair. Designed for kids and teens, this interactive event encourages families to explore their roots and earn a Genealogy Explorer Passport while meeting up with local genealogy groups and experts in the field.

Black History Month is recognized with meaningful programs for every age throughout February. One of the highlights is our annual African American Read-In, a family-centered celebration of literature, poetry and music performed by local celebrities. Join us at Orlando Public Library at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, for this energetic and memorable event. Families with preschoolers can celebrate Zora Neale Hurston and learn about folklore at Preschool Storytime: Zora's

Butterfly Garden at North Orange and Winter Garden branches, and Eatonville Branch will host a Black History STEAM Expo with hands on activities centered around Black innovators and artists on February

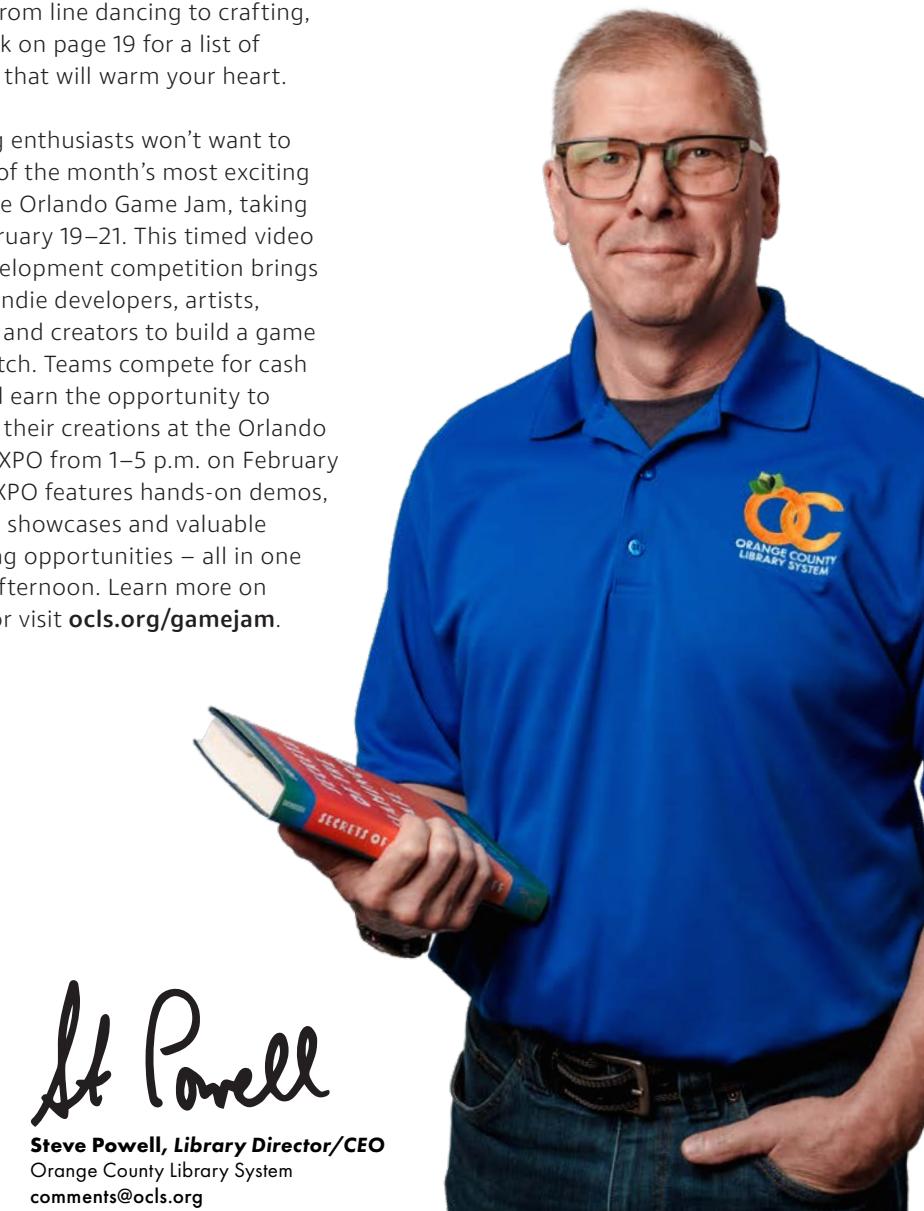
16. Information on these and many other Black History Month programs may be found on page 18.

February is Heart Month, and your library is proud to partner with the American Heart Association and HCA Florida Healthcare to support community wellness. Through the Libraries With Heart program, ten OCLS locations offer blood pressure monitoring kits for checkout. Each participating location will also host a healthy living program during February, including demonstrations on how to use the kits. From line dancing to crafting, take a look on page 19 for a list of programs that will warm your heart.

Gaming enthusiasts won't want to miss one of the month's most exciting events: the Orlando Game Jam, taking place February 19–21. This timed video game development competition brings together indie developers, artists, designers and creators to build a game from scratch. Teams compete for cash prizes and earn the opportunity to showcase their creations at the Orlando Gaming EXPO from 1–5 p.m. on February 22. The EXPO features hands-on demos, developer showcases and valuable networking opportunities – all in one exciting afternoon. Learn more on page 20 or visit ocls.org/gamejam.

Finally, if you've searched for a book on our website recently, you may have noticed a fresh, more user-friendly look. We've updated our catalog search to offer a smarter, more intuitive experience – making it easier than ever to discover your next great read. This enhancement reflects our ongoing commitment to connecting you with the resources, programs and experiences that matter most.

This February, celebrate culture, creativity and community – right here at your library.





Cuisine Corner: Jamaican Pepper Pot Soup

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make Jamaican pepper pot soup, a hearty and flavor-packed island dish. This soup is rich, comforting and full of island flavor.

Virtual • Tue., Feb. 3 • 6:30 p.m.

Book Bingo For Adults

Join us for a fun afternoon of bingo and a chance to win free books. Ages 18 and up.
South Creek • Sun., Feb. 1 • 3:30 p.m.

Mocktails & Music: Harlem Renaissance

Take a musical journey back in time to the Harlem Renaissance, while enjoying a popular drink from the era "mocktail" style. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Sun., Feb. 1 • 3:30 p.m.

Companion Planting

Fleet Farming will teach you how to maximize plant growth and naturally reduce pests through strategic plant pairings.
Chickasaw • Mon., Feb. 2 • 10:30 a.m.

Plant Clinic

Bring your plants and get answers to your gardening questions from Master Gardener Volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office.
Windermere • Tue., Feb. 3 • 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden • Sat., Feb. 14 • 10:15 a.m.

Women in Science Tea Talks

Join us for tea and invigorating discussions on women in science. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 3 • 3 p.m.

Valentine Mocktails

Learn how to create and enjoy several delicious non-alcoholic beverages. Ages 18 and up.
South Creek • Tue., Feb. 3 • 5:30 p.m.

Jean-Michel Basquiat Inspired Adult Craft Time

Learn about the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and create art in his style. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Feb. 4 • 4:30 p.m.

Water Wise Neighbor Program

Learn how to maximize water savings. Orange County Utilities water customers are invited to participate and receive free onsite high-efficiency devices, while supplies last.
Alafaya • Wed., Feb. 4 • 4:30 p.m.

All-Levels Yoga

Virtual • Wed., Feb. 4 • 7 p.m.
Windermere • Sat., Feb. 7 • 11:15 a.m.

Prepare for Your Job Search

Learn strategies to help identify your skills and succeed. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Feb. 5 • 11:30 a.m.
Southwest • Thu., Feb. 18 • 10:15 a.m.

Shrinky Dink Charm Necklace

Create a holiday-themed Shrinky Dink charm necklace. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Feb. 5 • 5:30 p.m.

Junk Journal

Create your own junk journal using recycled books and embellishments. Ages 18 and up.
Chickasaw • Thu., Feb. 5 • 5 p.m.

HistoryMakers: Famous African American Authors

Trace the influences and impact of prominent African American authors on literature. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • Thu., Feb. 5 • 5:30 p.m.

DIY Earrings

Southeast • Fri., Feb. 6 • 2 p.m.

Line Dancing for Fun and Fitness

Ages 18 and up.
Southwest • Sat., Feb. 7 • 10:30 a.m.

Acrylic Painting: Love Birds

Artist Kerry Ezzo demonstrates how to paint an arctic scene. Ages 18 and up.
Chickasaw • Sat., Feb. 7 • 11 a.m.

Adult Game Time: Board Game Exchange

Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Feb. 7 • 2:30 p.m.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Explore Chinese New Year traditions and enjoy a spectacular performance by The Chinese School of CAACF. To learn more, visit orlandochineseschool.org.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Feb. 7 • 11 a.m.

Adult Game Time

Play games and meet new friends. Ages 18 and up.

Windermere • Sat., Feb. 7-28 • 3 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Feb. 21 • 2:30 p.m.

Mahjong Club

Discover strategies, practice hands-on play and enjoy a fun, social atmosphere. Ages 18 and up.
Chickasaw • Sat., Feb. 7 • 3 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons at the Library

Embark on an epic journey into the grim world of D&D. Ages 18 and up.
Fairview Shores • Sat., Feb. 7, 21 • 4 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Feb. 14 • 2:30 p.m.

Comrades and Coffee

Veterans and their families can meet, share stories and experiences.
Chickasaw • Mon., Feb. 9 • 10:30 a.m.

Origami Heart Earrings

Get ready for Valentine's Day with these cute heart origami earrings. Ages 18 and up.
Chickasaw • Mon., Feb. 9 • 5 p.m.

Let's Get Creative

Get creative and explore your artistic side with a fun activity. Ages 18 and up.
South Creek • Tue., Feb. 10 • 10:30 a.m.

Serious Builders & Gamers

See what you can build with one scoop of LEGO bricks or enjoy a board game. Ages 18 and up.
South Creek • Tue., Feb. 10 • 5 p.m.

Seminar in a Bottle: Office of Tenant Services

Learn about the Office of Tenant Services and play a game that tests public knowledge.
Southwest • Wed., Feb. 11 • 10:15 a.m.

Canvas Bag Art

Paint a beautiful design on a canvas bag with fabric markers. Ages 18 and up.
Fairview Shores • Wed., Feb. 11 • 5 p.m.

Heart Shaped Air-Dry Clay Trinket Dish

Make a heart shaped air-dry clay trinket dish just in time for Valentine's Day. Ages 18 and up.
Alafaya • Wed., Feb. 11 • 5 p.m.

Build & Perfect Your Resume

Transform your talents and experiences into a career-launching masterpiece. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Feb. 12 • 11:30 a.m.

Yoga for Couples

Join Dana and Adam for a yoga class that can have a positive effect on your relationship.
Virtual • Thu., Feb. 12 • 7 p.m.

Art Between the Stacks

Explore a variety of acrylic painting techniques. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • Sat., Feb. 14 • 2 p.m.

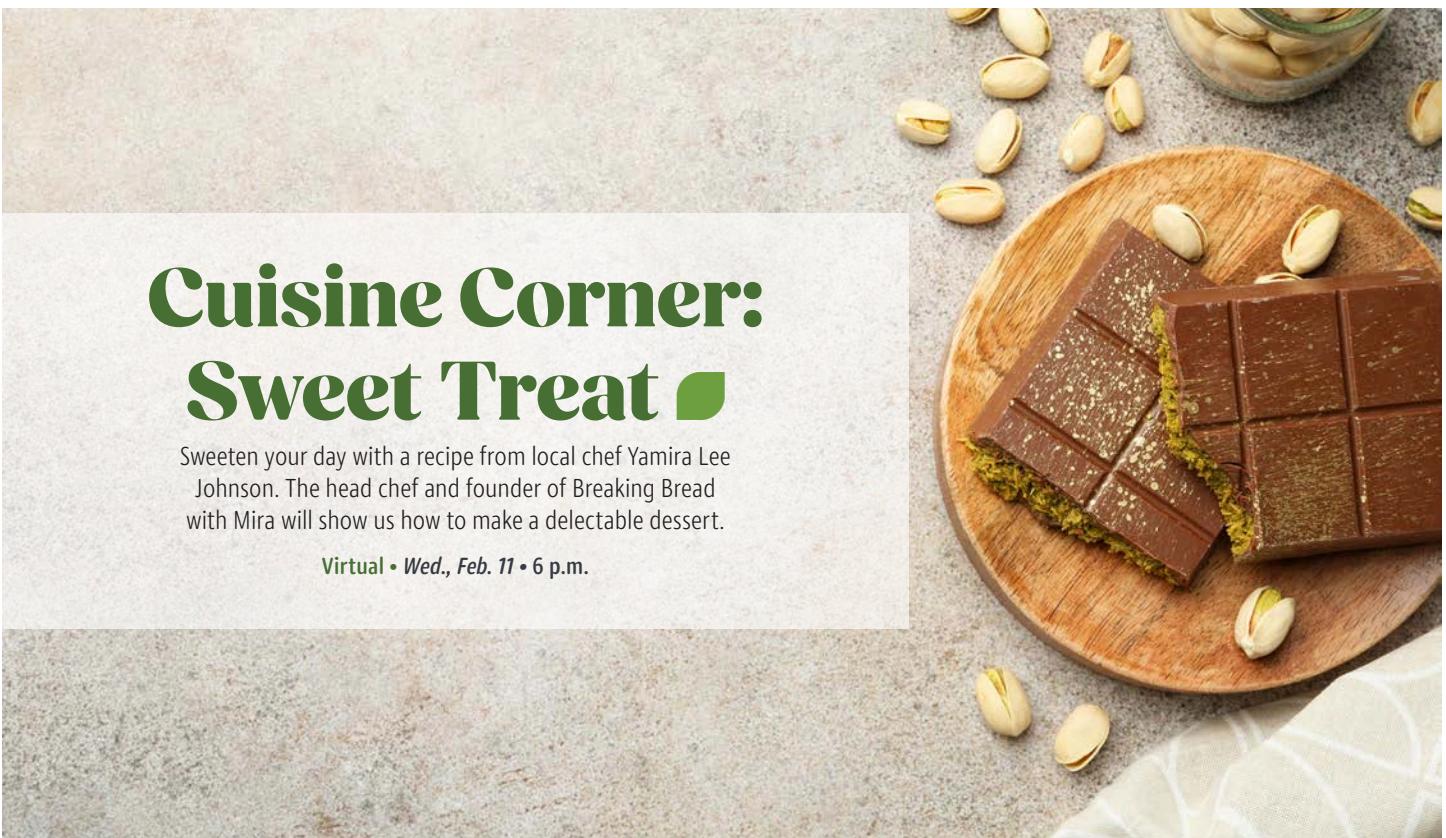
Date Night

Paint a portrait of your partner. No painting skills necessary. Ages 18 and up.
Chickasaw • Sat., Feb. 14 • 3:30 p.m.

Palentine's Day

Celebrate the bonds of friendship with crafting and board games. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • Sat., Feb. 14 • 4 p.m.





Cuisine Corner: Sweet Treat

Sweeten your day with a recipe from local chef Yamira Lee Johnson. The head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira will show us how to make a delectable dessert.

Virtual • Wed., Feb. 11 • 6 p.m.

Spice It Up: Cardamom

Dive into a new spice and taste your way through its history and uses. Ages 18 and up.
Hiawassee • Mon., Feb. 16 • 4 p.m.

A World of Color and Shape

Leave stress behind and join us for an evening of jazz and contemporary art. Ages 18 and up.
Washington Park • Mon., Feb. 16 • 5:30 p.m.

Podcast Listening Club

What's beneath the surface of multilevel marketing branding and slogans? Ages 18 and up.
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA, 7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819 • Mon., Feb. 16 • 6:30 p.m.

Calligraphy Workshop: Uncial Script

Join calligrapher Elinor A. Holland for a workshop about uncial style calligraphy.
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 17 • 11 a.m.

DIY Tin Wallets

Transform simple tin containers into personalized wallets. Ages 18 and up.
West Oaks • Tue., Feb. 17 • 5 p.m.

Yoga for Sleep

Virtual • Wed., Feb. 18 • 7 p.m.

Search & Apply for Jobs

Learn about best practices for finding and applying for jobs. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Feb. 19 • 11:30 a.m.
North Orange • Mon., Feb. 23 • 10:30 a.m.

Rock the Wrap: Headwrap Styling Workshop

Get step-by-step instructions on headwrap styling techniques.
Eatonville • Thu., Feb. 19 • 4:30 p.m.

Sketching 101

Learn the basics of sketching through use of simple art techniques and observation.
Virtual • Fri., Feb. 20 • 11 a.m.

Book to Film Series: *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug* (2013) (PG-13)

Orlando Public Library • Fri., Feb. 20 • 2 p.m.

Movie & Make

Join us for a screening of *Dreamgirls* (2006) (PG-13) while you make a craft. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • Fri., Feb. 20 • 3 p.m.

Art and Craft: Altered Books

Discover the possibilities of altered books with instructor Kathy Boyle. Ages 18 and up.
Southwest • Sat., Feb. 21 • 2 p.m.

Adult Craft & Chat: Faux Stained Glass Bookmarks

Create a colorful faux stained glass bookmark. Ages 18 and up.
Hiawassee • Sat., Feb. 21 • 4 p.m.

MasterClass Viewing: Neil deGrasse Tyson

Alafaya • Sun., Feb. 22 • 2 p.m.

Puzzle Swap

Swap an old puzzle for one that is new-to-you. Bring at least one complete puzzle for adults.
West Oaks • Sun., Feb. 22 • 2 p.m.

Brush It Off: Free Paint Hour

Let the paint flow and the stress go with an hour of no-pressure painting. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Sun., Feb. 22 • 2:30 p.m.

Puppet Lab: Level One

Learn the basics of puppet construction, from design and pattern cutting to assembly.
Orlando Public Library • Sun., Feb. 22 • 3 p.m.

Job Seekers Spotlight

Explore the resource LearningExpress Library to improve your job skills. Ages 18 and up.
Fairview Shores • Mon., Feb. 23 • Noon

Cholesterol: Knowing What the Numbers Mean

Join Jessica Daly, health literacy coordinator with AdventHealth University, as she discusses cholesterol, the importance of knowing your numbers and what it can mean for your health.

Virtual • Mon., Feb. 16 • 11 a.m.



Beaded Bracelets

Bring in spring by making these cute beaded bracelets. Ages 18 and up.
Chickasaw • Mon., Feb. 23 • 5 p.m.

Write On: Open Writing Hour

Join us to get your creativity flowing. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 24 • 4:30 p.m.

World Snacks: Jamaica

Learn about a country and sample multicultural snacks. Ages 18 and up.
Alafaya • Tue., Feb. 24 • 5:30 p.m.

Food 101: Polish Food

The Food 101 series introduces you to a new topic every month, examining the historical and social significance of what we eat. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Feb. 25 • 5:30 p.m.

Chair Yoga

Virtual • Wed., Feb. 25 • 7 p.m.

Donuts and Dominoes

Enjoy donuts while we play dominoes. Ages 18 and up.
Chickasaw • Thu., Feb. 26 • 11 a.m.

Improve Your Job Interview Skills

Learn about the interview process and get tips to practice and prepare. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Feb. 26 • 11:30 a.m.

Travel the World Through Books

Travel to a library from around the world from the comfort of home. Ages 18 and up.
Virtual • Thu., Feb. 26 • 4:30 p.m.

HistoryMakers: Basquiat

Explore the life and artistry of Haitian American painter Jean-Michel Basquiat. Learn about his impact on neo-expressionism and create a work inspired by his legacy. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • Thu., Feb. 26 • 5:30 p.m.

Lunar New Year Noodles

Sample instant noodles from countries that celebrate Lunar New Year. Ages 18 and up.
Alafaya • Thu., Feb. 26 • 5:30 p.m.

Acrylic Painting: Impressionistic Sunflower Field

Artist Kerry Ezzo demonstrates how to paint a field of impressionistic sunflowers. Ages 18 and up.
Chickasaw • Sat., Feb. 28 • 11 a.m.

Game On!

Get together for new and classic board games, great conversation and friendly rivalry.
Southeast • Sat., Feb. 28 • 1 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Newbie Campaign

Choose a character or bring your own as we start our beginners campaign. Ages 18 and up.
North Orange • Sat., Feb. 28 • 2 p.m.

Seed Swap

Get ready for the spring growing season by trading plant seeds. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Feb. 28 • 2:30 p.m.

Love at the Library

Join us for an original dating sim starring you. Will you find your soulmate or are you destined to be alone? Work together to find out! Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • Sat., Feb. 28 • 3 p.m.



Family History Fair

Kids can explore their family roots and earn a Genealogy Explorer Passport with fun activities. Meet local genealogy groups and discover great resources. Perfect for ages 6–12, with a family member present. Teens and adults will also be able to get guidance and talk with experts in the field.

West Oaks • Sat., Feb. 7 • 10 a.m.

Tuesday Tree Time
Bring your questions, your clues and your curiosity. Lisa, our genealogy specialist, is here to help you grow your family tree.
West Oaks • Tue., Feb. 3–24 • 2 p.m.

Genealogy: Discover America
Welcome to our genealogical road trip. Each meeting we will take on a new state and find out its history, culture and genealogical resources.
Virtual • Wed., Feb. 4, 18 • 1 p.m.

Genealogy Bunch Brunch
Your ancestors are calling – just before lunch. Swap stories, solve genealogy puzzles and share research tips with fellow family history enthusiasts.
Virtual • Sun., Feb. 8 • 11 a.m.

Sunday Afternoon Ancestors
Our monthly in-person genealogy open house is your chance to get one-on-one help from genealogy specialist, Lisa.
West Oaks • Sun., Feb. 8 • 2 p.m.

Love & Marriage – Genealogy Style
In this month of love, let's explore how courtship, marriage and even divorce shaped our ancestors' lives and ultimately our own history.
Virtual • Thu., Feb. 12 • 1 p.m.

Introduction to Hispanic Genealogy
Join genealogist Luis Ariel Rivera to explore how to trace your family's roots in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Virtual • Tue., Feb. 17 • 11 a.m.

Exploring RootsMagic: A Genealogy Software
With expert Bruce Buzbee from RootsMagic we will explore the benefits and techniques to truly strengthen your genealogy research.
Virtual • Wed., Feb. 25 • 11 a.m.

Free Digital Libraries for Genealogists
Discover free digital libraries packed with books, newspapers and hidden gems to power your genealogy research. Ages 18 and up.
Virtual • Thu., Feb. 26 • 1 p.m.

Author Jennie Jarvis will discuss how to strengthen your characters' agency through goals and motivations.

Virtual • Sat., Feb. 28 • 4 p.m.

Needs vs. Wants: Character Goals & Motivations

Book Subrights: Revenue Streams You Didn't Know You Had
Literary agent Vicki Weber will discuss how to maximize your book's potential through subsidiary rights like film, TV, audio, translation and more.
Virtual • Sun., Feb. 1 • 2 p.m.

Personalizing Your Query Letters to Get an Agent's Attention
Literary agent Lee Melillo will discuss small edits you can make to grab a specific agent's attention in your query letter.
Virtual • Sun., Feb. 1 • 4 p.m.

POV Choice and the Importance of Interiority
Book coach Samantha Skal will discuss point of view options for fiction and why interiority is the key to finding a character's voice.
Virtual • Mon., Feb. 2 • 7 p.m.

OCLS Writers Group
Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.
Virtual • Sun., Feb. 8 • 4 p.m.

Writing Romance for a YA Audience
New York Times bestselling author Ginny Myers Sain will discuss how to write teen romance in novels for young adult readers.
Virtual • Mon., Feb. 9 • 7 p.m.

Creating Character Chemistry
Author Shannon A. Thompson will explore love, loyalty and rivalry by examining character chemistry, whether it's passionate romance, steadfast friendship or high-stakes hero-villain tension.
Virtual • Tue., Feb. 10 • 7 p.m.

Publishing is a Team Effort
Literary agent Anjanette Barr will discuss how authors can cultivate a successful writing career by changing their mindset to partner with publishing professionals.
Virtual • Mon., Feb. 16 • 7 p.m.

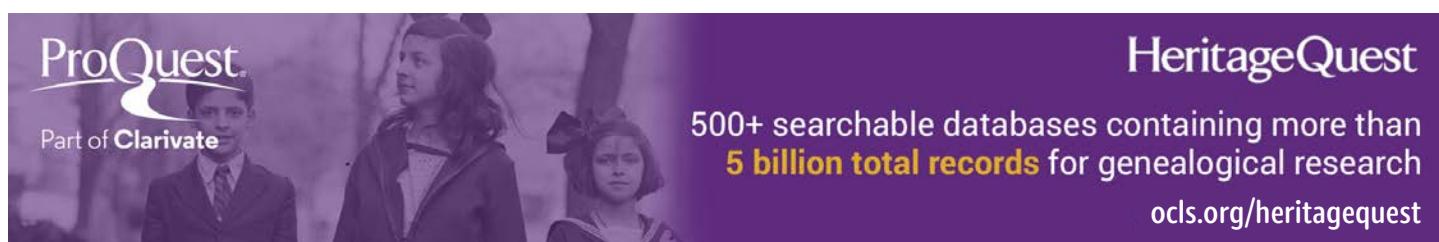
How to Give a Useful Critique
Author and editor Kristen Stieffel will equip writers to find or form a critique group and provide meaningful critiques that identify problems without hurting feelings.
Virtual • Tue., Feb. 17 • 7 p.m.

Writers Meetup
Brainstorm ideas, discuss writing methods and give constructive feedback. Ages 18 and up.
Winter Garden • Sat., Feb. 21 • 4:30 p.m.

Transforming an Idea Into a Story
Author and editor Alli Martin will discuss how to mine your idea to discover the character's motivation, obstacles and secrets to create a story. This is a generative, collaborative workshop.
Virtual • Mon., Feb. 23 • 7 p.m.

Reframing Rejection as a Writer
Literary agent Paula Weiman will discuss how writers can reframe rejection, build resilience and stay motivated on the path to publication.
Virtual • Tue., Feb. 24 • 7 p.m.

Finding a Literary Agent
Ready to publish? Erika Staiger with Spencerhill Associates covers the process of finding a literary agent and what to do once you get one. Learn tips and tricks to make your query letter stand out.
West Oaks • Sat., Feb. 28 • 10:30 a.m.



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Seniors Kick Back: Living Options

Smarter Senior Seminar Series

Find out what living options you have as a senior or active adult. Discuss the many possibilities of senior living choices with experts in our community. It is all about making the right move for you.

South Trail • Mon., Feb. 16 • 10:30 a.m.

Seniors Kick Back: DIY Puzzles

Explore new interests, connect with others and enjoy a variety of enriching activities.

South Trail • Mon., Feb. 2 • 10:30 a.m.

Knit and Crochet Meetup with Alafaya

Connect with other fiber artists while working on your craft. All levels are welcome.

Virtual • Mon., Feb. 2, 9 • 4 p.m.

A World of Color and Shape Seniors

Leave stress behind and join us for an evening of jazz and contemporary art.

Washington Park • Mon., Feb. 2 • 5:30 p.m.

Coffee and Dominoes

Grab some coffee and connect with others as we play dominoes.

South Creek • Tue., Feb. 3 • 10:30 a.m.

Valentine's Around the World

Celebrate love across cultures by exploring Valentine's traditions and making a craft.

Hiawassee • Tue., Feb. 3 • 11 a.m.

Tea Social Hour for Adults and Seniors

Listen to music, enjoy a sweet treat, relax, chat and complete an art activity. Ages 18 and up.

North Orange • Wed., Feb. 4, 18 • 5 p.m.

Senior Brain Stretch

Participate in activities designed to enhance brain health.

Winter Garden • Thu., Feb. 5 • 11 a.m.

Windermere • Sat., Feb. 13 • 10:30 a.m.

Yoga for Adults and Seniors

Perfect for seniors looking to move mindfully, reduce stress and feel good in their bodies.

North Orange • Thu., Feb. 5-26 • 1 p.m.

Chair Yoga for Seniors

Get moving with this energizing and relaxing chair yoga sequence for all levels.

Windermere • Sat., Feb. 7 • 10 a.m.

Golden Hour Senior Series: Remembering Motown

Gather, share and engage in new experiences as a community.

Eatonville • Sat., Feb. 7 • 11 a.m.

Washington Park • Mon., Feb. 16 • 11 a.m.

Fruitful Endeavors: For Vibrant Seniors and Adults

Learn about productive perennials who are creating new standards of living well. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Feb. 7 • 1 p.m.

Senior DIY: February Greeting Cards

Create beautiful, handmade cards to send to those you love.

West Oaks • Sun., Feb. 8 • 2:30 p.m.

Seniors Kick Back: In The Heat of the Night (1967) (PG-13)

Explore new interests, connect with others and enjoy a variety of enriching activities.

South Trail • Mon., Feb. 9 • 10:30 a.m.

Heart Wreaths

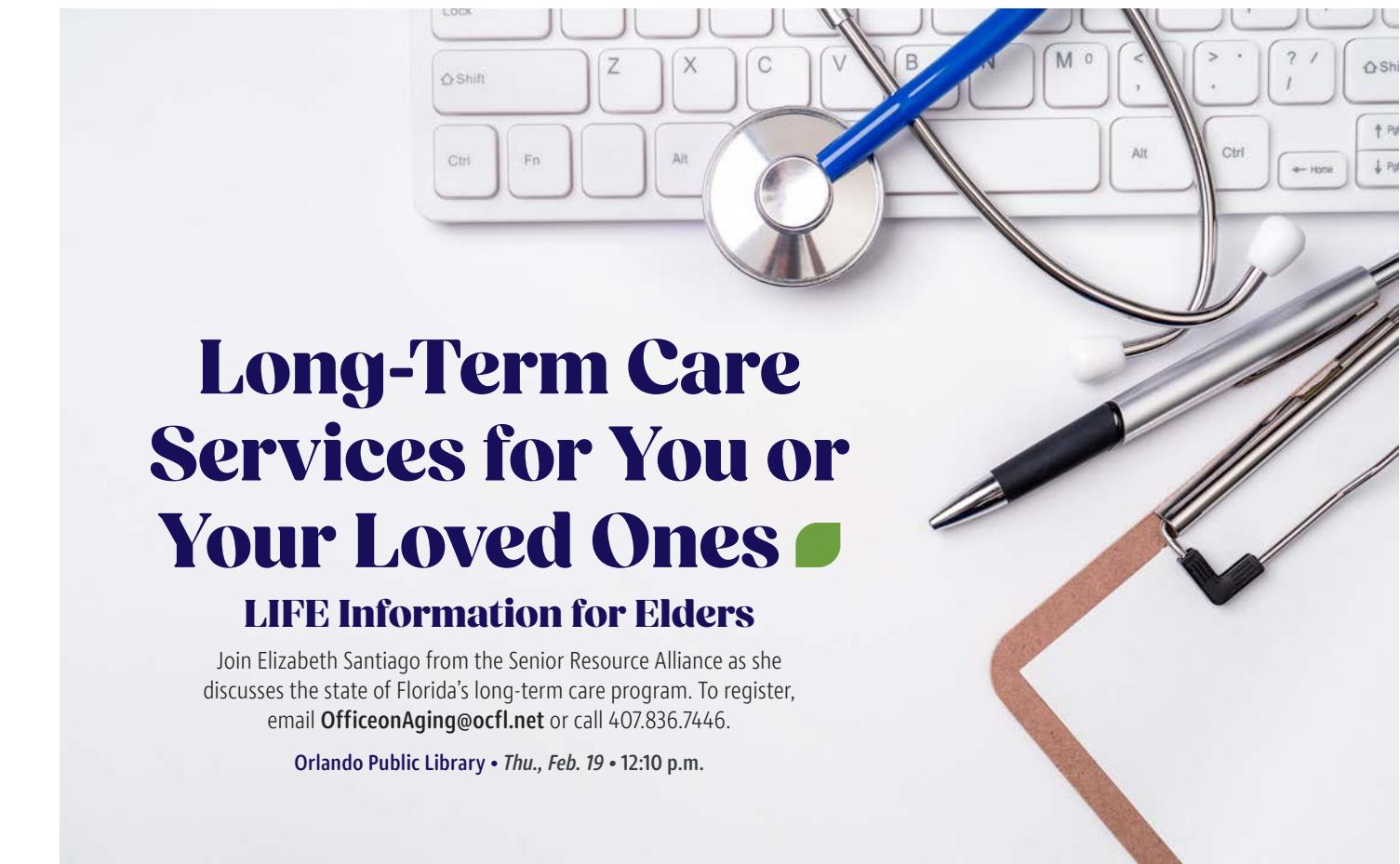
Relax and get creative as you make your own decorative heart wreath.

Hiawassee • Tue., Feb. 10 • 11 a.m.

Couture Collage: Honoring Ann Lowe

Learn who Ann Lowe was and why she is a vital figure in Black American fashion.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Feb. 11 • 11:30 a.m.



Long-Term Care Services for You or Your Loved Ones

LIFE Information for Elders

Join Elizabeth Santiago from the Senior Resource Alliance as she discusses the state of Florida's long-term care program. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Feb. 19 • 12:10 p.m.

Bilingual Bingo for Seniors

Enjoy friendly competition and win free books as prizes. Offered in Spanish and English.

Washington Park • Fri., Feb. 13 • 11 a.m.

Southeast • Wed., Feb. 18 • 1 p.m.

South Creek • Tue., Feb. 24 • 10:30 a.m.

Bagels and Bingo for Seniors

Eat some delicious bagels while we play a couple rounds of bingo.

Chickasaw • Fri., Feb. 20 • 11 a.m.

Seniors Kick Back: Drypoint Printmaking

Explore new interests, connect with others and enjoy a variety of enriching activities.

South Trail • Mon., Feb. 23 • 10:30 a.m.

Bingo for Seniors

Meet new people, listen to music and play for your chance to win a fun prize.

Alafaya • Mon., Feb. 16 • 11 a.m.

Cuisine Corner: Heart Friendly Recipe

Enjoy a cooking demonstration for a heart friendly recipe.

Windermere • Wed., Feb. 18 • 11 a.m.

Seniors Puzzle Lounge: Casual Puzzles and Coffee

Enjoy light music and meet new friends while putting together jigsaw puzzles.

Southeast • Mon., Feb. 23 • 2 p.m.

LIFE on the Big Screen: Barefoot in the Park (1967) (G)

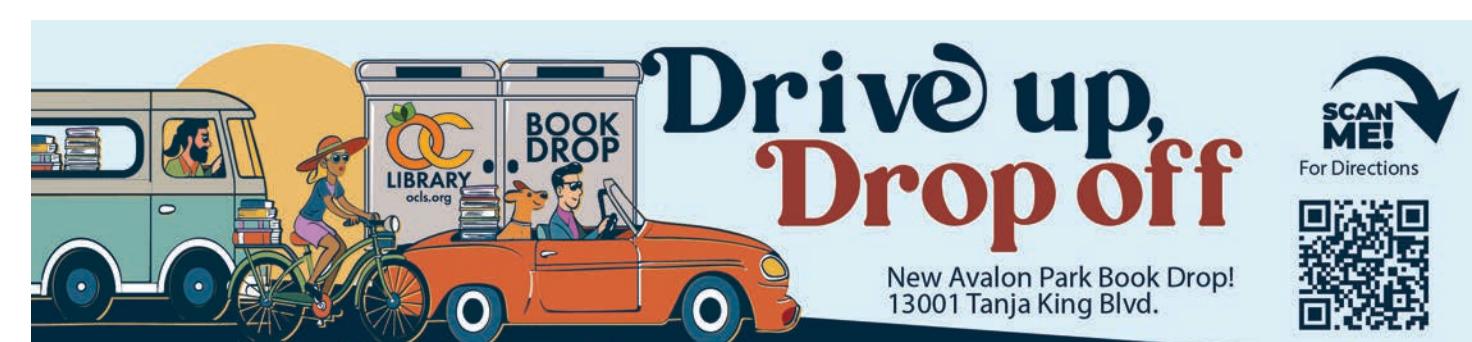
Join Mandy Kimmer from Orange County Parks & Recreation as she shares park recommendations that are great for walking and relaxing. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

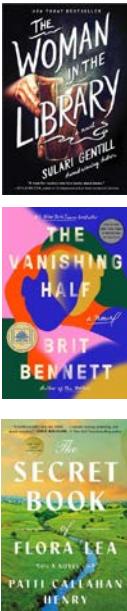
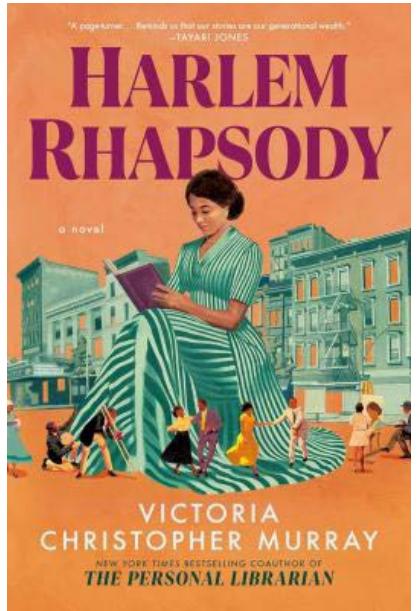
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Feb. 26 • 1:30 p.m.

Qigong Movement and Breathing

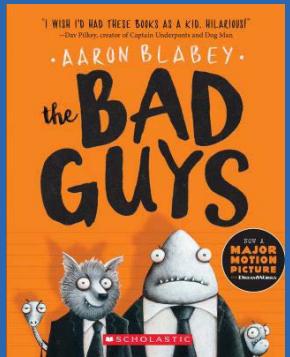
Embark on a transformative journey with Jasmine Win, a modern qigong instructor.

Southwest • Fri., Feb. 27 • 10:30 a.m.





Youth Book Club Reads



Kids Comic Club

A monthly book club for kids combining crafts, activities and discussion. The book for February is *The Bad Guys* by Aaron Blabey. Ages 6-12.

Winter Garden • Tue., Feb. 10 • 4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Feb. 26 • 4 p.m.



Mayor Buddy's Book Club End of Book Party

Celebrate the completion of our latest book, *Futureland: Battle for the Park*. Ages 8-12.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Feb. 18 • 4 p.m.

Southeast Teen Book Club
Join us for the inaugural meeting of the Southeast Teen Book Club! Stop by to discuss books with your peers, grab some snacks and participate in other fun activities. Ages 13-18.

Southeast • Wed., Feb. 25 • 2 p.m.

Alafaya Book Club

Harlem Rhapsody by Victoria Christopher Murray.
Alafaya • Thu., Feb. 5 • 5 p.m.

Y Read: Book Read Aloud

Experience the joy and camaraderie of reading aloud great literature with others each week. Ages 18 and up.
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA, 7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819 • Sat., Feb. 7-28 • 1:30 p.m.

Nature Walk Book Club

Join us for a causal walk followed by discussion of *Isola* by Allegra Goodman. Ages 18 and up.
Bill Frederick Park, 3401 S. Hiawassee Road, Orlando, FL 32835 • Mon., Feb. 9 • 10 a.m.

Southeast Book Club

Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Ages 18 and up.
Southeast • Mon., Feb. 9 • 3 p.m.

Book Buddies

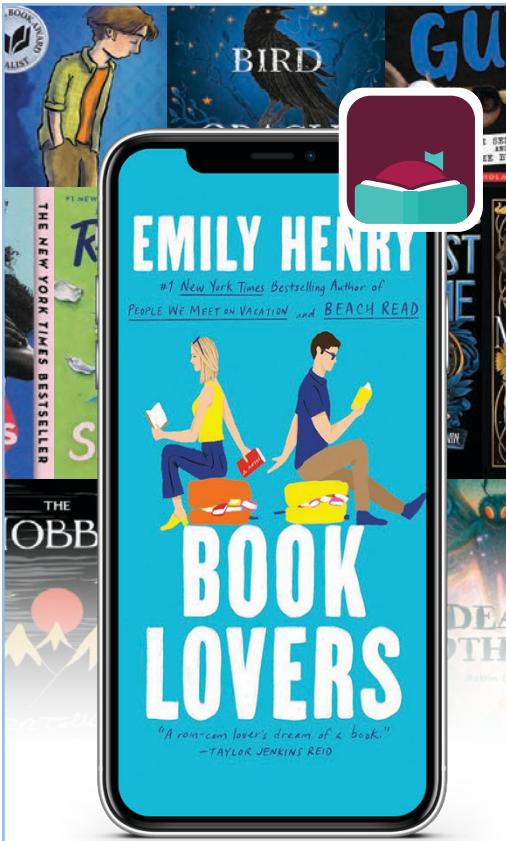
Speed date with a book to discover new reads and make book-loving friends. Ages 18 and up.
Alafaya • Mon., Feb. 9 • 5:30 p.m.

Central Florida Book Club

The Small and the Mighty by Sharon McMahon. Ages 18 and up.
Fairview Shores • Tue., Feb. 10 • 10:15 a.m.

Spanish Book Club / Club de Lectura

Join us to discuss our book selection.
Únete a nosotros para conversar sobre libros en español. Ages 18 and up.
Southeast • Mar. 10 de Feb. • 3:30 p.m.



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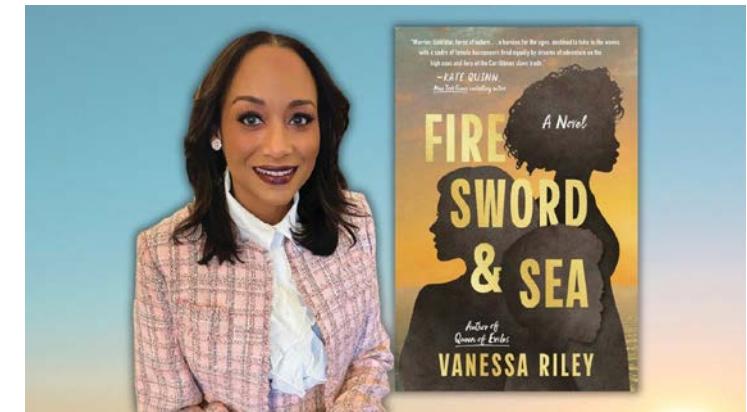
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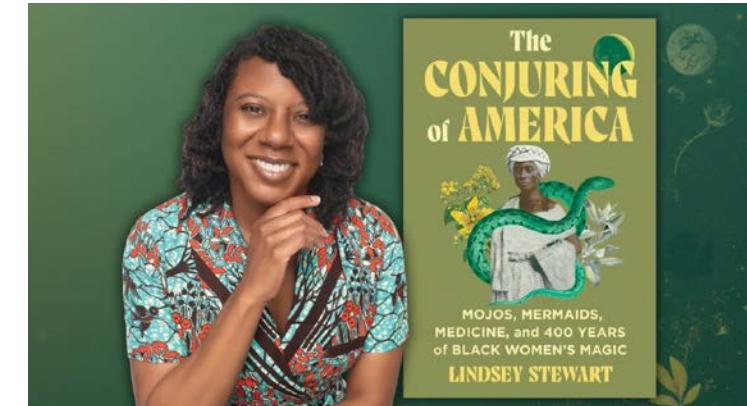


Author Talk: Vanessa Riley

Swashbuckling Heroines and High Seas Adventures

Join us for an unforgettable experience as we chat with Vanessa Riley, award-winning author of *Island Queen* and *Murder in Westminster*, about her newest book, *Fire Sword and Sea*, based on the folk story of the female pirate Jacquette Delahaye.

Virtual • Thu., Feb. 5 • 7 p.m.



Author Talk: Lindsey Stewart

Mojos, Mermaids, Medicine, and 400 Years of Black Women's Magic

Join us to take part in the magic and celebrate the legacy of America's founding Black women. Feminist philosopher Dr. Lindsey Stewart's book, *The Conjuring of America: Mojos, Mermaids, Medicine, and 400 Years of Black Women's Magic*, tells the stories of Negro Mammies of slavery; the Voodoo Queens and Blues Women of Reconstruction; and the Granny Midwives and textile weavers of the Jim Crow era. These women, in secrecy and subterfuge, courageously and devotedly continued their practices and worship for centuries and passed down their traditions.

Virtual • Thu., Feb. 12 • 2 p.m.



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Basic English 1

Chickasaw • Mon., Feb. 2, 9, 23 • 5:30 p.m.

Virtual • Mon., Feb. 2-23 • 6:45 p.m.

• Sat., Feb. 14, 28 • 2:30 p.m.

Southeast • Tue., Feb. 3-24 • 10:15 a.m.

• Wed., Feb. 4-25 • 2 p.m.

South Trail • Tue., Feb. 3-24 • 4 p.m.

• Thu., Feb. 5-26 • 11:30 a.m.

• Mon., Feb. 9-23 • 11:30 a.m.

• Sat., Feb. 14, 28 • 11:30 a.m.

Windermere • Wed., Feb. 4-25 • 3:30 p.m.

Hiawassee • Thu., Feb. 5-26 • 11:45 a.m.

• Sat., Feb. 7, 21 • 11 a.m.

Washington Park • Sat., Feb. 7-28 • 1:15 p.m.

Basic English 2

Fairview Shores • Mon., Feb. 2-23 • 5 p.m.

Southeast • Tue., Feb. 3-24 • 11:15 a.m.

• Wed., Feb. 4-25 • 4 p.m.

Windermere • Wed., Feb. 4-25 • 4:45 p.m.

Chickasaw • Thu., Feb. 5-26 • 1 p.m.

Hiawassee • Thu., Feb. 5-26 • 3 p.m.

North Orange • Fri., Feb. 6-27 • 4:30 p.m.

Alafaya • Sat., Feb. 7-28 • 10:30 a.m.

Washington Park • Sat., Feb. 7, 21 • 2:30 p.m.

English for Social Interactions

Covers topics from accepting and rejecting an invitation to engaging in small talk.

Fairview Shores • Mon., Feb. 2-23 • 11 a.m.

Virtual • Mon., Feb. 2-23 • 4 p.m.

North Orange • Tue., Feb. 3-24 • 2 p.m.

Hiawassee • Thu., Feb. 5-26 • 5:30 p.m.

South Trail • Fri., Feb. 6-20 • 11:30 a.m.

English Conversation Hour

A series of workshops in which students can practice their English speaking and listening skills.

Hiawassee • Mon., Feb. 2-23 • 5 p.m.

North Orange • Tue., Feb. 3-24 • 3 p.m.

South Trail • Tue., Feb. 3-24 • 5:30 p.m.

• Thu., Feb. 5-26 • 1 p.m.

• Sat., Feb. 14, 28 • 1 p.m.

Virtual • Fri., Feb. 6-27 • 4:45 p.m.

Southeast • Wed., Feb. 4-25 • 3 p.m.

Virtual • Mon., Feb. 2-23 • 11:30 a.m.

Chickasaw • Thu., Feb. 5-26 • 2 p.m.

Windermere • Fri., Feb. 6-27 • 3:30 p.m.

Alafaya • Sat., Feb. 7-28 • Noon

English Reading Session

Read and learn the meaning of words you don't recognize.

Hiawassee • Wed., Feb. 4-25 • 4:45 p.m.

English Conversation Hour 2

Practice your English conversation skills.

South Trail • Fri., Feb. 6, 20 • 1 p.m.

Introductory English Course

Start from the beginning with basic English vocabulary.

North Orange • Fri., Feb. 6-27 • 2:30 p.m.

Chickasaw • Sat., Feb. 7, 21 • 1 p.m.

English Listening Skills

Improve your English listening and comprehension skills. Ages 18 and up.

Southeast • Sat., Feb. 7, 21 • 11:30 a.m.

Reading Clearly for Beginners

Chickasaw • Fri., Feb. 27 • 1 p.m.

Reading Clearly Intermediate

South Trail • Wed., Feb. 4-25 • 3 p.m.

Speaking Clearly Beginners

Ages 18 and up.

Southeast • Sat., Feb. 7, 21 • 10:30 a.m.

• Fri., Feb. 13, 27 • 10:30 a.m.

Virtual • Mon., Feb. 2-23 • 11:30 a.m.

Speaking Clearly Intermediate

Ages 18 and up.

Southeast • Tue., Feb. 3-24 • 2 p.m.

Speaking Clearly Advanced

Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • Mon., Feb. 2-23 • 10 a.m.

Writing Clearly Beginner

Virtual • Thu., Feb. 5-26 • 4:30 p.m.

South Trail • Wed., Feb. 4-25 • 1:30 p.m.

Writing Clearly Intermediate

Virtual • Tue., Feb. 3-24 • 10:30 a.m.

North Orange • Tue., Feb. 3-24 • 5 p.m.

Hiawassee • Fri., Feb. 6-27 • 4:45 p.m.

Writing Clearly Advanced

Virtual • Wed., Feb. 4-25 • 10:30 a.m.

Learn American Sign Language

Discover American Sign Language in a fun and interactive way. Learn to count from 1 to 10 and the basics of finger spelling. Ages 6-12.

Alafaya • Wed., Feb. 25 • 2:30 p.m.



Spanish From Zero: Beginners With Ms. Brenda

Virtual • Tue., Feb. 3-17 • 11:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Spanish From Zero: Basics With Ms. Brenda

Virtual • Tue., Feb. 3-17 • 4 p.m.

Spanish From Zero: Intermediate With Ms. Brenda

Virtual • Tue., Feb. 3-17 • 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Bilingual Conversations with Ms. Brenda

Virtual • Mon., Feb. 2-16 • 6 p.m.

Practica Spanish for Seniors and Beyond

Practica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation.

Virtual • Wed., Feb. 4, 18 • 4 p.m.

Spanish Conversation

Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Conversational topics and themed vocabulary will be provided. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • Wed., Feb. 4-25 • 5 p.m.

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ocls.org/citizenship



AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

Celebrate African American literature in poetry, story and song, in conjunction with the 36th Annual National African American Read-In. For more information, visit ocls.org/readin.

ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY, MELROSE CENTER
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 • 2 P.M.



**Preschool Artists:
African American Illustrators** 

Let your imagination and little hands run wild with color and textures to create a masterpiece inspired by artists throughout history. Ages 3–5.

South Trail • Tue., Feb. 3 • 3 p.m.

Winter Garden • Tue., Feb. 10 • 10:30 a.m.

Washington Park • Thu., Feb. 12 • 3 p.m.

South Creek • Thu., Feb. 19 • 10:30 a.m.

Hiawassee • Wed., Feb. 25 • 3 p.m.

West Oaks • Thu., Feb. 26 • 11 a.m.

Homeschool Junior: African American Inventors 

Learning comes alive! Explore the world through crafts, experiments and hands-on activities. Ages 6–12.

Eatonville • Thu., Feb. 5 • 11:30 a.m.

African American Collage Art

Study the works of famous African American artists like Romare Bearden, then recreate art in the same style. Recommended for families.

Southeast • Fri., Feb. 6 • 4 p.m.

• Sat., Feb. 14 • 10:30 a.m.

Black History STEAM Expo 

Celebrate innovation, creativity and community at this a hands-on STEAM experience honoring Black innovators, artists and local history.

Eatonville • Mon., Feb. 16 • 11 a.m.

The Legend of John Henry 

Celebrate the African American folk hero John Henry and his famed victory over the steam drill with crafts, games, and music. Ages 6–12.

Washington Park • Wed., Feb. 18 • 4 p.m.

Winter Garden • Thu., Feb. 19 • 4:30 p.m.

Homeschool Junior: Musical Harlem 

Learning comes alive! Explore the world through crafts, experiments and hands-on activities. Ages 6–12.

North Orange • Fri., Feb. 20 • 10:30 a.m.

**Masterpiece Junior:
Masai Animal Masks** 

Discover the world of art! Together, we'll learn something new, get inspired and create a masterpiece. Ages 6–12.

Hiawassee • Tue., Feb. 24 • 4:30 p.m.

**Exceptional Artists:
Jean-Michel Basquiat** 

Come learn about artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and make an art piece inspired by his work. Ages 6–12.

Washington Park • Wed., Feb. 25 • 4 p.m.

Tall Tales of Zora Neale Hurston 

Discover the art of storytelling. Together, we'll learn about Zora Neale Hurston, get inspired and create a story for the ages. Ages 6–12.

Washington Park • Wed., Feb. 25 • 4 p.m.

Winter Garden • Thu., Feb. 19 • 4:30 p.m.

The Greatest: Muhammad Ali 

Explore the life of acclaimed boxer and activist Muhammad Ali. Join us for crafts and activities inspired by his historic legacy. Ages 13–18.

South Trail • Wed., Feb. 25 • 4 p.m.

**Preschool Storytime:
Zora's Butterfly Garden** 

Celebrate Zora Neale Hurston and her history by learning about folklore through singing, talking, playing, writing and reading. Ages 3–5.

North Orange • Thu., Feb. 26 • 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden • Thu., Feb. 26 • 10:30 a.m.

Libraries With Heart: Monitor Your Blood Pressure

Learn a simple and efficient way to monitor your blood pressure at home, view diagrams on how to check your blood pressure accurately, access logs to track monitor readings and more.

Chickasaw • Thu., Feb. 12 • 11 a.m. 

South Trail • Tue., Feb. 17 • 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 17 • 4:30 p.m.



Spring Cleaning for the Soul  

Learn mindfulness practices like meditation, chair yoga and positive affirmations. Ages 18 and up.

Eatonville • Wed., Feb. 4 • 3 p.m.

Washington Park • Mon., Feb. 23 • 11 a.m.

Loving Healthy Hearts for Seniors 

Learn to use the library's Blood Pressure Measurement kits and make a heart craft.

South Creek • Tue., Feb. 17 • 10:30 a.m.

Community Resource Fair

OBT Development Board's Safety Task

Force will provide services and other resources for unsheltered and homeless individuals and families, in partnership with the library's heart health initiative.

South Trail • Tue., Feb. 17 • 11 a.m.

Alafaya • Sun., Feb. 15 • 2 p.m.

Chickasaw • Mon., Feb. 16 • 11 a.m.

Creative Coloring For Seniors: Winter  

Coloring can be a relaxing, childlike way to unwind. We'll measure your blood pressure to see if it reduces stress. Ages 18 and up.

Hiawassee • Wed., Feb. 25 • 4 p.m.

Find Calm: Stress Relief for Busy Days  

Support healthy heart habits with deep breathing and chair yoga.

Southeast • Fri., Feb. 27 • 4 p.m.

These programs will include instruction on monitoring blood pressure as part of Libraries With Heart, a partnership with the American Heart Association and HCA Florida Healthcare.



Information Session:
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 4-6 P.M.

Game Jam Development Resources Will Be Available:
FEBRUARY 19, 6-10 P.M.
FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 10 A.M.-10 P.M.
FEBRUARY 22, 9 A.M.-NOON

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

Cash Prizes
1st Place: \$700
2nd Place: \$500
3rd Place: \$300

This jam is a high-energy, timed video game development competition that brings together indie developers, artists, designers and creators for an unforgettable creative experience. Whether you're a seasoned developer or a newcomer eager to learn, the Orlando Game Jam is the perfect opportunity to experiment, meet other creators and bring your ideas to life. Teams will build a game from scratch, compete for cash prizes and have the chance to showcase their games at the **Orlando Gaming EXPO**. Join the challenge!

For rules and to register, visit ocls.org/gamejam.



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1-5:30 P.M.

ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY, MELROSE CENTER

The Orlando Gaming EXPO is a vibrant celebration of game development and gaming culture in Central Florida. Join us as the community comes together to explore and play the games created during the Orlando Game Jam. The EXPO features hands-on demos, developer showcases and networking opportunities for gamers, creators and industry professionals alike. It's an exciting afternoon dedicated to innovation, creativity and community – highlighting the incredible talent driving Orlando's growing game development scene.

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

Celebrate 30 years of exploration, discovery, trading and battling through your favorite franchise with the Melrose Makerspace!

Trading Card Deck Box

Build and paint your own card deck box made of laser-cut wood.
[Orlando Public Library • Sun., Feb. 15 • 4 p.m.](#)

Advanced Foamsmithing: Custom Capture Balls

Capture your favorite pocket monsters in style with custom capture balls made from EVA foam.
[Orlando Public Library • Mon., Feb. 16, 23 • 3 p.m.](#)

Creature Comforts Book Nook

Assemble a laser-cut book nook inspired by pocket sized monsters.
[Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 17 • 4:30 p.m.](#)

Sleepy Salamander Tealight

Paint your own sleepy salamander tealight and give it a cozy home.
[Orlando Public Library • Fri., Feb. 20 • 3:30 p.m.](#)



Meetups

Stitching Stories

Share your love of knitting, crochet, weaving and more while connecting with fellow crafters in a relaxed, creative space. Ages 18 and up.
[Hiawassee • Mon., Feb. 2 • 4 p.m.](#)

Fiber Arts Meetup

Be sure to bring your work in progress, yarn and tools. All levels are welcome.
[Chickasaw • Tue., Feb. 3-24 • 4:30 p.m.](#)
[North Orange • Tue., Feb. 3 • 4 p.m.](#)
[Alafaya • Fri., Feb. 20 • 4 p.m.](#)

Seniors Crochet Meetup

Create lap blankets and beanies for the elderly and patients battling chemotherapy.
[Chickasaw • Fri., Feb. 6, 20 • 3 p.m.](#)
• Sat., Feb. 7, 21 • 3 p.m.

Meet and Make Knitting Group

Be sure to bring your work in progress, yarn and tools. All levels are welcome.
[Windermere • Tue., Feb. 10 • 10:30 a.m.](#)

Knitting Level 1

Learn basic techniques while creating your first project, a bookmark for your favorite read.
[Chickasaw • Tue., Feb. 10 • 10:30 a.m.](#)

Crochet Level 1

Learn basic techniques while creating your first project, a bookmark for your favorite read.
[Chickasaw • Tue., Feb. 10 • 3 p.m.](#)

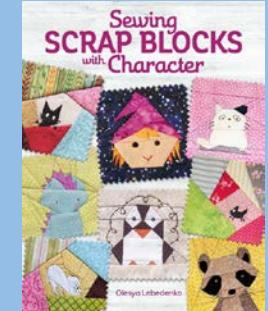
Knitting Level 2

Level up your knitting. Learn how to combine knit and purl stitches to create smooth fabric.
[Chickasaw • Tue., Feb. 17 • 10:30 a.m.](#)

Crochet Granny Squares

Granny squares are the foundation of many blankets, bags and sweaters.
[North Orange • Tue., Feb. 17 • 4 p.m.](#)

FEATURED BOOK



Sewing Scrap Blocks With Character
by Olesya Lebedenko

Create adorable scrap blocks like you've never seen! This one-of-a-kind book features more than 60 fresh and modern patchwork character patterns organized by season, holiday or specific category – including baby animals and even cat yoga poses!

Sewing

Sewing: Introduction to the Sewing Machine

Learn about sewing safety, basic sewing machine skills and stitching seams.
[Hiawassee • Thu., Feb. 5 • 3:30 p.m.](#)
[North Orange • Sat., Feb. 7 • 10:30 a.m.](#)

Hand Sewing Basics

Learn how to make a quilter's knot, thread a needle and sew a running stitch.
[Hiawassee • Wed., Feb. 11 • 4 p.m.](#)

Sewing: Easy Fabric Corner Bookmark

Create a fun corner bookmark, a perfect gift for any book lover or yourself.
[Chickasaw • Sat., Feb. 14 • 11 a.m.](#)

Sewing: Pillowcase

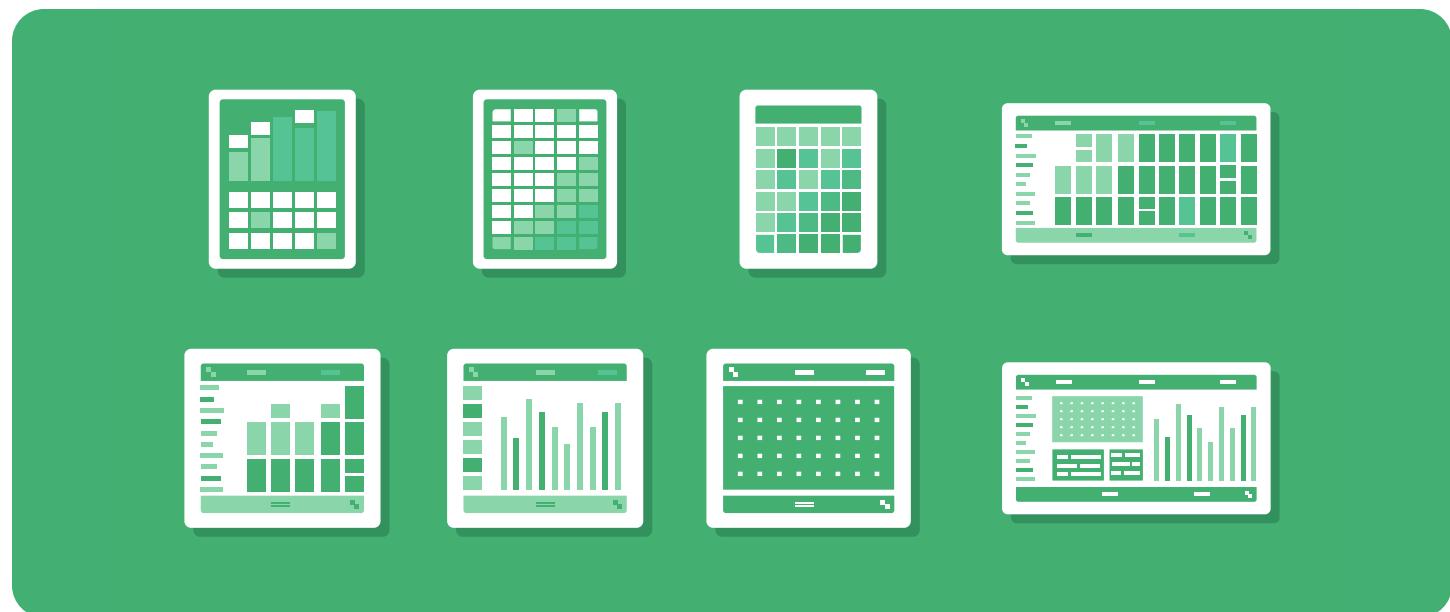
Create a classic pillowcase with a contrasting cuff. Students are required to bring fabric.
[Hiawassee • Thu., Feb. 19 • 3:30 p.m.](#)

Sewing: Patterns and Fabric

Learn to read a sewing pattern, how to layout fabric and prepare material for a project.
[North Orange • Sat., Feb. 21 • 10:30 a.m.](#)

Sewing Open Lab

Participants are required to bring their own materials. Machine sewing skills are required.
[Chickasaw • Sat., Feb. 28 • 2 p.m.](#)



Microsoft Excel Level 1

Start using Excel today. Input, format and save data in spreadsheets. Calculate data with basic formulas. Save your data and learn how to share workbooks with collaborators.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Feb. 2 • 10:30 a.m.

Windermere • Mon., Feb. 2 • 10:30 a.m.

Virtual • Mon., Feb. 2 • 5:30 p.m.

• Thu., Feb. 12 • 3:30 p.m.

Eatonville • Tue., Feb. 3 • 11:30 a.m.

Southwest • Wed., Feb. 4 • 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw • Wed., Feb. 4 • 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya • Wed., Feb. 4 • 5:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores • Thu., Feb. 5, 19 • 10:30 a.m.

Southeast • Thu., Feb. 5 • 5:30 p.m.

North Orange • Fri., Feb. 6 • 2:30 p.m.

Hiawassee • Fri., Feb. 6 • 3 p.m.

Washington Park • Wed., Feb. 25 • 3:15 p.m.

Microsoft Excel Level 3

Calculate data with basic functions SUM and AVERAGE. Use auto features including auto and flash fill to streamline your workflow. Transfer data with ease using Excel's copy and paste features.

Eatonville • Thu., Feb. 5 • 11:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Feb. 9 • 10:30 a.m.

Windermere • Mon., Feb. 9 • 10:30 a.m.

Southwest • Wed., Feb. 11 • 10:15 a.m.

Fairview Shores • Thu., Feb. 12, 26 • 10:30 a.m.

Virtual • Mon., Feb. 16 • 5:30 p.m.

• Thu., Feb. 19 • 3:30 p.m.

Chickasaw • Wed., Feb. 18 • 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya • Wed., Feb. 18 • 5:30 p.m.

Southeast • Thu., Feb. 19 • 5:30 p.m.

Hiawassee • Fri., Feb. 20 • 3 p.m.

North Orange • Fri., Feb. 20 • 4 p.m.

Microsoft Excel Nivel 1

Comience a usar Excel hoy mismo. Ingrese, formatee y guarde datos en hojas de cálculo. Calcule datos con fórmulas básicas. Guarde sus datos y aprenda a compartir libros de trabajo con colaboradores.

Chickasaw • Lun., 2 de Feb. • 10:30 a.m.

Washington Park • Jue., 12 de Feb. • 4 p.m.

Virtual • Vie., 13 de Feb. • 10 a.m.

North Orange • Vie., 13 de Feb. • 2:30 p.m.

Microsoft Excel Nivel 2

Personalice y organice hojas de trabajo con nombres, códigos de colores, encabezados, temas y más. Proteja sus hojas de trabajo con una contraseña y aprenda a imprimir sus hojas de cálculos.

Chickasaw • Lun., 9 de Feb. • 10:30 a.m.

Washington Park • Jue., 12 de Feb. • 5:15 p.m.

Virtual • Vie., 13 de Feb. • 11:30 a.m.

North Orange • Vie., 26 de Feb. • 2:30 p.m.

Microsoft Excel Level 4

Use absolute and relative references to ensure your data is calculated accurately.

Analyze data by using functions like COUNT. Visually represent your data with tools like recommended charts.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Feb. 9 • 11:45 a.m.

Windermere • Mon., Feb. 2 • 11:45 a.m.

Eatonville • Wed., Feb. 4 • 11:30 a.m.

Southwest • Wed., Feb. 4 • 11:30 a.m.

Fairview Shores • Thu., Feb. 5, 19 • 11:45 a.m.

Virtual • Mon., Feb. 9 • 5:30 p.m.

• Thu., Feb. 12 • 5 p.m.

Chickasaw • Wed., Feb. 11 • 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya • Wed., Feb. 11 • 5:30 p.m.

Southeast • Thu., Feb. 12 • 5:30 p.m.

Alafaya • Wed., Feb. 25 • 5:30 p.m.

Southeast • Thu., Feb. 26 • 5:30 p.m.

Hiawassee • Fri., Feb. 13 • 3 p.m.

North Orange • Fri., Feb. 20 • 2:30 p.m.

Washington Park • Wed., Feb. 25 • 4:30 p.m.

Microsoft Excel Nivel 3

Calcule datos con las funciones básicas SUM y AVERAGE. Utilice las funciones automatizadas, para optimizar su flujo de trabajo.

Chickasaw • Lun., 16 de Feb. • 10:30 a.m.

Virtual • Vie., 27 de Feb. • 10 a.m.

North Orange • Vie., 27 de Feb. • 4 p.m.

Microsoft Excel Nivel 4

Utilice referencias absolutas y relativas para asegurarse de que los datos se calculen con precisión. Analice los datos mediante funciones como COUNT.

Chickasaw • Lun., 23 de Feb. • 10:30 a.m.

Virtual • Vie., 27 de Feb. • 11:30 a.m.



Storytimes at Harry P. Leu Gardens

Baby Tales at Harry P. Leu Gardens

Featuring rhythm, rhymes and repetition, this lap-time program supports early literacy, motor skills, language development and a love of books for babies. Ages 0–18 months.

Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, FL 32803 • Mon., Feb. 2 • 10 a.m.

Preschool Tales at Harry P. Leu Gardens

Through picture books, songs and stories, preschoolers build early literacy skills and prepare for reading and writing by talking, singing, reading and playing. Ages 3–5.

Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, FL 32803 • Mon., Feb. 2 • 10:40 a.m.

Toddler Tales at Harry P. Leu Gardens

Through movement, storytelling and songs, toddlers build early literacy, listening and verbal skills while developing motor coordination and discovering the joy of books. Ages 18–36 months.

Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, FL 32803 • Mon., Feb. 2 • 10:20 a.m.



Farmer's Market Storytime at Lake Eola

Reading together is a wonderful way to bond and learn from one another.

Bring your family together for fun stories that are designed for all ages.

Lake Eola Park, 512 E. Washington St., Orlando, FL 32801 • Sun., Feb. 7 • 10:30 a.m.

Storytime at Orlando Executive Airport

The use of picture books, songs and told stories will encourage your child to read, talk, sing and play. Ages 0–5. Storytime lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Orlando Executive Airport, 365 Rickenbacker Drive, Orlando, FL 32803 • Tue., Feb. 10 • 10:30 a.m.

Storytime in the Garden

Join us at the historical Nehrling Gardens to hear a story and complete a craft.

Nehrling Gardens, 2267 Hempel Ave., Gotha, FL 34734 • Sat., Feb. 14 • 10 a.m.

Tales From the Farm

Presented by the Central Florida Fair

Join us for a farm-themed storytime followed by an animal meet and greet. Attend to receive a free general admission student ticket to the 114th annual Central Florida Fair, happening February 26–March 8.

South Creek • Thu., Feb. 5 • 10:30 a.m.

South Trail • Sat., Feb. 7 • 4 p.m.



Family Fun: Game Time

Come play board games and card games with family and friends.

Alafaya • Sun., Feb. 1 • 2 p.m.

Mindful Start Family Yoga

Flow-through an imaginative journey filled with puppets, parachute games and relaxing rest time.

Winter Garden • Mon., Feb. 2–23 • 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Southwest • Tue., Feb. 3–24 • 1 p.m.

West Oaks • Wed., Feb. 4–25 • 10 a.m.

Windermere • Fri., Feb. 27 • 2 p.m.

Family Play & Connect

Connect with other caregivers while your little ones explore imaginary play. Ages 0–5.

Hiawassee • Mon., Feb. 2–23 • 10:45 a.m.

Fairview Shores • Mon., Feb. 2–23 • 11 a.m.

Chickasaw • Tue., Feb. 3–24 • 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville • Tue., Feb. 3–24 • 10:45 a.m.

West Oaks • Tue., Feb. 3–24 • 11:30 a.m.

Southeast • Tue., Feb. 3–24 • 5:15 p.m.

• Wed., Feb. 4–25 • 11:15 a.m.

• Mon., Feb. 16, 23 • 11 a.m.

Winter Garden • Wed., Feb. 4–18 • 11 a.m.

South Trail • Fri., Feb. 6–27 • 10:45 a.m.

Family Fun: Chess

All experience levels are welcome and chess sets are available for play.

Fairview Shores • Tue., Feb. 3–24 • 3:30 p.m.

Winter Garden • Wed., Feb. 11, 25 • 4:30 p.m.

North Orange • Thu., Feb. 12, 26 • 5 p.m.

Family Fun: Storytime Crafts

Drop-in before or after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Ages 0–5.

North Orange • Wed., Feb. 4–25 • 10:30 a.m.

Southwest • Thu., Feb. 5–26 • 10 a.m.

Family Fun: Ballet

Learn introductory and foundational movements and steps of ballet for any age.

Alafaya • Sat., Feb. 7 • 10:30 a.m.

ARTventures

Explore the Harlem Renaissance by creating your own masterpiece.

Fairview Shores • Sat., Feb. 7 • 3 p.m.

Family Fun: Watercolor Valentine's Day Cards

Create heartfelt, hand-painted Valentine's Day cards together as a family.

Hiawassee • Sat., Feb. 7 • 4 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons

Join us for dungeons and dragons inspired by your favorite fantasy lands.

Washington Park • Tue., Feb. 10, 24 • 4:30 p.m.

Family Fun: Crafternoons

Get ready for an hour of crafting fun.

South Trail • Fri., Feb. 13 • 4 p.m.

Family Fun: Chalk Art

Create your favorite designs and decorate the library sidewalks together.

Alafaya • Sat., Feb. 14 • 10:15 a.m.

Chocolate-Dipped Pretzel Wands

Create magical treats by dipping pretzel rods into melted chocolate.

Chickasaw • Sat., Feb. 14 • 11 a.m.

Family Fun: Box Engineers

Families will work together to design and construct an architectural marvel.

Alafaya • Sat., Feb. 14 • 2 p.m.

Family Sensory Storytime

Promote your child's literacy and learning in a welcoming storytime specially designed for kids with sensory integration challenges.

Chickasaw • Mon., Feb. 16 • 11 a.m.

Literature in Color

Honor the contributions of African Americans to the world of literature. Learn about noteworthy African American authors, their notable works and make a book yourself.

South Trail • Thu., Feb. 19 • 4:30 p.m.

Zora Neale Hurston: Amazing Anthropology!

Do you have what it takes to dive into a culture like Zora Neale Hurston? Explore the field of anthropology and create an anthropological study.

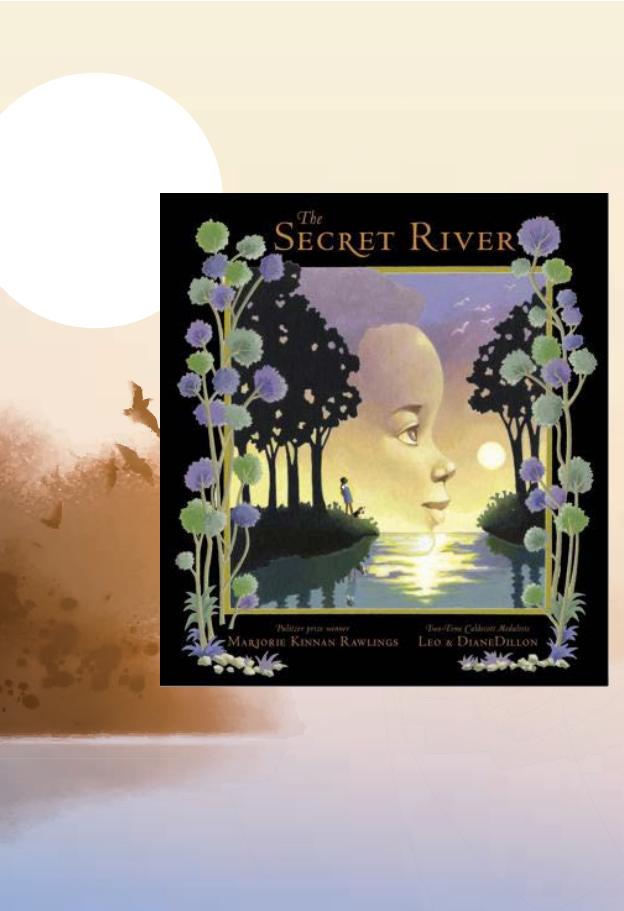
Southeast • Fri., Feb. 20 • 4 p.m.

• Sat., Feb. 28 • 10:30 a.m.

Opera Orlando Presents: The Secret River

Let your imagination take hold as Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings "herself" reads *The Secret River* accompanied by music themed around nature, storytelling and resilience.

Eatonville • Sat., Feb. 21 • 11 a.m.





Florida Children's Museum: Mobile Museum Library Program

Drop in to hear stories, explore art, use your senses and play through hands-on fun. Sponsored by Orlando Health.

Alafaya • Mon., Feb. 2 • 10:15 a.m.
North Orange • Tue., Feb. 3 • 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden • Thu., Feb. 5 • 10:30 a.m.
Southwest • Fri., Feb. 6 • 10:30 a.m.

Baby (Ages 0–18 Months)

Baby Storytime

Build baby's first literacy skills with songs, rhymes and stories.
North Orange • Mon., Feb. 2–23 • 10:30 a.m.
Southwest • Mon., Feb. 2–23 • 11 a.m.
Winter Garden • Thu., Feb. 3, 12 • 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Feb. 7–28 • 11:30 a.m.
West Oaks • Thu., Feb. 12 • 11 a.m.

Bilingual Baby Storytime: Amor / Love

Introduce bilingual literacy in English and Spanish through songs, rhymes and stories.
Southeast • Mon., Feb. 2 • 10:15 a.m.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Build baby's first literacy skills with songs, rhymes and stories.
Orlando Public Library • Mon., Feb. 2–23 • 10:30 a.m.

Baby Play & Connect

Connect with other caregivers while your babies explore early play together.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Feb. 2–23 • 11 a.m.
Southeast • Mon., Feb. 2 • 11 a.m.
South Creek • Mon., Feb. 2–23 • 11:30 a.m.
Southwest • Mon., Feb. 2–23 • 11:30 a.m.
Windermere • Thu., Feb. 5–26 • 11:35 a.m.
Winter Garden • Fri., Feb. 6–27 • 11:35 a.m.
Alafaya • Fri., Feb. 6–27 • 11:45 a.m.
West Oaks • Thu., Feb. 12 • 11:30 a.m.
North Orange • Mon., Feb. 23 • 11 a.m.

Toddler (Ages 18–36 Months)

Artsy Toddler

Discover colors, textures, and materials through stories, songs and art activities.
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 3 • 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw • Wed., Feb. 4 • 11 a.m.
North Orange • Tue., Feb. 10 • 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya • Wed., Feb. 11 • 10:30 a.m.
Southwest • Wed., Feb. 11 • 11 a.m.
Eatonville • Fri., Feb. 13 • 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Play & Connect

Connect with other caregivers while your little ones explore imaginary play.

Fairview Shores • Tue., Feb. 3–24 • 11 a.m.
Alafaya • Wed., Feb. 4 • 10:30 a.m.
Southwest • Wed., Feb. 4–25 • 11:30 a.m.
Southeast • Mon., Feb. 9 • 11 a.m.
North Orange • Tue., Feb. 17 • 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 17, 24 • 11 a.m.
Alafaya • Fri., Feb. 6–27 • 11:45 a.m.
West Oaks • Thu., Feb. 19 • 11:30 a.m.
Hiawassee • Fri., Feb. 20 • 11:30 a.m.
South Creek • Thu., Feb. 26 • 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Sensory Playtime

Encourage your child to explore their curiosity and creativity in this unstructured playtime.
Southeast • Thu., Feb. 5–26 • 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Party: Sock Hop

Party time! Put on your most fun socks, kick your shoes off and come get your boogie on. Children will enjoy a lively storytime followed by crafts, treats and plenty of dancing.

Winter Garden • Wed., Feb. 18 • 2:30 p.m.



Preschool (Ages 3–5)

Preschool Storytime

Preschoolers will delight in interactive stories, songs and rhymes that inspire a love of reading and build early literacy skills.

Virtual • Mon., Feb. 2–23 • 11 a.m.
• Mon., Feb. 2–23 • 7 p.m.
Southwest • Tue., Feb. 3–24 • 11 a.m.
Fairview Shores • Thu., Feb. 5–26 • 11 a.m.
Alafaya • Tue., Feb. 10 • 11 a.m.
South Creek • Thu., Feb. 12 • 10:30 a.m.
Southeast • Mon., Feb. 16, 23 • 10:15 a.m.
• Tue., Feb. 17 • 4:30 p.m.
Eatonville • Wed., Feb. 25 • 10:15 a.m.

Mindful Play Learning: Yoga for Preschoolers

Playfully uses yoga and imagination to teach early learners social-emotional skills, support cognitive development and enhance creativity.

Eatonville • Tue., Feb. 3–24 • 10:15 a.m.
Chickasaw • Thu., Feb. 5–26 • 11 a.m.

Preschool STEAM

Exploration meets early learning in this hands-on STEAM program for curious preschoolers.

Eatonville • Tue., Feb. 3 • 4 p.m.
Southeast • Tue., Feb. 10 • 4:30 p.m.
North Orange • Thu., Feb. 19 • 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya • Tue., Feb. 24 • 11 a.m.

Preschool Chef

Caregivers and little chefs will mix, measure and create a tasty masterpiece together.

Southeast • Tue., Feb. 3 • 4:30 p.m.
North Orange • Thu., Feb. 5 • 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Feb. 11 • 10:30 a.m.
Washington Park • Fri., Feb. 13 • 4 p.m.
Winter Garden • Tue., Feb. 24 • 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville • Thu., Feb. 26 • 4 p.m.
Hiawassee • Fri., Feb. 27 • 11 a.m.



Growing Up WILD: Bird Beak Buffet

Get back to nature and explore wild Florida with hands-on activities designed to teach and increase awareness and appreciation for the outdoors.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Feb. 25 • 10:30 a.m.

Bilingual Preschool Storytime

Explore stories, songs and rhymes in English and Spanish to strengthen language, early literacy and pre-reading skills.

Winter Garden • Wed., Feb. 4–25 • 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw • Wed., Feb. 11 • 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Feb. 18 • 10:30 a.m.

Southeast • Tue., Feb. 24 • 4:30 p.m.

Ready, Set, Preschool!

Engage in hands-on activities that build early literacy skills, creativity and kindergarten readiness.

Windermere • Wed., Feb. 4 • 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks • Thu., Feb. 5 • 11 a.m.

Washington Park • Thu., Feb. 19 • 3 p.m.

Storybook Fun

Picture books, songs and stories will encourage your child to read, talk, sing, write and play.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Feb. 7–28 • 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Stories & Stretches

Wiggle and stretch to stories, songs and rhymes, focusing on motor development.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Feb. 4 • 10:30 a.m.

Hiawassee • Fri., Feb. 6 • 11 a.m.

Alafaya • Wed., Feb. 25 • 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw • Wed., Feb. 25 • 11 a.m.

Preschool Artists

Let your imagination and little hands run wild with color and textures to create a masterpiece.

Hiawassee • Wed., Feb. 11 • 3 p.m.

Alafaya • Tue., Feb. 17 • 11 a.m.

STORYTELLER TALES

Presented by Orange County Library System's Professional Storytelling Troupe

Baby Tales (Ages 0–18 Months)

South Creek • Mon. • 11:15 a.m.
Chickasaw • Tue. • 11:15 a.m.
West Oaks • Tue. • 11:15 a.m.
North Orange • Wed. • 11:15 a.m.
Southeast • Wed. • 11:15 a.m.
Windermere • Thu. • 11:15 a.m.
Southwest • Thu. • 11:30 a.m.
Alafaya • Fri. • 11:15 a.m.
Winter Garden • Fri. • 11:15 a.m.

Toddler Tales (Ages 18–36 Months)

South Creek • Mon. • 10:45 a.m.
Chickasaw • Tue. • 10:45 a.m.
West Oaks • Tue. • 10:45 a.m.
North Orange • Wed. • 10:45 a.m.
Southeast • Wed. • 10:45 a.m.
Windermere • Thu. • 10:45 a.m.
Southwest • Thu. • 11:00 a.m.
Alafaya • Fri. • 10:45 a.m.
Winter Garden • Fri. • 10:45 a.m.

Preschool Tales (Ages 3–5)

South Creek • Mon. • 10:15 a.m.
Chickasaw • Tue. • 10:15 a.m.
West Oaks • Tue. • 10:15 a.m.
North Orange • Wed. • 10:15 a.m.
Southeast • Wed. • 10:15 a.m.
Windermere • Thu. • 10:15 a.m.
Southwest • Thu. • 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya • Fri. • 10:15 a.m.
Winter Garden • Fri. • 10:15 a.m.

Baby to Five Tales (Ages 0–5)

Hiawassee • Mon. • 10:15 a.m.
Fairview Shores • Mon. • 10:30 a.m.
Washington Park • Tue. • 10:15 a.m.
Eatonville • Thu. • 10:15 a.m.
South Trail • Fri. • 10:15 a.m.

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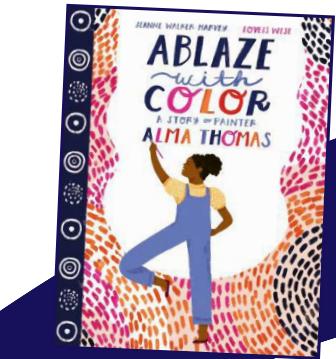
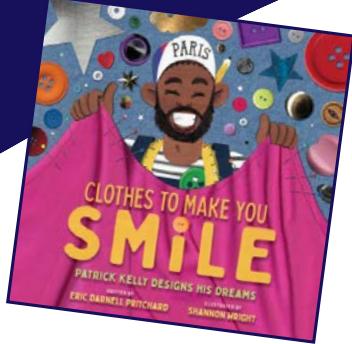
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Black History Month Heroes

Learn about the lives of scientist Katherine Johnson, painter Alma Thomas and fashion designer Patrick Kelly through crafts and activities.

South Trail • Wed., Feb. 11 • 4 p.m. 
South Creek • Wed., Feb. 18 • 4:30 p.m. 



Homeschool Junior

Explore the world through crafts, experiments and hands-on activities.

West Oaks • Mon., Feb. 2-16 • 11 a.m.

Southwest • Mon., Feb. 2-23 • 1 p.m.

Hiawassee • Wed., Feb. 4 • 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Feb. 4, 18 • 1 p.m.

North Orange • Fri., Feb. 6 • 10:30 a.m.

Windermere • Thu., Feb. 12, 26 • 1 p.m.

South Trail • Wed., Feb. 18 • 11:30 a.m.

Eatonville • Thu., Feb. 19 • 11:30 a.m.

Alafaya • Thu., Feb. 19 • 2 p.m.

South Creek • Fri., Feb. 27 • 11 a.m.

LEGO Club

Use your imagination to build! Bricks will be provided, but cannot go home with you.

West Oaks • Mon., Feb. 2, 16 • 3:30 p.m. 

Alafaya • Tue., Feb. 3-17 • 4:30 p.m. 

Fairview Shores • Tue., Feb. 3 • 4:30 p.m. 

Windermere • Tue., Feb. 3, 10, 24 • 4:30 p.m. 

South Trail • Wed., Feb. 4, 18 • 4 p.m. 

Southwest • Wed., Feb. 4-25 • 4 p.m. 

Winter Garden • Wed., Feb. 4, 18 • 4:30 p.m. 

Washington Park • Thu., Feb. 5-26 • 5 p.m. 

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Feb. 7 • 2:30 p.m. 

Hiawassee • Tue., Feb. 10 • 4:30 p.m. 

Eatonville • Tue., Feb. 17 • 4 p.m. 

Southeast • Thu., Feb. 19 • 4:30 p.m.

South Creek • Wed., Feb. 25 • 4:30 p.m.

Crafternoons

Get ready for an hour of crafting fun with friends.

Winter Garden • Mon., Feb. 2-23 • 4:30 p.m.

West Oaks • Thu., Feb. 5-26 • 3:30 p.m. 

Nurturing Nature

Protect the natural world and your community too. Presented by the City of Ocoee.

West Oaks • Wed., Feb. 4 • 4 p.m. 

Origami Adventures

Go on an origami quest traveling through the depths of the ocean.

Washington Park • Wed., Feb. 4 • 4 p.m. 

Cuisine Corner Junior

Junior chefs will follow a recipe and demonstration to whip up something delicious.

South Creek • Wed., Feb. 4 • 4:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Feb. 12 • 4 p.m.

Alafaya • Thu., Feb. 12 • 4 p.m.

West Oaks • Fri., Feb. 13 • 4 p.m.

Hiawassee • Mon., Feb. 16 • 3 p.m. 

Aquatic WILD: Are You Me?

Discover the various stages of aquatic life as they grow from baby to adult.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Feb. 5 • 4 p.m. 

Read to a Therapy Dog

Practice reading skills with a furry listener.

Winter Garden • Thu., Feb. 5 • 4 p.m. 

Alma Thomas Art

Honor African American artist Alma Thomas and create your own colorful abstract work of art.

South Trail • Thu., Feb. 5 • 4:30 p.m. 

Board Game Bonanza

Get together for a fun time with new and classic board games.

Southeast • Thu., Feb. 5 • 4:30 p.m. 

DIY Zoetrope

Come whirl and twirl your way into animation with a zoetrope.

Southeast • Fri., Feb. 6 • 4 p.m. 

READING Paws

Improve reading skills with a therapy dog.

Chickasaw • Sat., Feb. 7 • 10 a.m. 

Windermere • Sat., Feb. 14 • 11 a.m. 

Alafaya • Sat., Feb. 28 • 10 a.m. 

Galactic Groove

Get into a galactic groove with musical games that will make you move.

South Creek • Sat., Feb. 7 • 10:30 a.m. 

Chess Club

Discover the game of chess while having fun and making friends.

West Oaks • Mon., Feb. 9 • 3:30 p.m. 

Southwest • Tue., Feb. 10, 24 • 4:30 p.m. 

Windermere • Mon., Feb. 16 • 4:30 p.m. 

Pirates and the Frog

Can these scallywags turn The Frog Prince human again?

Fairview Shores • Tue., Feb. 10 • 4:30 p.m. 

Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons: Adventure Begins Board Game

Choose a character and work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 10 • 5 p.m. 

• Thu., Feb. 19 • 4 p.m. 

Masterpiece Junior

Discover the world of art! Learn something new, get inspired and create a masterpiece.

West Oaks • Wed., Feb. 11 • 4 p.m. 

North Orange • Wed., Feb. 11 • 4 p.m. 

South Creek • Wed., Feb. 11 • 4:30 p.m. 

Hiawassee • Fri., Feb. 13 • 4:30 p.m. 

South Creek • Sat., Feb. 14 • 10:30 a.m. 

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Feb. 19 • 4 p.m. 

Fairview Shores • Wed., Feb. 25 • 3:30 p.m. 

I Heart Art!

Create heart-shaped valentine crafts to surprise the special people in your life.

Washington Park • Wed., Feb. 11 • 4 p.m. 

Let's Play: Nintendo Switch

Dodge attacks, power up and battle with friends.

Washington Park • Sat., Feb. 14 • 11 a.m. 

Escape the Candy Shop

Do you have what it takes to solve puzzles and answer riddles before the grand opening?

Fairview Shores • Sat., Feb. 14 • 3 p.m. 

Windermere Winter Games

Experience the spirit of the Winter Games with three fun, sporting activities.

Windermere • Mon., Feb. 16 • 10:30 a.m. 

Super Service Dogs

Learn about tasks service dogs are trained to do and meet a real-life service dog.

Winter Garden • Tue., Feb. 17 • 4 p.m. 

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs

Children can improve their literacy skills by reading to a therapy dog.

South Creek • Sat., Feb. 21 • 10:30 a.m. 

Southwest • Sat., Feb. 28 • 10:30 a.m. 

OrisiRisi African Folklore

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

Alafaya • Mon., Feb. 9 • 4 p.m. 

Eatonville • Wed., Feb. 11 • 4 p.m. 

South Creek • Sat., Feb. 21 • 2 p.m. 

West Oaks • Wed., Feb. 25 • 10 a.m. 





STEAM Junior

Junior scientists will explore STEAM concepts to expand their minds and explore the world around them. Ages 6–12.

West Oaks • Wed., Feb. 18 • 4 p.m.
Hiawassee • Wed., Feb. 18 • 4:30 p.m.
Southwest • Thu., Feb. 19 • 4:30 p.m.
South Trail • Sat., Feb. 21 • 3 p.m.
Winter Garden • Tue., Feb. 24 • 4:30 p.m.

Code with Lightbot

Solve puzzles using sequencing, loops and conditions. Ages 6–12.
Orlando Public Library • Mon., Feb. 2 • 4 p.m.
Alafaya • Tue., Feb. 10 • 2 p.m.

Code with Rodocodo

Learn about sequencing, debugging, looping and more by completing coding puzzles with Rodocodo. Ages 6–12.
Alafaya • Mon., Feb. 2 • 4:30 p.m.
• Wed., Feb. 11 • 2:30 p.m.

LEGO Digital Builds

Create custom LEGO builds on the computer with this easy-to-use free software. Ages 6–12.
Windermere • Tue., Feb. 3 • 2 p.m.
• Fri., Feb. 6 • 2 p.m.
• Sat., Feb. 28 • 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya • Wed., Feb. 4 • 2:30 p.m.
• Thu., Feb. 12 • 4 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 17 • 10:30 a.m.

Code with JavaScript

Write real code. Explore the JavaScript programming language with characters from Star Wars. Ages 6–12.
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 3 • 4 p.m.

LEGO Education Spike Essentials: Great Adventures

Explore STEAM concepts and creative problem solving. Ages 6–12.
Washington Park • Tue., Feb. 3, 17 • 4 p.m.
Hiawassee • Wed., Feb. 4 • 4:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Feb. 4–25 • 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville • Fri., Feb. 6, 20 • 3 p.m.

North Orange • Sat., Feb. 7, 21 • 2 p.m.

South Trail • Sat., Feb. 7 • 3 p.m.

• Sat., Feb. 21 • 11 a.m.
Chickasaw • Thu., Feb. 12, 26 • 1 p.m.

Windermere • Sat., Feb. 14 • 10:30 a.m.

• Tue., Feb. 17 • 2 p.m.
• Fri., Feb. 20 • 2 p.m.

LEGO Education Spike Prime: Science & Engineering

Apply STEAM concepts with hands-on learning. Ages 6–12.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 3 • 5 p.m.

• Sun., Feb. 8–22 • 3:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores • Thu., Feb. 5–26 • 4 p.m.

Alafaya • Sun., Feb. 8–22 • 1:30 p.m.

• Mon., Feb. 9–23 • 4:30 p.m.

Bring Your Art to Life with AR

Color a magic page, then use the Quiver app to bring it to life. Ages 6–12.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Feb. 4 • 1 p.m.

• Mon., Feb. 16 • 4 p.m.

Build Robots Using Cubelets

Design and build complex robots with magnetic blocks. Ages 6–12.
Alafaya • Thu., Feb. 5, 19 • 4 p.m.

• Sun., Feb. 8 • 4 p.m.
• Fri., Feb. 13, 27 • 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 10 • 4 p.m.

Make a Stop Motion Movie

Use the Stop Motion Studio app to create a stop-motion animation movie. Ages 6–12.

Orlando Public Library • Fri., Feb. 6 • 4 p.m.

Alafaya • Sun., Feb. 15 • 4 p.m.
• Tue., Feb. 17 • 2 p.m.

• Fri., Feb. 20 • 4 p.m.

Code with SpriteBox

Play a unique platforming game that combines exploration and coding puzzles. Ages 6–12.

Alafaya • Sat., Feb. 7 • 2:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Feb. 19 • 10:30 a.m.

BandLab Songwriting: Harmony

Create your own harmony tracks in BandLab by learning how to apply functional harmony. Ages 13–18.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 10 • 2:30 p.m.

• Thu., Feb. 26 • 10:30 a.m.

BandLab Songwriting: Harmony

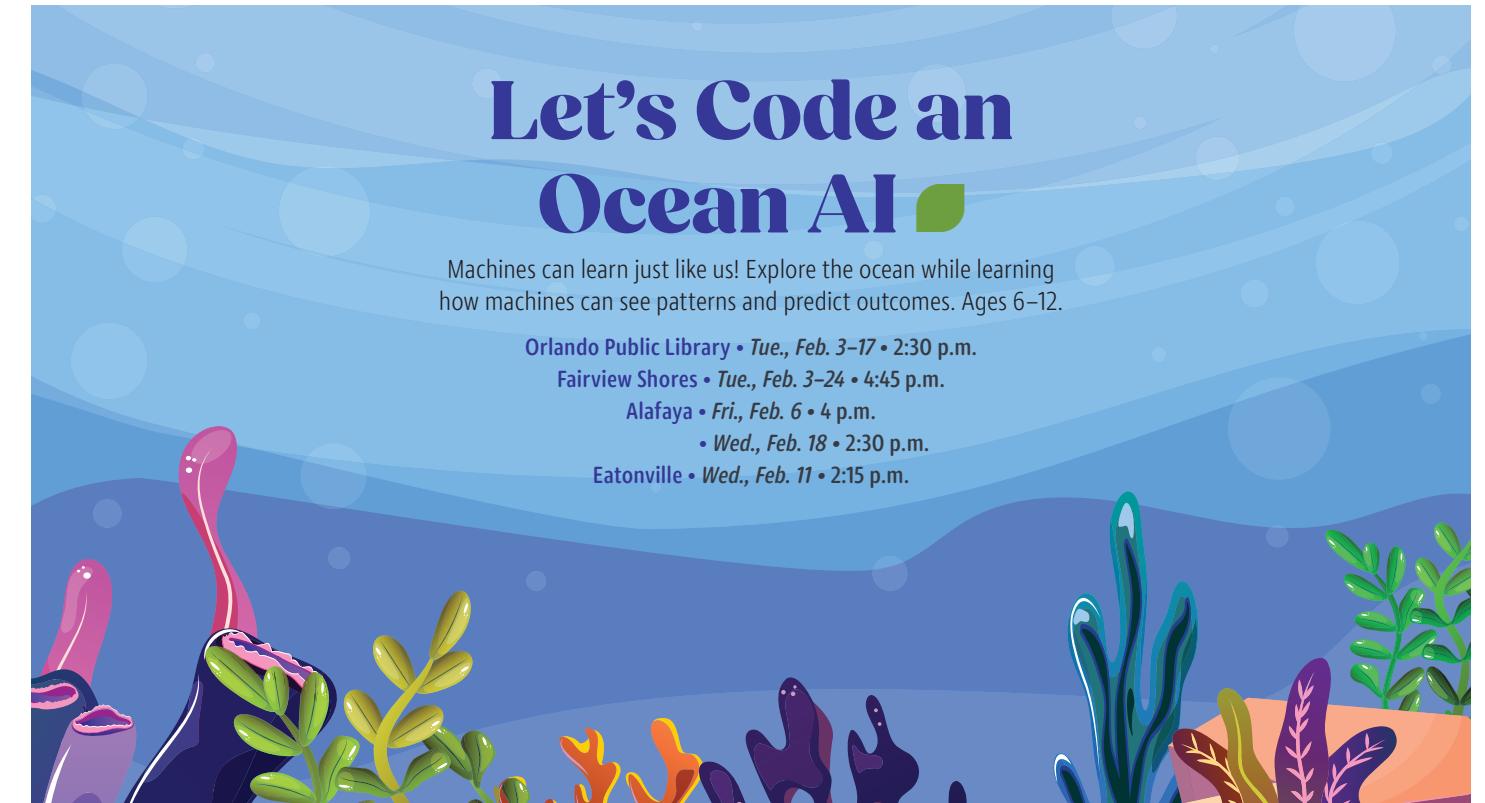
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functional harmony. Ages 13–18.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 10 • 2:30 p.m.

• Thu., Feb. 26 • 10:30 a.m.



Let's Code an Ocean AI

Machines can learn just like us! Explore the ocean while learning how machines can see patterns and predict outcomes. Ages 6–12.

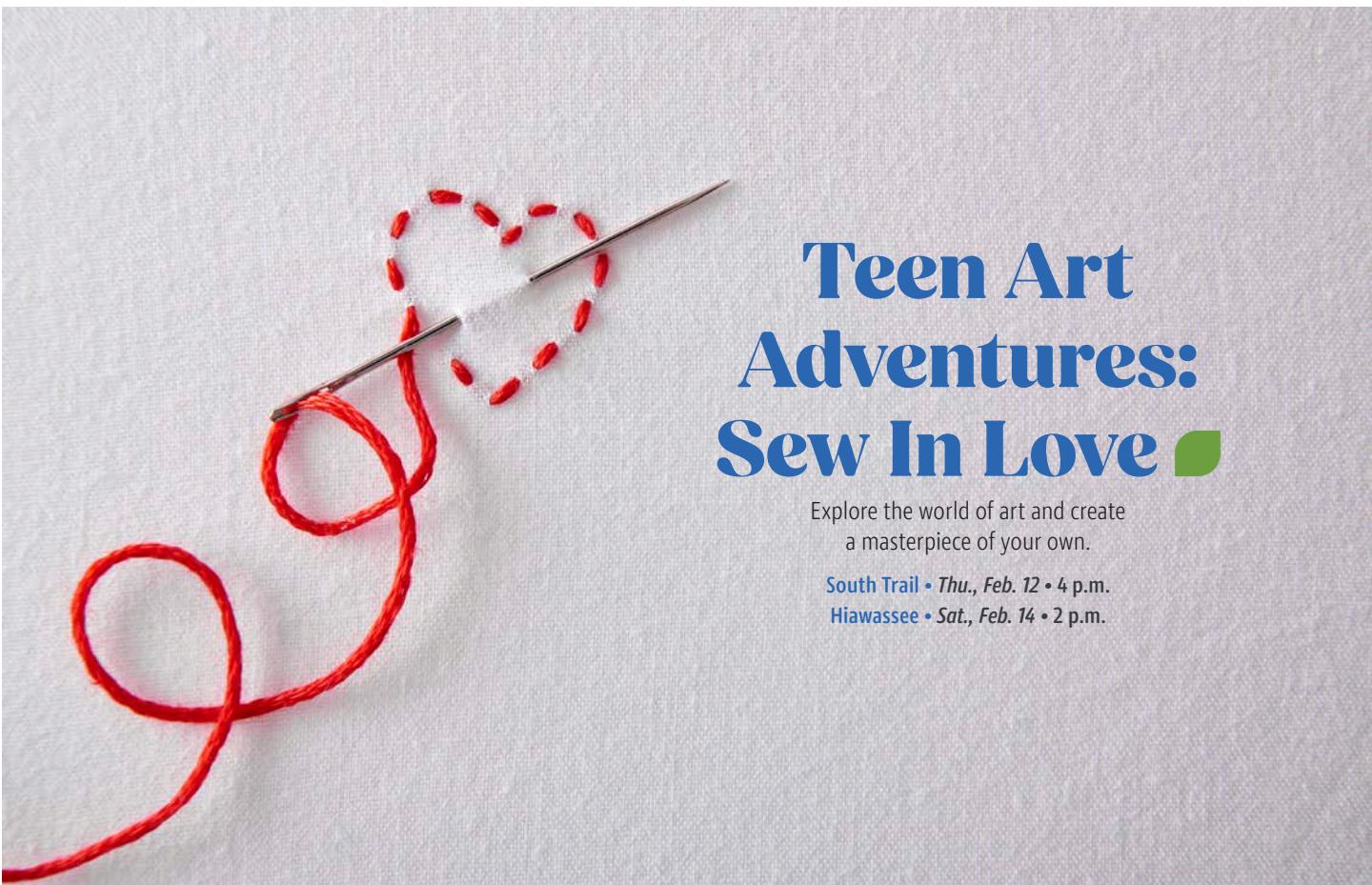
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Feb. 3–17 • 2:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores • Tue., Feb. 3–24 • 4:45 p.m.

Alafaya • Fri., Feb. 6 • 4 p.m.

• Wed., Feb. 18 • 2:30 p.m.

Eatonville • Wed., Feb. 11 • 2:15 p.m.



Teen Art Adventures: Sew In Love

Explore the world of art and create a masterpiece of your own.

South Trail • Thu., Feb. 12 • 4 p.m.
Hiawassee • Sat., Feb. 14 • 2 p.m.

Teen Cuisine: Dress Up Your Ramen

Prep for the real world with cooking tips and tricks that lead to tasty results.

North Orange • Thu., Feb. 19 • 4 p.m.

Teen Chess League

Hang out, make new friends and play games of chess in a laid-back setting. Chickasaw • Mon., Feb. 2, 16 • 4 p.m.

Middle School Advisory Board Meeting

Earn community service hours by testing out new library programs and more. Grades 6–8. Virtual • Wed., Feb. 4 • 4 p.m.

High School Advisory Board Meeting

Earn community service hours by testing out new programs and more. Grades 9–12. Virtual • Thu., Feb. 5 • 4 p.m.

Pal-entine's Day Party

Enjoy healthy smoothies, craft friendship bracelets and create Perler bead art. Southwest • Thu., Feb. 5 • 4:30 p.m.

Scratch Programming

Create a game using Scratch, a programming language and online community. Ages 13–18. Orlando Public Library • Sat., Feb. 7 • 10:30 a.m. • Wed., Feb. 11 • 5 p.m.

Teen Volunteering

Earn two hours of community service by completing volunteer tasks at the library. Eatonville • Sat., Feb. 7 • 11 a.m. South Trail • Sat., Feb. 7 • 11 a.m. West Oaks • Sat., Feb. 21 • 11 a.m.

Animanga Club

Share your love of anime and manga, complete with snacks and activities. Orlando Public Library • Sat., Feb. 7 • 2 p.m.

Gamers Guild: Magical Kitties Save the Day

Learn this tabletop role playing game of magical kitties saving their clueless humans from peril. South Creek • Sat., Feb. 7 • 2 p.m.

Teen Volunteering: Teen Literary & Creative Arts Magazines

Earn community service hours with our teen literary and creative arts magazines. Southeast • Sat., Feb. 7 • 2 p.m. Alafaya • Sat., Feb. 7 • 3 p.m. West Oaks • Sat., Feb. 7 • 3 p.m. Hiawassee • Sat., Feb. 21 • 2 p.m.

Gamers Guild: Rockband

Come play video games with other teens. Alafaya • Sun., Feb. 8 • 2 p.m.

DIY Clay Hibiscus Flower Tray

Make a custom clay hibiscus flower tray perfect for holding jewelry or trinkets. Washington Park • Mon., Feb. 9, 23 • 5 p.m.

Empowerment & Wellness Session for Teens

Make new friends, share experiences and build connections that last. Southeast • Tue., Feb. 10 • 3 p.m. Alafaya • Thu., Feb. 19 • 4 p.m.

Teen Art Adventures: Coloring Time

Dust off your crayons and markers and see if you can stay in the lines. South Creek • Sat., Feb. 14 • 2 p.m.

High School Advisory Board: Book Club

Earn community service hours by collaborating with your peers to review books and contribute ideas for booklists and literary programs. Grades 9–12. Virtual • Tue., Feb. 17 • 4 p.m.

Design Graphics Using Photoshop

Use advanced features to design and edit graphics. Ages 13–18. Orlando Public Library • Wed., Feb. 18 • 1 p.m. • Wed., Feb. 18 • 5 p.m.

Teen Takeover

Earn up to two hours of community service by assembling craft kits. South Creek • Sat., Feb. 21 • 10:30 a.m.

Build LEGO Video Games

Use Unity's LEGO Microgame builder to make characters, design landscapes and add obstacles. Alafaya • Sat., Feb. 21 • 11 a.m.

Teen Art Adventures: String Bowls

Explore the world of art and create a masterpiece of your own. Orlando Public Library • Sat., Feb. 21 • 2 p.m.

Be Safe Online

Learn safety tips and good practices when using the internet. Ages 13–18. Orlando Public Library • Sun., Feb. 22 • 1:30 p.m.

Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons: Adventure Begins TTRPG

Learn to play D&D with the Adventure Begins. Choose a character and work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters. Orlando Public Library • Mon., Feb. 23 • 4 p.m.

Teen Felt Craft

Create your own felt photo card holder and bring in your favorite photo. Fairview Shores • Tue., Feb. 24 • 4:30 p.m.

Improve Your Interview Skills

Learn about the interview process and what you can do to better prepare yourself for the big day. Washington Park • Thu., Feb. 26 • 4 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons

A one-shot adventure for teens. Players of all experience welcome. Windermere • Sat., Feb. 28 • Noon

Gamers Guild: Dungeons & Dragons: The Legend of Drizzt

Leave Monopoly at home and come game at the library. South Creek • Sat., Feb. 28 • 2 p.m.

Teen Art Adventures: Doodle Art

Explore the world of art and create a masterpiece of your own. Hiawassee • Sat., Feb. 28 • 2 p.m.

Teen Cuisine: Boba Tea!

Prep for the real world with cooking tips and tricks that lead to tasty results. Fairview Shores • Sat., Feb. 28 • 3 p.m.



Library Locations

All library locations are open Monday–Saturday

Monday–Thursday • 10 a.m.–7 p.m. | Friday–Saturday • 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Locations with Sunday Hours • 1–6 p.m. 

Alafaya Branch

12000 E. Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32826

North Orange Branch

1211 E. Semoran Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703

Southwest Branch

7255 Della Drive
Orlando, FL 32819

Chickasaw Branch

870 N. Chickasaw Trail
Orlando, FL 32825

Orlando Public Library

101 E. Central Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32801

Washington Park Branch

5151 Raleigh St., Suite A
Orlando, FL 32811

Eatonville Branch

200 E. Kennedy Blvd.
Eatonville, FL 32751

South Creek Branch

1702 Deerfield Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32837

West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center

1821 E. Silver Star Road
Ocoee, FL 34761

Fairview Shores Branch

902 Lee Road, Suite 26
Orlando, FL 32810

South Trail Branch

4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL 32839

Windermere Branch

530 Main St.
Windermere, FL 34786

Hiawassee Branch

7391 W. Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32818

Southeast Branch

5575 S. Semoran Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32822

Winter Garden Branch

805 E. Plant St.
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Book Drop Locations

Avalon Park

Tanja King Park
13001 Tanja King Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32828

Fashion Square

Fashion Square Mall
3505 E. Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32803

Horizon West

Hamlin Town Center
14416 Shoreside Way
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Lake Nona

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12350 Narcoossee Rd.
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