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The Dorothy Melrose Center celebrates its fifth anniversary with the 2019 Melrose Creative Expo

(Orlando, FL) The 2019 Melrose Creative Expo marks the fifth anniversary of the Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation and Creativity. Join us on Saturday, February 16 from 1–4 p.m. for an afternoon of family-friendly activities throughout the Melrose Center, including virtual reality and video green screen demonstrations, live audio recording sessions, short film screenings, theatre performances, photo studio portraits and vehicle simulator experiences. Visit with a host of exhibitors from the tech and creative communities, and help us celebrate the best audio, video, photo and digital design projects created during the past year at the Melrose Awards presentation.

Throughout its first five years, the Melrose Center has allowed the Orange County Library System to significantly expand its role as a provider of technology education, allowing customers to gain the understanding required to be a contributor to and consumer of emerging technologies. Signing up to use the Melrose Center is easy – library patrons can become members by completing a short orientation, opening the door to a number of creative possibilities. The Melrose Center offers state of the art audio, video and photo studios, fabrication and simulation labs, an interactive media wall, editing bays, sound booths, collaborative work spaces and the means to pursue virtual reality and video game development.

The Melrose Center is also about collaboration and community. Staff hold monthly meetups pertaining to audio, video, photo, design, theatre and makerspace activities, while local groups also host meetups on topics ranging from robotics and podcasting to web development and game design. Events such as Technoween, the Melrose Film Festival, Melrose in the Mix: Live Recording Sessions, Open Mic: The Voice of Melrose, and Script Orlando, further define the Center as a venue for emerging and established performers as well as inspirational and informative speakers from across Central Florida.

The Melrose Creative Expo provides the perfect opportunity to explore all the amazing resources the Melrose Center has to offer. Come see for yourself, help us celebrate our first five years, and learn how you can be a part of the next five!

Melrose Meetups: Design – Digital Painting Color Blocking

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

Saturday, February 9, 4 p.m.

Color blocking digital art can help an artist to render a better-quality digital painting. Discuss and learn how this very important step is applied and can expedite the digital painting process.

Melrose Meetups: Audio – Start Making Money with Your Music

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

Wednesday, February 13, 6 p.m.

Michael Redman, author of *The Best Jobs In The Music Industry*, shares his insights regarding music supervisors and music libraries.

Melrose Meetups: Video – Fundamentals of Screenwriting

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

Wednesday, February 20, 6 p.m.

If you are new to screenwriting or planning to write a script, this event is just for you! Learn the basics of script formatting, get some useful tips and see a demo of a free script writing software.

Melrose Meetups: Design – Digital Painting Rendering

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

Saturday, February 23, 4 p.m.

The rendering process can convey more realism into digital art by accurately painting highlights and shadows. Explore rendering techniques that can greatly impact the quality of your digital painting.

Melrose Meetups: Maker – Makerspace Jewelry

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

Tuesday, February 26, 6 p.m.

Join us in the Fab Lab to create pieces of jewelry and art using a variety of tools and materials.

NEW! Motion Capture Fundamentals

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

Saturday, February 23, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26, 4 p.m.

Discover the world of motion capture animation. Using the Perception Neuron motion capture suit and Axis Neuron software, learn techniques to record, edit and export motion capture data.

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