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**March is Women's History Month at the library**

March is recognized as Women's History Month, and the library is embracing the achievements of women from all walks of life and corners of the world with a variety of programs. Multiple library branches will host Pow-HER-ful, a program for children to learn about some of history's famous women and the commonality they share. See below for dates and times.

On March 25, visit Orlando Public Library for Art 101: Feminist Art Movement. Discover how this artistic movement took off and inspired artist from the 1960s to today. Then on March 28 the South Creek branch invites you to She Steps to the Mic, an interactive, multimedia program celebrating the female pioneers of hip-hop and rap music trailing back to the genres beginnings in the 1970s.

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

**Pow-HER-ful**

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

*Tuesday, March 3, 11 a.m.*

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Thursday, March 5, 11 a.m.*

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

*Thursday, March 5, 11 a.m.*

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

*Monday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.*

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Thursday, March 12, 10:30 a.m.*

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Friday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.*

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Monday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.*

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

*Tuesday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.*

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

*Thursday, March 26, 11 a.m.*

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

*Tuesday, March 31, 10:15 a.m.*

With great power comes great responsibility. Explore the common empowering qualities of well-known women like Simone Biles, Frida Kahlo, Jane Goodall and more. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

### **Creative Writing Masterclass with Margaret Atwood**

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Tuesday, March 3–31, 6:30–8:30 p.m.*

In this five-week Masterclass video series, learn about style, point of view, revision, character development and more from one of the most influential literary voices of a generation. Registration required.

### **Let's Speak Spanish!**

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Thursdays, March 5–26, 4:30 p.m.*

Learn basic Spanish. This class will cover days of the week, months, numbers, the alphabet and their sounds as well as the beginning of conjugating verbs.

### **Library Pop-Up: Horizon West**

#### **Prime Time Family Reading Time-Bilingual: English & Spanish**

Waterleigh Community Clubhouse, 16150 Pebble Bluff Loop

*Thursdays, March 5 & 12, 6–8 p.m.*

Join us for a six-week reading and discussion program that inspires thought and conversation between children and families. Meals will be provided. Registration required.

### **Orlando Book Festival**

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

*Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.*

A day-long celebration of books at Orlando Public Library. Join us for panels, writing workshops, book signings, and more from bestselling authors from all over the country. Featuring keynote speakers Dhonielle Clayton and Tim Dorsey. [ocls.info/obf](http://ocls.info/obf).

### **Melrose Meetups: Fundamentals of Screenwriting**

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

*Wednesday, March 18, 6–7:30 p.m.*

Learn the basics of script formatting, get some useful tips and see a demo of a free script writing software. Network with fellow screenwriters and other industry professionals.

### **The Dog and Pony Show!**

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

*Saturday, March 21, 11 a.m.*

Join Honey the Mini Service Horse to hear and see all of the tasks she is trained to assist her handler with! Her sister Penny, the trained Australian Cattle dog will also be to show off her tasks.

**Rock The Wrap: Headwrap Styling Workshop**

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

*Saturday, March 21, 2 p.m.*

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m.*

This is an educational and interactive experience that provides step-by-step instruction of headwrap styling techniques. Learn about the significance and history of headwrapping.

**Reaching Out: A Community Resource Fair**

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

*Sunday, March 22, 2–4 p.m.*

Connect with local community services in honor of National Social Work Month. Meet the library's social worker and other representatives for our neighbors in need.

**Family Volunteering: STEAM Kits**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Tuesday, March 24, 3:15–5:15 p.m.*

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, March 28, 2–4 p.m.*

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Monday, March 30, 3:30–5:30 p.m.*

Upper elementary, middle, high school students and their accompanying adults are invited to help assemble STEAM kits at this two-hour community service event.

**Art 101: Feminist Art Movement**

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

*Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.*

Beginning in the 1960s, this movement continues to influence artists to this day. Registration required.

**Home Ownership Made Easy**

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, March 28, 1:30–4:30 p.m.*

Purchasing a home can be intimidating. Industry experts will teach you about mortgage qualifications, home inspections, credit score requirements and how much is needed for a down payment.

**Celebrating the Genius of Women in the Arts**

Orlando Public Library, First Floor

*Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m.*

The Celebrating the Genius of Women art exhibition features local, national and international artists who have entered artwork for consideration in an annual competition hosted by Women in the Arts Inc. Winners of the competition will be announced at the Women in the Arts Awards on Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m. For more information, visit [ocls.info/womeninthearts](http://ocls.info/womeninthearts).

**She Steps to the Mic**

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Saturday, March 28, 2:30 p.m.*

She Steps To The Mic is an interactive, multimedia program examining the role of women in hip-hop and rap music from the 1970s through today.

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