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March is Women's History Month, plus a special St. Patrick's Day performance and more at the library

This month, enjoy tons of virtual library programming celebrating historical female figures, past and present. On March 8, meet Gigi Coleman, great niece of Bessie Coleman, who was the first Black woman to earn a pilot's license, during the virtual event *An Evening with Gigi Coleman*. On March 20 join a virtual conversation with women crime writers moderated by award-winning author Kellye Garrett in *Meet the Authors: Women of Mystery*.

The Victorian Horror Troupe Phantasmagoria returns to the library for a special St. Patrick's Day performance on March 10. You won't want to miss this "whimsically macabre" online storytelling evening from the troupe, which was declared by *Good Day Atlanta* to be, "one of the most unique theatre troupes in the country." Watch live on the library's Facebook page [facebook.com/oclslib](https://www.facebook.com/oclslib).

The Melrose Film Festival will highlight the work of imaginative filmmakers across the globe during its annual Film Festival. Interested in submitting your short film, animation or music video for consideration? Submissions will be accepted March 1 through May 1 at [filmfreeway.com/MelroseFilmFestival](https://www.filmfreeway.com/MelroseFilmFestival). The festival will be held virtually in September, featuring screenings of selected films, industry panels and Q&A discussions.

All of our events are virtual, and available online for free with an Orange County Library System card. If you have any questions about the information shared below, call 407-835-7323. Check us out online at [ocls.info](https://www.ocls.info) for a complete listing of all library events.

Emotional Resonance in Fiction

Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m.

Creating emotional resonance with characters generates reader engagement and keeps readers turning the page. Author David Slayton will teach techniques for connecting emotions to characters and readers.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4850237>

An Evening With Gigi Coleman

Monday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

Meet Gigi Coleman the great niece of Bessie Coleman in this virtual event. Gigi Coleman will discuss the trailblazing life and legacy of Bessie Coleman the first Black woman to earn a pilot's license.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4844525>

OCLS Business Resources for Entrepreneurs

Tuesday, March 9, 3 p.m.

Join us for a live webinar on using OCLS business research databases for your entrepreneurial success and competitive intelligence.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4780899>

Phantasmagoria

Wednesday, March 10, 9 p.m.

Join members of Victorian Horror Troupe Phantasmagoria, for an unique St. Patrick's Day celebration! Explore the Irish side of Haunted Poetry, Tales of Terror, ghostly legends, folklore and more.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4803577>

Meet the Authors: Women of Mystery

Saturday, March 20, 2 p.m.

Enjoy a conversation with women crime writers moderated by award-winning author Kellye Garrett. Featuring Amy Gentry, Susan Elia MacNeal, Elizabeth Little, and Tori Eldridge.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4861141>

Positive Thinking: When Life Gives Us Lemons

Monday, March 22, 11 a.m.

Positive thinking is powerful! Learn how to look on the bright side and bring more happiness, connection and gratitude to your life.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4838965>

Ask a Lawyer

Tuesday, March 23, 6 p.m.

The Orange County Bar Association will provide an open forum for individuals to speak with a panel of attorneys to get guidance on Family Law.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4838972>

Let's Do Dinner – Ratatouille!

Tuesday, March 23, 7 p.m.

Pixar's masterpiece *Ratatouille* peaks with the creation of a special ratatouille dish, confit byaldi, by chef Remy the rat. Join us and learn to make the dish yourself! Recommended for ages 18 and up.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4862746>

Cuisine Corner-Mofongo

Wednesday, March 24, 6 p.m.

Watch live as Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, shows you how to make delicious mofongo.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4808277>

Japanese Bookbinding

Friday, March 26, 10:30–11:45 a.m.

Practice bookbinding and create your own books using traditional Japanese stab stitching techniques. This month we are learning the Flower Stitch.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4836702>

The Power of Curiosity with Emily Graslie

Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m.

Emily Graslie is the former Chief Curiosity Correspondent for the Chicago Field Museum and creator of the "Brainscoop" YouTube Channel. Join us for a discussion on where your Curiosity can lead.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4766622>

Florida Habitats and Ecology

Tuesday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.

Caroline Chomanics of Fleet Farming educates on the basics of five Florida habitats including the flora and fauna that call these ecosystems home, as well as a conversation on native landscaping.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4828818>

Art 101– Botanical Art

Wednesday, March 31, 6:30–7:45 p.m.

Learn the history of botanical art and create your own botanical painting in watercolor. Participants will need a pencil, carbon transfer paper, watercolor paper, and watercolor paints.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4863220>

Women in STEM Panel

Wednesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

Women from across the spectrum of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) share what inspired them, what they are doing now & how they got there. This event is recommended for teens & adults.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4681964>

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