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Celebrate books at Orlando Public Library during the Orlando Book Festival, featuring Dhonielle Clayton and Tim Dorsey

ORLANDO, Fla. (February 24, 2020) – The annual Orlando Book Festival returns to the Orlando Public Library on March 14 with a wide variety of bestselling authors representing multiple genres, panel discussions and workshops, and featured speakers Tim Dorsey and *New York Times* bestselling author Dhonielle Clayton.

Dhonielle Clayton kicks off the festival as the opening keynote speaker. She is the author of *The Belles* series which follows Camellia, a Belle on the path to royalty and discovering dark secrets in the opulent world of Orléans. She has also been published in several compilation books for teens including *Black*

Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America and *Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens*.

When asked what piece of advice she had to offer to aspiring authors, Clayton said, “Read everything and read widely. Writers should be readers. This is a way to fill your creative well and be in conversation with all the writers who have come before and leave behind something meaningful for the next generation of writers.”

Local favorite Tim Dorsey will deliver a closing keynote speech. He is a novelist best known for his Florida-based series, which follows Serge A. Storms, a mentally disturbed vigilante, and his crusade against low-life criminals. Dorsey has published 23 novels in several languages. His latest title is *Naked Came the Florida Man*, released earlier this year.

The Orlando book festival also features book discussions, workshops and presentations from authors from around the country. At the end of the day, all participating authors will be available for a meet and greet and book signings. Authors will include *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author Brenda Jackson, David Pedreira, Jill Baguchinsky, Micah Dean Hicks, Kelly Coon, Rob Sanders, Stefani Deoul, Trish Doller, Racquel Henry, James Holmes, Isabel Ibañez, R. M. Romero, Amber Mitchel, Jenny Torres Sanchez, Mara Wells, Taylor Simonds and Michael Wiley.

The Orlando Book Festival takes place on Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Orlando Public Library, 101 East Central Blvd. This event is free and open to the public. For additional details and a complete list of authors who will be at the event, visit ocls.info/obf.

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