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**Sunshine State Award-winning authors visit the library, plus Black History Month programming this February**

This February, the Orange County Library System welcomes two Sunshine State award-winning authors for a special meet and greet. Author and illustrator of *Catstronauts*, Drew Brockington, visits the Alafaya branch and the Winter Garden branch on February 22. Victoria Jamieson, author and illustrator of the Newbery honor book *Roller Girl* and *All's Faire in Middle School*, will be at the Southwest branch and the Alafaya branch on February 22 as well. Both authors will share their experiences and stories from their books, followed by a book signing. See below for more details.

The library honors Black History month with fun and educational programming the entire family can enjoy. Experience the beauty of African life and culture through a unique folkloric performance during OrisiRisi African Folklore. They will be visiting multiple library branches throughout the month. See below for times and locations.

If you have any questions about the information shared below, contact us as 407-835-7323. Check us out online at [ocls.info](http://ocls.info) for a complete listing of all library events.

**Animal Storytime Presented by the Central Florida Fair**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, February 1, 11:30 a.m.*

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, February 1, 2 p.m.*

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Monday, February 3, 11 a.m.*

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.*

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

*Saturday, February 8, 2:30 p.m.*

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

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

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

*Saturday, February 15, 3 p.m.*

Hear a furry tale followed by an animal meet and greet! Visiting animals will vary by location.

**The REP Readers Featuring: *Anne of Green Gables***

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

*Saturday, February 1, 2:30 p.m.*

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, February 8, 2 p.m.*

Discover theater in a whole new way through this unique, interactive workshop! Participants will receive a voucher to attend an upcoming performance of *Anne of Green Gables* at Orlando Repertory Theatre.

**Steven Universe Spectacular**

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Saturday, February 1, 2:30 p.m.*

Snacks, music, crafts and more inspired by the world of Steven Universe and the Crystal Gems.

Recommended for all ages.

**OrisiRisi African Folklore**

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

*Saturday, February 1, 3 p.m.*

Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26.

*Saturday, February 8, 1 p.m.*

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Sunday, February 9, 2:30 p.m.*

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Saturday, February 15, 10:30 a.m.*

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, February 22, 1 p.m.*

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

*Saturday, February 29, 2:30 p.m.*

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

**Motown Movin'**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Saturday, February 1, 3:30 p.m.*

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Wednesday, February 12, 3 p.m.*

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, February 15, 2 p.m.*

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

*Wednesday, February 19, 3:30 p.m.*

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

*Monday, February 24, 6 p.m.*

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

*Wednesday, February 26, 4 p.m.*

Bring your family on down to Motown! Move and groove together with drop-in activities related to the first black-owned record company in the U.S.

### **Cuisine Corner Junior: Edna Lewis' Apple Crisp**

Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26.

*Monday, February 3, 4:30 p.m.*

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Wednesday, February 12, 4 p.m.*

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

*Monday, February 17, 4:30 p.m.*

Discover the life of Southern chef Edna Lewis and create a no-bake apple crisp inspired by her farm to table recipe. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens. Registration required.

### **A Trip to Africa**

Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26.

*Tuesday, February 4, 10:30 a.m.*

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Wednesday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.*

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

*Wednesday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.*

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Thursday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.*

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

*Thursday, February 6, 11 a.m.*

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Friday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.*

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

*Saturday, February 8, 3 p.m.*

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Wednesday, February 19, 10:30 a.m.*

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Friday, February 21, 11 a.m.*

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

*Tuesday, February 25, 10:15 a.m.*

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

*Tuesday, February 25, 11 a.m.*

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Wednesday, February 26, 11 a.m.*

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

### **Valentine Surprise**

Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26.

*Tuesday, February 11, 10:30 a.m.*

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

*Tuesday, February 11, 10:30 a.m.*

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

*Tuesday, February 11, 11 a.m.*

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Wednesday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.*

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Wednesday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.*

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Friday, February 14, 11 a.m.*

Hiwassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Friday, February 14, 11 a.m.*

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

*Friday, February 14, 11 a.m.*

Create heart-shaped valentine crafts to surprise the special people in your life. Listen to stories and play games to fill your heart with love.

### **Homeschool: Science of Love**

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

*Wednesday, February 12, 2 p.m.*

We may not be making love potions, but this event is sure to get your heart beating with fun science experiments and STEAM challenges.

### **African American Collage Art**

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

*Wednesday, February 12, 4 p.m.*

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

*Thursday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.*

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Saturday, February 22, 3:30 p.m.*

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

### **Youth Art Show Reception**

Orlando Public Library, Library Central, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Saturday, February 15, 3:30 p.m.*

View artwork created by local K–12 students. Enjoy these masterpieces and converse with other art enthusiasts. Awards will be presented to the Youth Art Contest winners by age group.

### **Family Gras**

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Friday, February 21, 2 p.m.*

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

*Saturday, February 22, 2:30 p.m.*

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

*Monday, February 24, 4:30 p.m.*

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

*Tuesday, February 25, 11 a.m.*

Get jazzy with us as we celebrate Mardi Gras, family style! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

### **Meet the Author: Drew Brockington**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, February 22, 10:30 a.m.–Noon*

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

*Saturday, February 22, 2:30 p.m.*

Meet Drew Brockington, author and illustrator of the Sunshine State-award winning book *Catstronauts*.  
Book signing to follow.

**Meet the Author: Victoria Jamieson**

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Saturday, February 22, 10:30 a.m.*

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, February 22, 3–4:30 p.m.*

Meet Victoria Jamieson, author and illustrator of the Newbery honor book *Roller Girl* and the Sunshine State-award winning book *All's Faire in Middle School*. Book signing to follow.

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