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Events for kids of all ages: Celebrate Women's History Month, meet award-winning authors Lisa Graff and Samira Ahmed, sign up for a spring break camp and more

Bring your kids to the library during March to take part in a National Women's History Month event. Several branches host Women Make History programs in which kids can hear stories and participate in activities dedicated to historical women and their amazing contributions to the world. See dates and locations below.

The library welcomes New York Times best-selling author Samira Ahmed as she hosts both a writing workshop at the Southwest branch and a Meet the Author event at the West Oaks branch on March 6. She will read and discuss from her book *Love, Hate & Other Filters*. Then on March 7 the Orlando Public Library welcomes Sunshine State Award winning author Lisa Graff where she will talk and share from her latest book *Far Away*.

Spend your Spring Break at the library! Several library branches will host special events throughout the month of March including Dino Week at the Winter Garden branch, S.T.E.A.M. break at the Alafaya branch, Sewing and Technology Camps at the Orlando Public library and more. Visit ocls.info/spreakbreak and ocls.info/steambreak for more information.

If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, feel free to contact us as 407-835-7323. Check us out online at www.ocls.info for a complete listing of library events.

Seuss-a-palooza

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive
Friday, March 1, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka
Tuesday, March 5, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail
Wednesday, March 13, 11 a.m.

Celebrate the world of Dr. Seuss with carnival-style fun filled with whimsical stories, activities and more! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Excelsior!

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

Saturday, March 2, 2:30 p.m.

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

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

Celebrate the life of a man who had a superhero-sized imagination. Trivia, activities and crafts inspired by the late great Stan Lee. Recommended for teens and tweens.

Women Make History

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Monday, March 4, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, March 9, 3:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Monday, March 11, 3:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Saturday, March 16, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Wednesday, March 27, 6 p.m.

Celebrate Women's History Month with stories, crafts and activities all about powerful women and their awesome contributions to history.

Family Volunteering: STEAM Kits

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

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

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

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

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, March 23, 2 p.m.

Volunteer together as a family! Upper elementary, middle, high school students and their accompanying adults are invited to help assemble STEAM kits at this two-hour community service event. Registration recommended.

A Trip to the Grocery Store

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

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

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Monday, March 18, 11 a.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

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

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

Tuesday, March 28, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Friday, March 29, 11 a.m.

Grab those shopping lists! It is time to sort, count and experiment with all things food. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

ArtBards: Exploring Poetry Through Visual Art

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesday, March 6, 2:15 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Wednesday, March 13, 3 p.m.

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Wednesday, March 20, 3 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Saturday, March 30, 2 p.m.

ArtReach Orlando leads a hands-on art activity inspired by a poetry! Participants will then create an art project inspired by the poem and can explore new concepts by engaging with thought-provoking and self-expressive art making. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Writing Workshop with Samira Ahmed

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

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

Calling aspiring writers, ages 11–17! New York Times best-selling author Samira Ahmed, author of *Love, Hate & Other Filters*, a 2018–19 Florida Teens Read book, presents a writing workshop for tweens and teens with interactive writing exercises and writing tips. Registration required.

Meet the Author: Samira Ahmed

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

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

Meet New York Times best-selling author Samira Ahmed as she reads from and discusses her book *Love, Hate & Other Filters*, which tells the story of 17-year-old Maya Aziz, who can't wait to graduate from her small-town high school. Registration required.

Meet the Author: Lisa Graff

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.

Meet Sunshine State Award winning author Lisa Graff as she reads from and discusses her newest book. *Far Away* tells the story of CJ, who uses her aunt's psychic gift to talk to her mom, who died just hours after she was born. When CJ learns she won't be able to speak to her mother anymore, she sets off on a road trip to locate the one object that can tether her mother's spirit back to Earth.

Animals Around the World

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

Tuesday, March 12, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Thursday, March 21, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

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

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

Tuesday, March 26, 11 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Friday, March 29, 11 a.m.

Bring your friends and learn about animals from every corner of the world. Enjoy fun stories, activities and crafts.

STEAM Storytime

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Wednesday, March 13, 4 p.m.

Science! Technology! Engineering! Art! Math! Storytime! Gather the family to listen to a story and work together on a STEAM based project. Recommended for lower and upper elementary and families.

Drone Zone Camps

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Tuesday–Thursday, March 19–21, 2 p.m.

Saturdays, March 23–April 5, 10 a.m.

Pilot real drones in Drone Zone camps. Spend this spring flying drones through obstacle courses and challenges, while learning about drone technology and career opportunities. Drone Zone camps are made possible by a generous grant through the Best Buy Community Grants program. Ages 13–18.

Making it Work as a Work-at-Home Parent

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

Sunday, March 31, 4–5:30 p.m.

Many employers and freelancers are now considering working from home a viable option, but it comes with household adjustments. Cindy Marie Jenkins will offer tips and hacks for making it work with young children in the home. Children are welcome at this event; quiet activities will be provided.

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