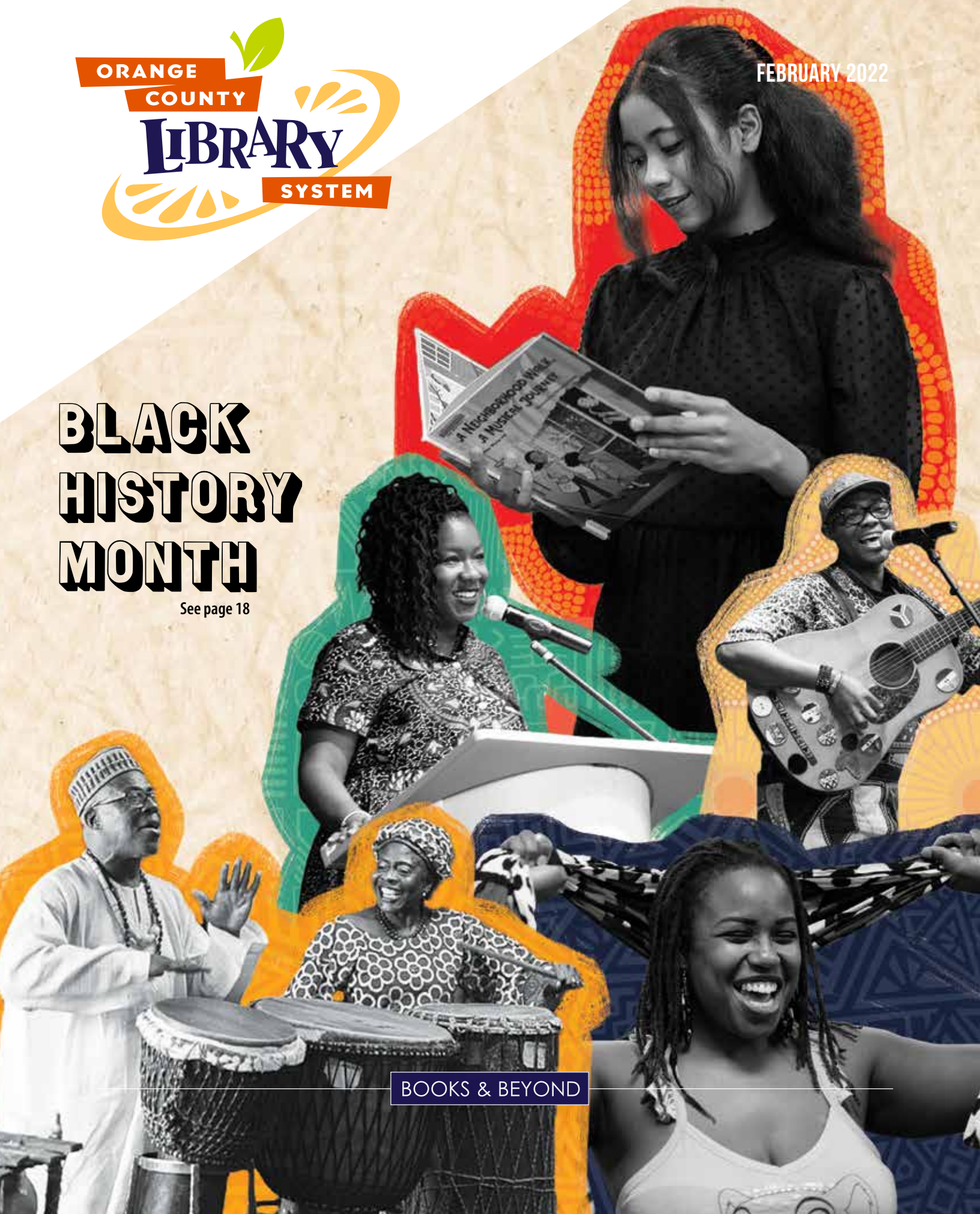




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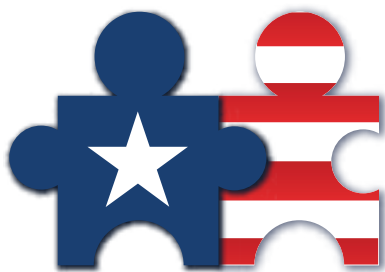


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The Right Service at the Right Time is a statewide website designed to connect Florida residents with social services and government assistance.

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IT'S A DATE!

Are you ready to spice up your reading life? Let the library be your matchmaker this Valentine's Day. Stop by Alafaya, Southeast or Windermere branches and browse a curated collection of eligible books. Each book on display has a short description to grab your attention and steal your heart. You may just find the one you've been waiting for!

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LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Next Board Of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
 Thursday, February 10, 6 p.m.

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Next Friends Of The Library Board Of Directors Meeting:

Virtual
 Wednesday, February 16, Noon



FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR

We've experienced a lot of change at Orange County Library System over the past two years. The pandemic forced us to rethink what it meant to be a library, how we serve our community and how to remain relevant during an unprecedented time. Now, we're looking at a change in leadership for our organization, following the retirement of longtime Library Director/CEO Mary Anne Hodel in January.

Before Mary Anne retired, our Board of Trustees appointed me to take on the role of Interim Director/CEO while the search for a permanent director continues, and I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. For the past four years, I have been the library's Chief Operating Officer, and I've worked closely with Mary Anne and the library's Administration to ensure that we're living up to our mission to add to the quality of life in

our community by creating a learning environment that fosters personal growth and development for all. Some of the areas I've been lucky enough to oversee over the past four years include the Melrose Center, the library's Books by MAYL home delivery service, collection development, Questline call center, website, and overall usage statistics for the system.

Before I took on the role of COO, I served as the library's Facilities and Operations Department Head for more than six years, during which time I had the privilege of working to expand our reach in the community by opening the Melrose Center, Chickasaw Branch, relocating our Hiawasse Branch, and expanding the North Orange parking lot. My goal was always to bring customers the best library experience possible. In my new role, I plan to continue focusing on that goal.

Mary Anne has guided us through some challenging times over the past 20 years, and her leadership has been an inspiration for all of us here at OCLS. I look forward to continuing on the path of integrity and excellence that she has blazed for us, and building upon the foundation of innovation and creativity that has always been a hallmark of our brand.

Steve Powell
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Orange County Library System

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In-person events are back!

LIBRARY EVENTS

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IN-PERSON

AARP Foundation Tax Aide – By Appointment Only

Southeast Branch

Mondays & Thursdays through April 14

South Creek Branch

Wednesdays & Thursdays through April 14

West Oaks Branch

Tuesdays & Fridays through April 15

AARP Volunteers will be available by appointment only to provide income tax assistance. For information and to make an appointment, visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide. A valid ID, Social Security Card and any tax forms will need to be provided at the time of the appointment. Guests without an appointment will not be accommodated. Appointments required.

Tea & Conversation

South Creek Branch

Saturday, February 5, 2:30 p.m.

This monthly social is designed to bring adults together. Share your stories and have a cup of tea in this celebration of everyday life.

Ageless Grace:

Body and Brain Fitness

Southwest Branch

Saturdays, February 12 & 26, 10:30 a.m.

Experience simple, playful exercise based on the science of neuroplasticity. Learn tools that work your brain and body. Led by certified Ageless Grace educators. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Alphabet Calligraphy

Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room

Saturday, February 12, 11 a.m.

Join artist Lynda Chandler as she demonstrates how to practice lettering the alphabet. Explore how to create different fonts using a variety of pens and techniques. Registration required.

Origami and Meditation

Southwest Branch

Saturday, February 12, 1 p.m.

Learn how origami, the art of paper folding can be used as a form of meditation. Led by AI Aki, origami expert and tai chi master. Recommended for ages 15 and up.

West Oaks Wildflower Club

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, February 19,

10:30 a.m.–Noon

Meet up with other nature lovers to celebrate wildflowers. Each month, we'll spotlight a different wildflower and host discussions and crafts that promote native Florida plants. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

A Race to Health & Wellness

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, February 19, Noon–4 p.m.

Connect with community health experts and learn how to live a healthy lifestyle. Health and wellness resources and basic medical screenings will be provided at this family friendly event.

Qigong Movement and Breathing

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, February 21, 11:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, February 24, 11 a.m.

Jasmine Win shows basic qigong techniques and how using them in your daily life can benefit your health.

Finding Ourselves and Each Other Through Wellness

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, February 23, 11 a.m.

Explore the importance of taking care of yourself emotionally, physically and spiritually in order to find overall wellness. Presented by UCF Marriage and Family Research Institute's Project Harmony.

How To Draw Cartoon Characters

Hiawasse Branch

Wednesday, February 23, 4 p.m.

Learn to draw some of your favorite cartoon characters.

Wine Glass Painting

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, February 26, 3 p.m.

Create your own unique wine glass! All materials will be provided, just bring your creativity. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Phantasmagoria

Orlando Public Library

Sunday, February 27, 2 p.m.

Join members of Victorian horror troupe Phantasmagoria, for an unique telling of haunted love stories. Explore the Irish side of haunted poetry, tales of terror, ghostly legends, folklore and more.

GEORGE BURNS ALIVE AGAIN AND IN CONCERT

Orlando Public Library,
Library Central

Sunday, February 13, 2 p.m.

Everyone loves George Burns! Join Broadway and film actor Duffy Hudson as he takes you on a stroll along nostalgia lane. George Burns sings, dances and tells stories like only George Burns can.



VIRTUAL

Money Talks for Women

Tuesdays, February 1–22, 6–7:30 p.m.

Join the conversation! Learn about library services such as Morningstar Investment Research Center in this nine-week series on Investing for the Long Run.

How To Draw Cartoon Characters

Wednesday, February 2, 4 p.m.

Learn to draw some of your favorite cartoon characters.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Tuesday, February 2, 7 p.m.

Celebrate Chinese New Year traditions with The Chinese School of CAACF. To learn more, visit orlandochineseschool.org.

One Minute Film Festival

Sunday, February 6, 12:30 p.m.

Life Screenings International Short Film Festival explores what happens when a film festival and public library mash-up. Films are chosen on the basis that they show a world we love to live in.

Yoga

Monday, February 7, 9 a.m.

Get moving with this energizing and relaxing yoga sequence for all-levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you. Registration required.

Qigong Movement and Breathing

Tuesday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.

Jasmine Win shows basic qigong techniques and how using them in your daily life can benefit your health.

Boom Again Trivia

Tuesday, February 8, 7–8:45 p.m.

Take a road trip through the '50s, '60s and '70s by playing Boom Again trivia. Based on the featured board game Boom Again. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Heart Health

Wednesday, February 9, 11 a.m.

Join Jessica Daly, faculty librarian and assistant professor with AdventHealth University, for American Heart Month as she discusses heart health for all ages.

Dungeons & Dragons

Adventurers League

Thursday, February 10, 6–8 p.m.

Have you been wanting to play D&D but don't know how or where to join? On the second Thursday of each month you can learn, play and teach the greatest game on earth! Recommended for ages 16 and up.

Paper Possibilities

Friday, February 11, 10:30–11:45 a.m.

Imagine the possibilities: paper structures are not only fun to make, but can be customized to display art, write stories and more. This month we are making a paper woven heart basket.

The Science of Breath Health

Tuesday, February 15, 11 a.m.

Learn about the anatomy of your face, nose and lungs and how your breath has antiviral qualities. Participate in a breathing practice that you can do every day.

Let's Talk:

Podcast Discussion Group

Tuesday, February 15, 7–8:30 p.m.

Just like book club, but for podcasts! Join a community of podcast listeners as we explore a human interest topic by way of three to five podcast episode selections. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Intro to Foundation Center & Grant Resources

Thursday, February 17, 11 a.m.

Looking for funding? Get the 101 on using this comprehensive directory to win grants and make a difference.

Your Private Tour of The Polasek Museum

Thursday, February 17, 7 p.m.

Enjoy an after-hours virtual tour of the beautiful Albin Polasek Museum. Your guide, chief curator Emily Coughlan, will showcase the current exhibition: *Impressions of Life: Joza Uprka*.

Altered Books Workshop

Monday, February 21, 3:30–5 p.m.

Junk journal, scrapbook diary? Bring your imagination and discover the possibilities of altered books at this monthly workshop.

CUISINE CORNER

ocls.info/cuisinecorner

VIRTUAL

Butternut Squash Marinara

Wednesday, February 16, 6 p.m.

Tired of February sweets? Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to make a savory butternut squash marinara.

Garam Masala Powder

Tuesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m.

Join culinary expert, Dianne Morin, as she demonstrates how to make garam masala powder and create an Indian tandoori chicken using the powder.



ART & DISPLAY

ocls.info/art

IN-PERSON



The Opus High Life Collection

Eatonville Branch

On Display Through February

On display January through February, this collection depicts artist Iva Pittman's imagery of how music is used to cope with everyday life. To view more artwork, follow the artist [@official5pm](#) and [@officiallyiva](#) on Instagram.



Exploring *The Call of the Wild*

Orlando Public Library, Second Floor

On Display Through March

Answer the call of the wild with this informative exhibit that explores the real Klondike Gold Rush as featured in Jack London's adventure classic. Presented in concert with the NEA Big Read event series.



JJ Dennis: There and Back Again – A Road Trip from Florida to Maine

Southwest Branch

On Display Through March

This exhibit captures the spirit and beauty of artist JJ Dennis's amazing adventure. JJ Dennis is a local freelance writer and artist specializing in digital photography/manipulation, mixed media, altered books and handmade goods. To view more artwork and for more information, visit theparlourobscura.etsy.com.

IN-PERSON

A Guide to the Outdoors with Scouts BSA Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, February 5, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Speak to the young men and women of Scouts BSA about what it takes to plan a trip into the great outdoors! See a full campsite setup and learn about the basics of great trips, first aid, cooking and more.

Livestream Keynote with *Survivorman* Les Stroud Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, February 5, 2 p.m.

Join us at the Chickasaw branch for a livestream of the NEA Big Read Keynote with Les Stroud, creator and star of Discovery Channel's *Survivorman*.

Service Dogs and Their Importance Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Sunday, February 6, 2 p.m.

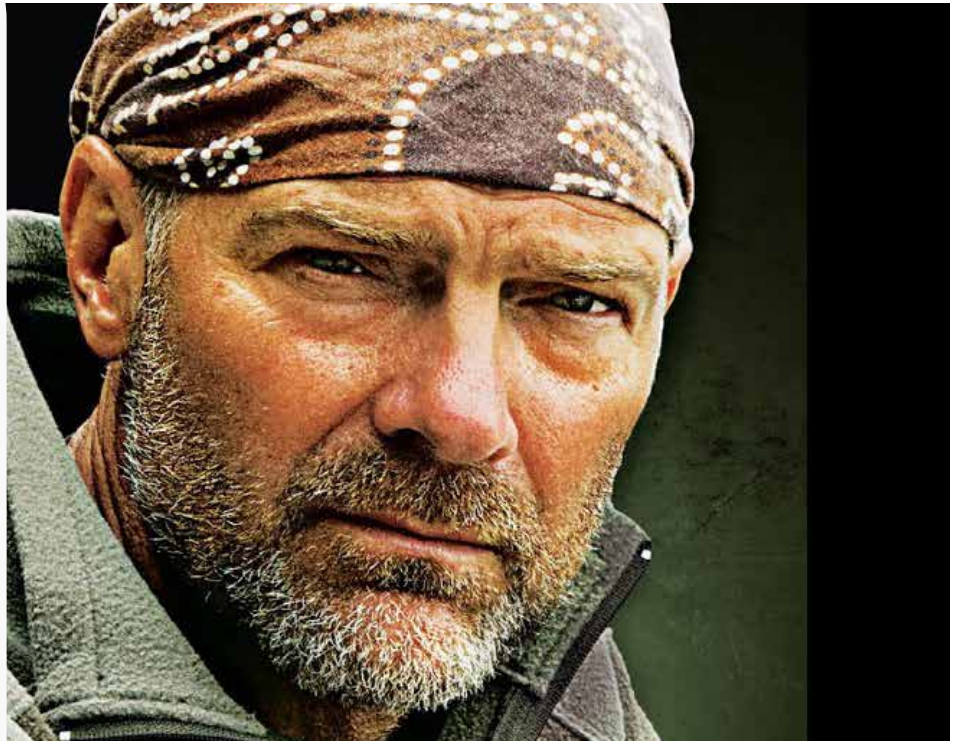
Meet wonderful service dogs trained by Expanding Intelligence and learn about the importance of their jobs. You will see the different tasks and tricks the dogs possess to assist their future handlers.

Healing Music with Chiricahua Sun Dancer Iron Eagle Orlando Public Library, Library Central Sunday, February 6, 4 p.m.

Iron Eagle, a Chiricahua Apache medicine man and sun dancer, presents an afternoon of drumming, chanting and stories. Learn about the traditions of his tribe passed down through generations before.

NEA BIG READ: *THE CALL OF THE WILD*

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NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. El proyecto NEA Big Read es una iniciativa del National Endowment for the Arts (el Fondo Nacional para las Artes de Estados Unidos) en cooperación con Arts Midwest.

VALENCIA COLLEGE



VIRTUAL

Woven Record – Chilkat Textile as Historical Documents

Tuesday, February 1, 7:30 p.m.

Indigenous artists of Alaska and Canada's Northwest coasts create intricate finger-twined textiles which take years to complete. Renowned Tlingit artist Lily Hope shares her philosophy on the craft.

NEA Big Read Keynote with *Survivorman* Les Stroud

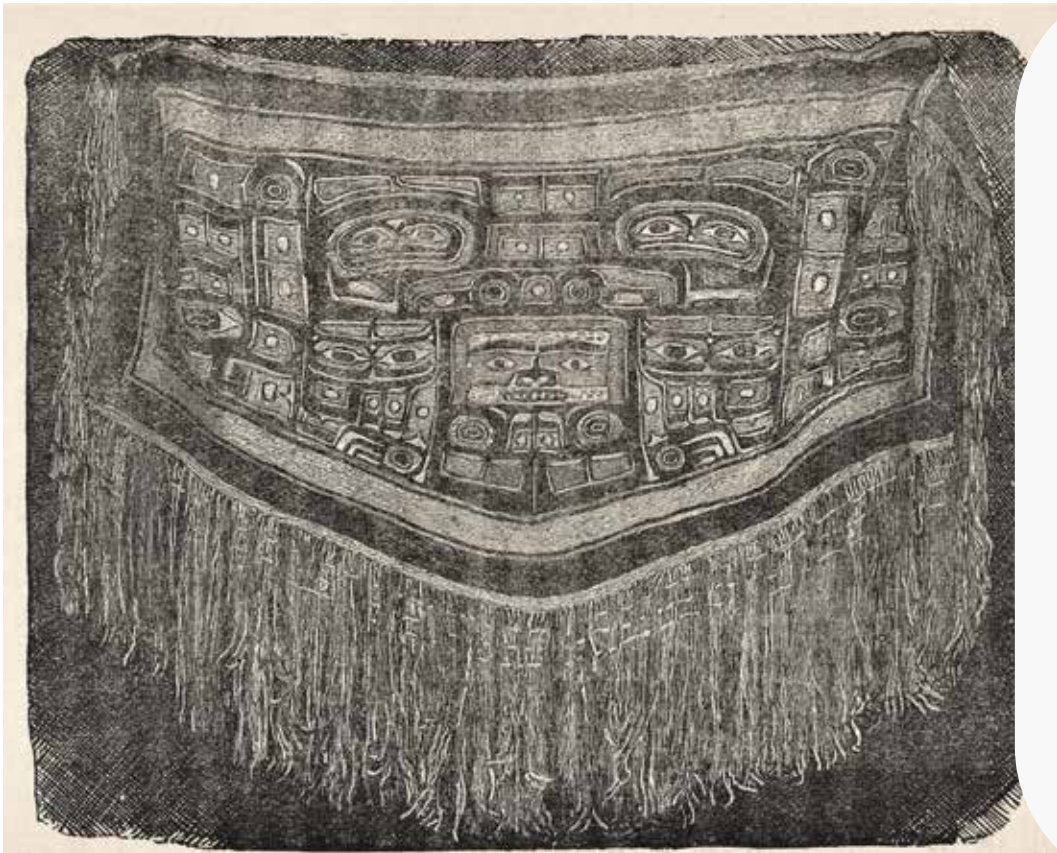
Saturday, February 5, 2 p.m.

Les Stroud, creator of the survival TV genre and world explorer, tells of his experiences in the wild and shares his new children's book.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club End of Book Party

Wednesday, February 9, 4 p.m.

Join Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club to celebrate the completion of their most recent book *Wild Robot* by Peter Brown! There will be a Q&A session with the author. Recommended for ages 8–12.



NEXT CHAPTER

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IN-PERSON

Downsizing – Smarter Senior Seminar Series Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.

Downsizing doesn't have to be intimidating. Discuss the important steps of downsizing.

Quality of Life & Benefits of Exercise for Seniors – LIFE Information for Elders

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Thursday, February 17, 12:10 p.m.

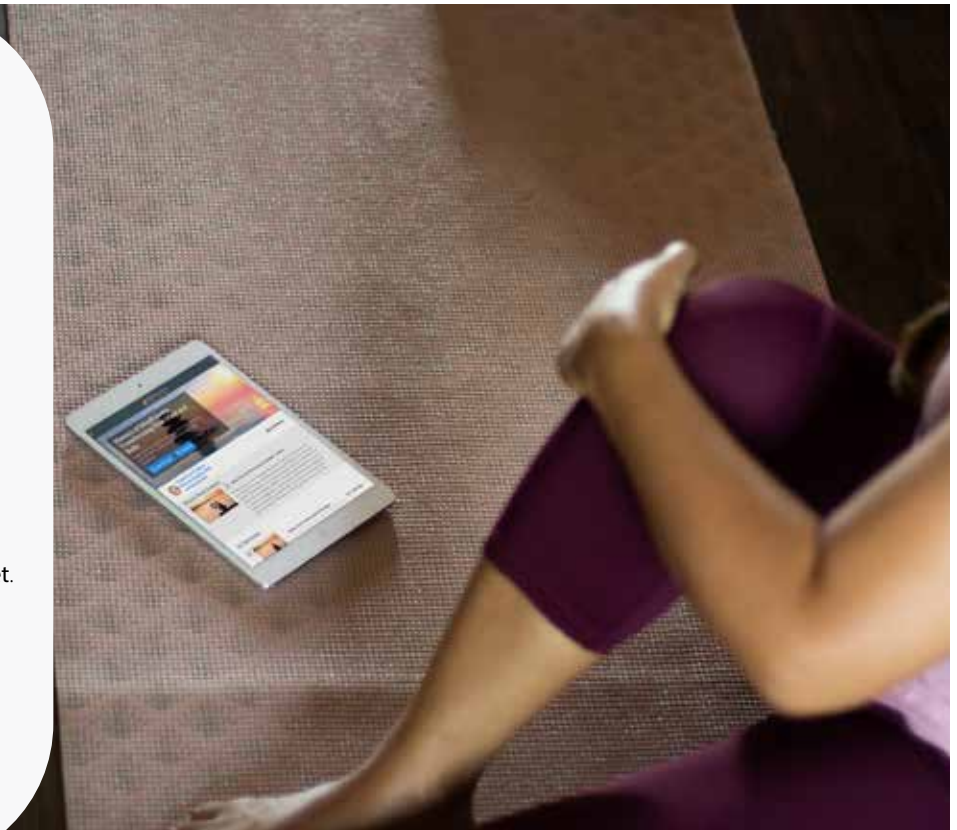
Join Robin Rountree, marketing manager with Senior Helpers, as she shares the importance of physical activity for older adults which can reduce the risk of developing seven different types of cancers. This seminar is part of the monthly LIFE Information for Elders series. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net.

VIRTUAL

Chair Yoga

Monday, February 28, 11 a.m.

Get moving with this energizing and relaxing Chair Yoga sequence for all-levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you. Requires use of a chair.



JOBSEEKERS

ocls.info/jobseekers

IN-PERSON

An-Pèsòn: Ekri Rezime CV South Trail Branch

Tuesdays, February 1 & 8, 10 a.m.

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Search and Apply for Jobs

Fairview Shores Branch

Friday, February 11, 4 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Monday, February 21, 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, February 23, 11:45 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Saturday, February 26, 11:45 a.m.

Become familiar with popular job search websites and common questions asked on job applications. Learn how to use various internet resources to search and apply for jobs.

Resume Writing

North Orange Branch

Monday, February 14, 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, February 23, 10:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Saturday, February 26, 10:15 a.m.

Bring your resume to the top of the pile. Learn how to plan, create and format a professional-looking resume using built-in templates in Microsoft Word and library resources.

Open Lab – Resume Writing North Orange Branch

Monday, February 14, 11:20 a.m.

Are you stuck on your resume? Need constructive ideas to get you started? Let us help! A technology trainer will be available to assist you in this open lab.

VIRTUAL

Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro

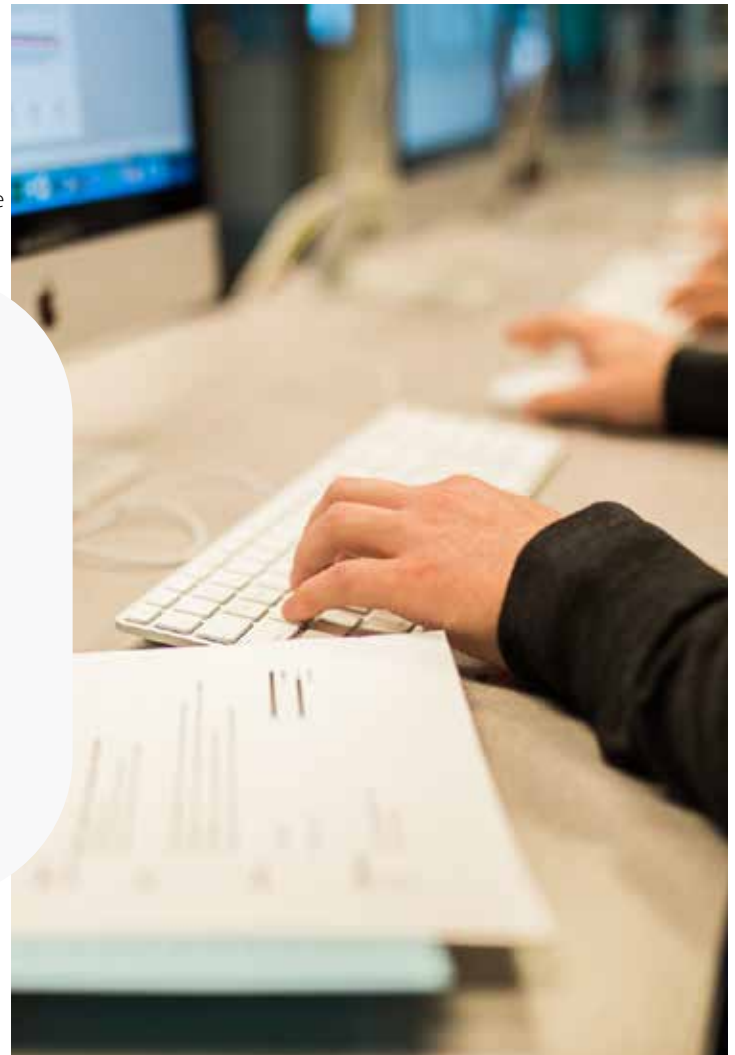
Tuesday, February 15, 2:30 p.m.

You've landed an interview! Now what? Get tips that will help you to practice and prepare, and to write a memorable thank you letter.

Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume

Tuesday, February 22, 2:30 p.m.

Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.



GENEALOGY

ocls.info/genealogy

VIRTUAL

FINDING YOUR ROOTS SERIES

This series will cover core elements that you need to build a strong foundation for your genealogical research. Each week will focus on a different record group.

Probate Records

Thursday, February 3, Noon

Learn what probate records are, where they are located and how to best utilize them in your family history research.

Immigration

Thursday, February 10, Noon

Immigration records are an incredibly rich source of information for the family historian. Learn more about your family's history by using passenger lists and naturalization records.

Church & Cemetery Records

Thursday, February 17, Noon

Discover what type of information is contained in church and cemetery records, how to access them and how they can help enhance your family history research.

Military Records

Thursday, February 24, Noon

Military records have been created throughout our history regardless of whether or not there was a war being waged. Learn how military records can help you to uncover information on your ancestors.

Hathi Trust Digital Library and Genealogy

Tuesday, February 1, 1 p.m.

Discover the Hathi Trust Digital Library and learn how you can use this amazing resource to enhance your genealogical research.

Genealogy in the States: New York

Wednesday, February 2, 6:30 p.m.

Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in New York. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Using DNAPainter.com

Tuesday, February 8, 1 p.m.

Discover all of the DNA tools and features available on the DNAPainter.com website.

Exploring FamilySearch.org

Wednesday, February 9, 6:30 p.m.

FamilySearch is a tremendous and free source for family history research. Learn how to navigate this website and how to make the most of the information that it contains.

Facts vs. Stories – Writing for Genealogy

Tuesday, February 15, 1 p.m.

Learn how to turn your family history facts into engaging stories that your relatives will want to read.

Global Genealogy Ireland

Wednesday, February 16, 6:30 p.m.

Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors. This session focuses on Ireland.

Social Security Records for Genealogy

Tuesday, February 22, 1 p.m.

The Social Security Act was passed in 1935 and helped to create records for genealogists. Learn how this act impacted your ancestors and what records were created as a result.

African American Genealogy Research

Wednesday, February 23, 6:30 p.m.

Explore and learn about key internet resources and databases for researching your African American ancestors.

IN-PERSON

Family History Fair West Oaks Branch

Saturday, February 12, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Connect with some of the many resources, societies and organizations available to help with your family history research journey.

SPANISH CLASSES

IN-PERSON

Spanish Interactions with Ms. Brenda

Southeast Branch

Thursdays, February 10–24, 4–5:30 p.m.

Learn, develop and practice your Spanish speaking skills with Ms. Brenda.

VIRTUAL

Basic Spanish

Tuesdays, February 1–22, 10:30 a.m.

Get an introduction to basic Spanish pronunciation, alphabet, sounds, syllables and vocabulary building.

Spanish from Zero – Basics with Ms. Brenda

Tuesdays, February 1–22, 4 p.m.

Learn the basic sounds of Spanish with Ms. Brenda.

Talk to a Spanish Teacher

Tuesdays, February 1–22, 5 p.m.

Do you want more exposure to the Spanish language? Well, this session is for you! Talk with Ms. Brenda and practice your Spanish speaking skills.

Basic Spanish with Ms. Wilnelia

Tuesdays, February 1–22, 6 p.m.

Join Ms. Wilnelia in this workshop for individuals who speak little to no Spanish.

Spanish Pronunciation

Wednesdays, February 2 & 9, 10:30 a.m.

This six-week course is designed to take you through the sounds of Spanish. Special focus is given to the Spanish alphabet, vowel sounds and tricky consonant sounds, like ñ and the “rolled r.”

Spanish from Zero – Intermediate with Ms. Brenda

Thursday, February 3, 4 p.m.

Learn Spanish grammar with Ms. Brenda.

Intermediate Spanish

Wednesdays, February 16 & 23, 10:30 a.m.

Get an introduction to Spanish grammar by focusing on the parts of speech, verb conjugations, sentence structure and vocabulary building.

NUEVO EN LA BIBLIOTECA



Meghan & Harry: en libertad: la forja de una familia real moderna

por Omid Scobie y Carolyn Durand

Por fin todos los detalles de la increíble historia de Harry y Meghan contados por dos periodistas especializados en los entresijos de la familia real británica que han seguido los pasos de la pareja desde el inicio de su relación, pasando por su revolucionaria boda, hasta el anuncio inesperado de su desvinculación de la Casa Real para recuperar el control sobre sus vidas.



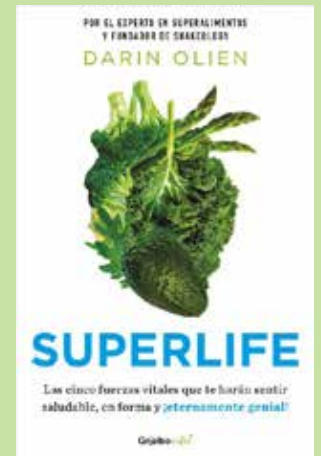
Gente ansiosa por Fredrik Backman traducción de Carmen Montes Cano

En *Gente ansiosa* se dan cita todos los elementos del universo de Fredrik Backman, habitado por personajes tan imperfectos como enternecedores, y teñido de un sentido del humor inimitable, mezcla de ironía y compasión, que ha cautivado a millones de lectores de todo el mundo.



Tres mujeres por Lisa Taddeo traducción de Aitana Vega Casiano

Una fascinante historia real sobre la vida sexual de tres mujeres reales, basada en casi una década de informes. *Tres mujeres* nos presenta a tres mujeres inolvidables, y una escritora notable, cuyas experiencias nos recuerdan que no estamos solas.



Superlife: las cinco fuerzas vitales que te harán sentir saludable, en forma y eternamente genial! por Darin Olien traducción de Paola Jalili

En esta revolucionaria guía de salud y bienestar, Darin Olien – experto en superalimentos, nutriólogo, fundador de Shakeology y coanfitrión de Zac Efron en el documental de Netflix, *Con los pies sobre la tierra* – Comparte las claves para dominar y utilizar las cinco fuerzas vitales que determinan nuestra salud, condición física y capacidad de vivir libres de enfermedades.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

IN-PERSON

English from Zero

West Oaks Branch

Thursdays, February 3–17, 4:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.

Designed for beginning English learners, each workshop targets specific vocabulary, grammar structure and conversation practices.

English Conversation Hour

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, February 5, Noon

Practice your English speaking skills with us. Each session will have specific topics for discussion.

All proficiency levels are welcome.

An-Pèssòn: Creole Connect

South Trail Branch

Monday, February 7–28, 3–4:45 p.m.

Vin aprann pale e pratike anglè w nan kou sa.

VIRTUAL

Writing Clearly for Beginners

Tuesdays, February 1–22, Noon

Wednesdays, February 2–23, 8 p.m.

This class is designed to introduce learners to the basics of English grammar by focusing on the parts of speech, the organization of sentences and vocabulary building.

Conversation Hour

Tuesdays, February 1–22, 6:20 p.m.

Mondays, February 7–25, 4:15 p.m.

Practice your English speaking skills in a virtual Conversation Hour. Each session will have specific topics for discussion.

Reading Clearly for Beginners

Tuesdays, February 1–22, 7:30 p.m.

Read basic texts and review the sounds of the English language.

English for Families

Wednesdays, February 2–23, 5:30 p.m.

Mondays, February 7–21, 5:30 p.m.

Practice reading with your children and learn English vocabulary for everyday use. This program meets twice per week for five weeks.

English from Zero

Wednesday, February 2, 6:45 p.m.

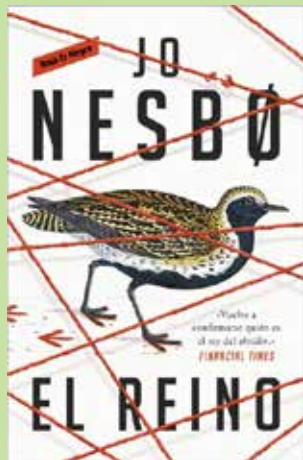
Thursdays, February 3–24, 10:30 a.m. & 6:20 p.m.

Designed for beginning English learners, each workshop targets specific vocabulary, grammar structure and conversation practices.

English for Social Interactions

Mondays, February 7–21, 7 p.m.

Learn different English idioms and phrases that are used to communicate on a daily basis.



El reino

por Jo Nesbø

traducción de Lotte Katrine Tollefsen

El reino es un thriller gigantesco, adictivo y complejo, que retrata como ningún libro de Nesbø las pasiones humanas, y que ha sido considerado inmediatamente por la crítica una obra maestra.



CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED ocls.info/citizenship

IN-PERSON

Citizenship Inspired

South Creek Branch

Saturdays, February 5–19, 12, 10:30 a.m.

During this three-week program, students will meet once each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.

VIRTUAL

Citizenship Inspired

Tuesdays & Wednesdays,

February 1, 2, 8 & 9, 3–5 p.m.

Thursdays, February 3 & 24, 3–4:30 p.m.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays,

February 15, 16, 22 & 23, 3–5 p.m.

During this program, students will meet via Zoom to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.

BOOK CLUBS

ocls.info/bookclubs

IN-PERSON

Nature Walk Book Club

Southwest Branch

Thursday, February 10, 10 a.m.–Noon

Join the Southwest Branch for a walk at a local park followed by discussion of a pre-selected book. Exercise your mind and body! Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

VIRTUAL

Alafaya Book Club

Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m.

The Alafaya Book Club's February selection is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Nora Seed finds herself faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, or realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist, she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

Southeast Book Club

Monday, February 14, 7 p.m.

Join us to discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. Hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library, Belle de Costa Greene becomes one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she keeps.

Hiawassee Book Club

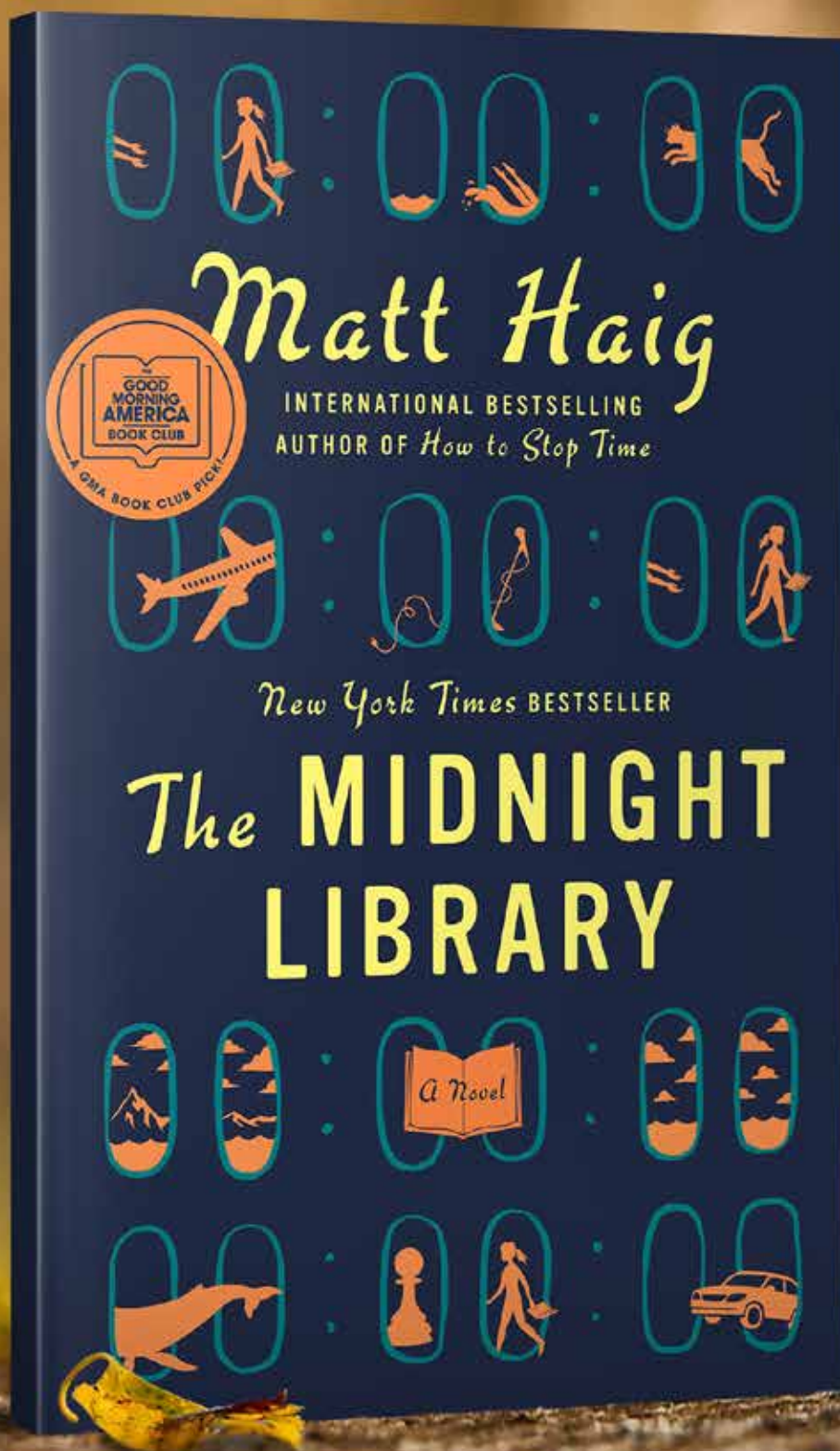
Monday, February 21, 7 p.m.

In February, the Hiawassee Book Club will discuss *What's Mine and Yours* by Naima Coster. Integrated into a predominantly white high school, an anxious young Black student and a half-Latina whose mother would have her pass as white, join a bridge-building school play that shapes the trajectory of their adult lives.

Southwest Book Club

Tuesday, February 22, 7–8:45 p.m.

Join Southwest Book Club to discuss *Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know* by Adam Grant. The Wharton organizational psychologist examines the critical art of rethinking, explaining how questioning one's opinions and opening the minds of others can promote personal and professional excellence. Recommended for ages 18 and up.



WRITERS CORNER

ocls.info/writerscorner

IN-PERSON

Finding a Literary Agent

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, February 12, 4 p.m.

Literary agent Sarah N. Fisk will discuss what an agent does and doesn't do, plus provide a step-by-step guide to finding literary agents, including how to select the right agent for you and your work.

VIRTUAL

OCLS Writer's Group

Sunday, February 13, 4 p.m.

Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

Politics as a Narrative Element

Saturday, February 19, 1 p.m.

Learn how to use and understand the politics in your writing from authors Carrie Callaghan (*Salt the Snow*) and Samantha Rajaram (*The Company Daughters*).



Q&A WITH RENITA HUNT



by Sarah Fisk, Event/Program Planner

Renita Hunt is an empowerment speaker and marketing communications executive. Her robust corporate marketing career began as a library page at 14 years old. She holds an MBA from University of Phoenix and a BA in Public Relations from Clark Atlanta University. Renita has been emceeing the African American Read-In at Orange County Library System every year since 2016. We caught up with her to discuss her participation in the annual event.

Can you talk about your history with the African American Read-In?

I have emceed the African American Read-In every year since it began. My mother, Jacquelyn Shields, first had the vision to bring the event to the Orange County Library System. I worked with her on the planning committee that founded the event. My first year, I was a co-emcee, and I've been doing it ever since.

Why is Read-In important to you? What do you hope our community gets out of it?

It's important to me on many levels, as an avid reader, the child of an educator and as a former library page. I love the light it shines on African American authors, black heritage and the importance of reading. My hope is that each year attendees learn more about the diversity of black authors and black cultural stories, as well as the importance of plugging into the local library for relevant and engaging cultural events.

What has been your favorite part about (or favorite moment) emceeing the African American Read-In at OCLS?

Over the past six years, there have been so many good moments I've gotten to experience. I really enjoyed seeing the Sigma Step team perform and when Denzel Dejournette read *Crown: Ode to the Fresh Cut*. The African drummers are always a big hit as well. But having Carla Hayden, the Librarian of Congress, join us virtually in 2020 was the biggest moment yet. What an honor to hear from the first African American to lead the national library!

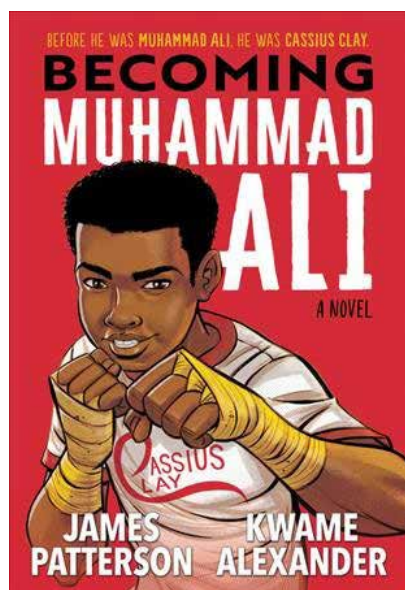
If someone is reading this, trying to decide if they should attend the Read-In, what would you say to them?

Attending the Read-In is a great way to celebrate African American culture during Black History Month, and it's relevant to people of all ages! It's a unique cultural experience where you can learn the stories of the past, engage with black artistry and be exposed to new, local African American authors.

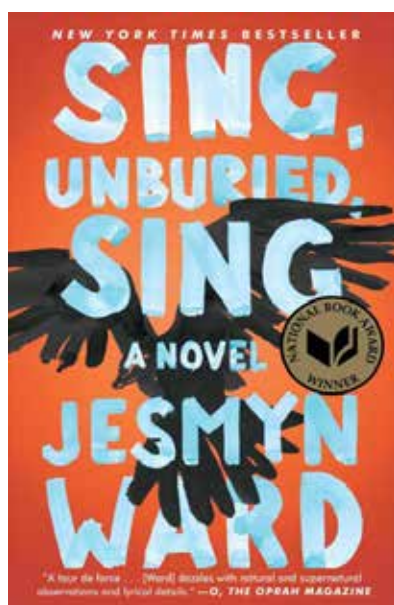
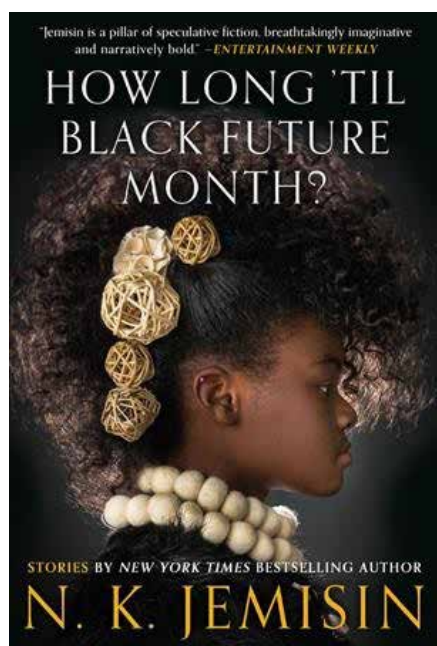
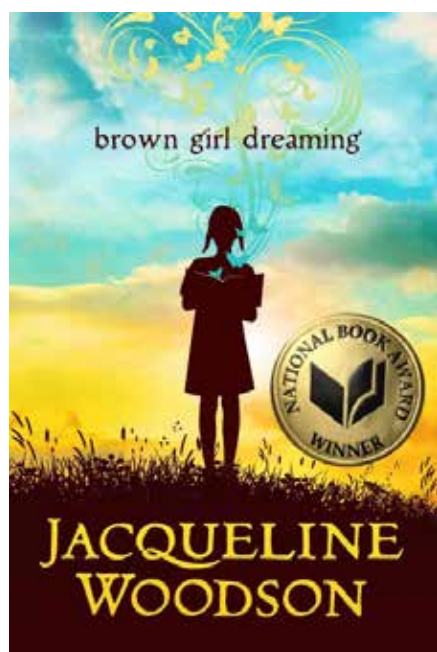
Do you have any reading recommendations for our library patrons?

I truly believe the power to success lies in what you are reading. Three of my favorite books are *Think and Grow Rich* by Napoleon Hill, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou and *Roots* by Alex Haley.

Join Renita Hunt as she hosts the African American Read-In at Orlando Public Library on Sunday, February 20, 2 p.m. For more information on it and all of the library's Black History Month events, see pages 18–21.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOK LIST



How Long 'Til Black Future Month? **by N. K. Jemisin**

In these stories, Jemisin sharply examines modern society, infusing magic into the mundane and drawing deft parallels in the fantasy realms of her imagination.

Sing, Unburied, Sing **by Jesmyn Ward**

Living with his grandparents and sister on a Gulf Coast farm, Jojo navigates the challenges of his mother's addictions and his grandmother's cancer before the release of his father from prison prompts a road trip of danger and hope.

Becoming Muhammad Ali
by James Patterson & Kwame Alexander
Before he was a household name, Cassius Clay was a kid with struggles like any other. Kwame Alexander and James Patterson join forces to vividly depict his life up to age 17 in both prose and verse, including his childhood friends, struggles in school, the racism he faced and his discovery of boxing.

Brown Girl Dreaming **by Jacqueline Woodson**

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.

Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre **by Brandy Colbert**

A searing new work of nonfiction from award-winning author Brandy Colbert about the history and legacy of one of the most deadly and destructive acts of racial violence in American history: the Tulsa Race Massacre.

Run – Book One **by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin**

This astounding graphic novel tells the story of an often-overlooked chapter of civil rights history through the eyes of Congressman John Lewis – one of the “Big Six” leaders of groups who organized the 1963 March on Washington.

Music in the Library:

Nathi Gcabashe

Fairview Shores Branch

Saturday, February 19, 4:30 p.m.

Hear Grammy-nominated musician Nathi Gcabashe.

Nathi is a singer, songwriter, guitarist and record producer from Durban, South Africa.



BLACK HIST

IN-PERSON

Celebrate Through Film:

Black History Month

Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room

Tuesdays, February 1–22, 1–3 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month through film every Friday in February.

2/1: *Selma* (PG-13)

2/8: *Harriet* (PG-13)

2/15: *Ray* (PG-13)

2/22: *Hidden Figures* (PG)

Crafternoons:

Celebrate Black History Month

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, February 2, 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of Black History Month with an hour of crafting and fun with friends.

Registration required.

Recommended for ages 6–8.

Multicultural Hair Styling 101

South Creek Branch

Monday, February 7, 4–5:30 p.m.

Learn how to braid and twist natural hair into a protective style. Explore healthy braiding techniques and get advice on the best hair tools for textured hair. Registration required.

A Trip to Africa

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Thursday, February 24, 10:30 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Monday, February 28, 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. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Motown Movin'

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, February 9, 4 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, February 10, 4:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Saturday, February 19, 11 a.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. Recommended for families.

Masai Animal Masks

South Trail Branch

Thursday, February 10, 3:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, February 23, 4 p.m.

Listen to a story and create original artwork based on Masai tribal costume masks. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Music in the Library: Don Black

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, February 12, 2 p.m.

Hear saxophonist Don Black perform. His approach to music, whether it be it blues, jazz or pop is poetic, rhythmic and soulful.

J is for Jazz

Southeast Branch

Monday, February 14, 11 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

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

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, February 22, 11 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Monday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about the lively rhythms and improv sound of jazz music through melodic stories, instrument play and more. Recommended for ages 3–5.

African American Read-In

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, February 20, 2–3:30 p.m.

Celebrate African American literature in poetry, story and song, performed by local luminaries in conjunction with the 32nd Annual National African American Read-In.

Rock the Wrap: Headwrap Styling Workshop

Hiawassee Branch

Tuesday, February 22, 4 p.m.

This educational and interactive experience provides step-by-step instruction of headwrap styling techniques. Learn about the significance and history of headwrapping. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.



ORY MONTH

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Princess and the Frog Storytime

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, February 15, 11 a.m.

Let's go down to New Orleans and celebrate Tiana, Naveen, Louis and Ray with stories, songs and crafts. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Harlem Renaissance Music Hour Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, February 16, 2:45 p.m.

Relive the intellectual, social and artistic movement through music, poetry, art and more! Recommended for ages 13–18.

Teen Art Adventures – Scraffito

Southeast Branch

Wednesday, February 16, 4:30 p.m.

Explore your creative side with this monthly series. We'll provide the supplies and instruction on different types of art forms, you bring the imagination! This month's project is scraffito. Recommended for ages 13–18.

Freedom Quilt

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, February 17, 4:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Sunday, February 20, 3 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, February 23, 4 p.m.

Learn how quilt patterns became messages that may have helped slaves travel the Underground Railroad and create your own patchwork square. Registration required. Recommended for families.

DIY Scrapbooking

Eatonville Branch

Monday, February 21, 2:30 p.m.

Ever thought of recording fun memories, family photos or thoughts and dreams? Create your own scrapbook while learning about African American history. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Afternoon Art

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, February 23, 4 p.m.

Let's go on an art adventure! Learn about different artists and artistic styles, then create your own masterpiece. This month we're celebrating Jean-Michel Basquiat. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Collage and Color

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, February 23, 4 p.m.

Poetry, stories, collage and color all come together to celebrate artist Ashley Bryan. Recommended for ages 6–12.

African American Collage Art Southeast Branch

Friday, February 25, 4 p.m.

Explore the works of famous African American artists like Romare Bearden, then recreate art in the same style. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Black History Month Family Fair North Orange Branch

Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Celebrate black history with games, trivia, crafts and more!

IN-PERSON: Children's Author Storytime

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, February 16, 11 a.m.

Celebrate Black History Month with award-winning violinist, Pilar Winter Hill. Listen as she reads her first children's book, *A Neighborhood Walk, A Musical Journey*. Recommended for ages 4–8.

**IN-PERSON:**

Music in the Library: Wassalou
Orlando Public Library,
Library Central

Saturday, February 26, 11 a.m.

Wassalou is an Afropop band that presents a unique talent to the North American cultural landscape. Bringing language, colorful traditional costuming and dance straight out of Africa.

IN-PERSON**Alma Thomas Art**

Southeast Branch

Saturday, February 5, 11 a.m.

Hiawasse Branch

Wednesday, February 9, 4:30 p.m.

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, February 16, 3 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, February 16, 3:30 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, February 16, 4 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Saturday, February 26, 2 p.m.

Honor African American artist Alma Thomas and create your own colorful abstract work of art. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

VIRTUAL**A Trip to Africa***Thursday, February 3, 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. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Alma Thomas Art*Thursday, February 3, 4 p.m.*

Honor African American artist Alma Thomas and create your own colorful abstract work of art. Recommended for ages 6–8.

**Debunking Myths
of Healthy Foods Within the
Black Community**

Friday, February 11, 11 a.m.

Quinoa and kale aren't the only healthy food choices! Increase your confidence around eating foods important to your cultural roots including African American, Caribbean and Hispanic.

Motown Movin'*Thursday, February 17, 4 p.m.*

Boogie into Motown! Move and groove together with activities related to the first Black-owned record company in the U.S. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Hip-Hop Artist Fyütch*Saturday, February 19, 4:30 p.m.*

Music and social justice artist Fyütch presents a high-energy hip-hop concert for Black History Month, full of joy, dance moves and facts about Black pioneers past and present.

African American Collage Art*Thursday, February 24, 4 p.m.*

Explore the works of famous African American artists like Romare Bearden, then recreate art in the same style. Recommended for age 6–8.



IN-PERSON:

To Be a Drum Celebration

16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787

Saturday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Monday, February 14, 11 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Friday, February 18, 1:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, February 19, 3 p.m.

Be inspired by dancing and drumming as we hear the rhythm of the Earth through a storytelling performance of *To Be a Drum* by Evelyn Coleman. Recommended for families.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH RESOURCE GUIDE

libguides.ocls.info/blackhistory

Use this resource to discover information about famous Black Americans. Read books by and about African Americans. Watch some DVDs on the Civil Rights Movement or investigate our databases and create an excellent report for a school project.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Reading Challenge

ocls.beanstack.org

February 1 – 28

Celebrate Black Health & Wellness

Celebrate Black History Month! Learn about the history of Black health and wellness in the U.S. and explore mental, emotional and physical health resources created by and for the Black community. For further reading, check out book recommendations honoring the Black experience. Log your reading and activities to earn badges all month long. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

FIBER ARTS ocls.info/fiberarts

Fall in Love With Fiber Arts

Start your year off right by learning a new fiber art. From sewing and embroidery, to knitting and crochet, we've got the craft you're looking for in-person or online.

IN-PERSON

Sewing – Heart Pillow

West Oaks Branch

Friday, February 4, 10 a.m.–Noon

We're celebrating love by making a heart pillow. You'll need basic sewing skills to create this project.

Let's Knit Fingerless Mitts

Orlando Public Library

Fridays, February 4 & 11, 10 a.m.

Keep your fingers free and your hands warm with a pair of mitts. Practice your beginning knitting skills while learning how to seam up your knits.

Sewing – Fitted Skirt

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday–Thursday, February 8–10, 12:30 p.m.

Are you ready to learn some more advanced sewing skills? Create a semi-fitted straight skirt with a zipper back closure. We will teach you sewing techniques for finished seams.

Sewing – Go Green Custom Shopping Bag

Orlando Public Library

Monday–Thursday, February 21–24, 12:30 p.m.

Let's go green and make your own shopping bags. These bags are quick and easy to make and fat quarter friendly.

VIRTUAL

Let's Crochet Heart Sugar Cookies

Wednesday, February 2, 10–11:30 a.m.

It's the best time for hearts and love; let's make a heart sugar cookie. You'll need basic crochet skills to start this project. We'll be learning the single crochet two together stitch.

Hand Sewing Shashiko Patterns

Valentine's Hearts

Thursdays, February 3–24, 10:15 a.m.

Sashiko hand sewing is a Japanese style hand sewing technique using the simple running stitch. Pre-Requisite: Hand Sewing – Basic Hand Sewing Skills.

Let's Crochet Heart Appliques

Friday, February 11, 2 p.m.

Create a cute and quick heart applique using a magic circle and different stitch heights. We will be learning magic circle and the triple crochet stitch in this class.

Let's Crochet Heart Rosettes

Wednesday, February 16, 10 a.m.

We're celebrating all things love by making a heart shaped rose using double crochet, treble crochet, and in the round techniques.



Open Lab – Ask A Tech

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, February 2, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 8, 3 p.m.

Saturday, February 26, 3 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursdays, February 3–24, 2 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, February 10, 3 p.m.

Are you stuck on a software-related project or simply need constructive ideas to get you started? Let us help! A technology trainer will be available to assist you in this open lab.

Write Well With Word

Use Microsoft Office's Word to write everything from grocery shopping lists to your great American novel. Learn to use automatic features to make writing well a breeze, then add eye-catching formatting, images and more to your document.

TECHNOLOGY ocls.info/techclasses

IN-PERSON

Microsoft Word Level 1

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, February 1, 10:15 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, February 3, 11 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, February 10, 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.

Create polished documents in Microsoft Word. Navigate the Word user interface and apply basic word processing techniques to create a formatted letter. Ensure readability with basic review tools.

Microsoft Word Level 2

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, February 1, 11:30 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, February 10, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, February 16, 11:45 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Wednesday, February 16, 4:30 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, February 17, 10:15 a.m.

Contact your mailing list with ease. Use the Mail Merge wizard to create personalized letters and emails.

Microsoft Word Level 3

South Creek Branch

Saturday, February 5, 10:15 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, February 8, 10:15 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, February 17, 11:30 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, February 17, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, February 23, 10:30 a.m.

Use templates with ease. Modify text and picture placeholders, explore paste options, format pictures and insert charts.

Microsoft Word Level 4

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, February 8, 11:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Saturday, February 12, 3 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, February 23, 11:45 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, February 24, 10:15 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, February 24, 11 a.m.

Create professional reports. Unify formatting with themes and shading, organize topics with titles and headers, and distribute the finished document through printing and sharing options.

An Pèsòn: Microsoft Word Nivo 1

South Trail Branch

Monday, February 7, 10 a.m.

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An Pèsòn: Microsoft Word Nivo 2

South Trail Branch

Monday, February 14, 10 a.m.

Aprann kijan pou sèvi avèk opsyon Atizay yo ak kijan pou aplike estil pou ka amelyore aparans yon dokiman.

An Pèsòn: Microsoft Word Nivo 3

South Trail Branch

Monday, February 21, 10 a.m.

Aprann kòman pou sèvi avèk opsyon Atizay yo ak kijan pou aplike estil Pou ka amelyore aparans yon dokiman.

Check It Out Online!

ocls.info/live-online-classes

Can't make it to an in-person class? Attend an online class from the comfort of home or your office.

IN-PERSON

Makerspace Open Lab

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays,
10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Apply your skills in our Makerspace! Melrose Fab Lab. Instructors are here to help with circuits, soldering, 3D design, woodworking or programming. We have the tools you need! Use of equipment requires an orientation and assessment – find a class that fits your needs at The Melrose Center.

VIRTUAL

Melrose Audio Meetup

Wednesday, February 16, 6–7:30 p.m.

This meetup is organized and hosted by the Audio Studio instructors of The Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center.

Adobe After Effects Level 1

Thursday, February 24, 10–11:15 a.m.

Create a spectacular video animation using a few stills and Adobe After Effects. Learn how to import footage, set up a composition and animate layers using keyframes.

Adobe After Effects Level 2

Thursday, February 24, 11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Explore 3D video in Adobe After Effects! Animate layers and extrude type in 3D space to create an otherworldly cinematic animation.

Adobe After Effects Level 3

Thursday, February 24, 1:30–3 p.m.

Build stunning 2D and 3D video motion graphics with confidence.

Adobe After Effects Level 4

Thursday, February 24, 3:15–4:45 p.m.

Take your video to the next level! Discover how to use the arcs principle to animate photographs and how to use the moving camera tool to follow the action on the screen.



**Melrose in the Mix –
E-Turn with Swamburger
WUCF-TV**

Thursday, February 17, 8:30 p.m.

Season 3 of our live recording series continues on WUCF-TV with this session featuring Orlando hip-hop royalty.

E-Turn and Swamburger sit down to discuss their longtime collaboration and upcoming projects, then perform a tight set in the Melrose Center Audio Studio.

PILAR WINTER HILL

by Caitlin Hill, Youth Programs Coordinator

At just 15 years old, Pilar Winter Hill is an accomplished violinist and children's book author who is passionate about classical music and being a positive role model. She was first introduced to the violin at age 6, and she's been mesmerizing audiences ever since, performing at prestigious venues like the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. Pilar has gained a global audience online with over 500 thousand Instagram followers and more than 66 million views on her performance videos.

With her incredible talent, Pilar has achieved an unprecedented level of success, becoming the first African American female violinist to gain admission to the Juilliard Pre-College program and to be a major prize winner in an international violin competition. Pilar's work as a children's author has also received national recognition. Her book *A Neighborhood Walk, A Musical Journey* tells the story of a young girl who becomes enchanted by the magical sounds of musicians playing their instruments in a busy city. In 2021, the book was awarded a Starred Review by the School Library Journal, and the American Library Association (ALA) named her as a leading author, inviting her to the ALA Annual Conference and Exhibition as a featured speaker.

As part of the library's Black History Month celebration, Pilar will read her book during Children's Author Storytime at Orlando Public Library on Wednesday, February 16, 11 a.m. See pages 18–21 for more details. Aware that African American women are often underrepresented in the field of classical music, Pilar aspires to make her mark as a musician and author. She hopes that by sharing her love of music, she can inspire other children to pursue their own passions.



In-Person: Baby's First Valentine's Day

Southeast Branch

Monday, February 7, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Monday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.

Explore sensory activities made with love and help baby develop fine and gross motor skills. Recommended for ages 0–18 months and caregivers.

Valentine's

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IN-PERSON

Puppy Love

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, February 2, 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, February 2, 11 a.m.

Share your love for our forever friends with stories and activities.

Plush puppies are welcome.

Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

Artsy Toddler:

Valentine Hugs and Kisses

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, February 2, 10:30 a.m.

Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create!

Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences. Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

Science of Love

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, February 2, 3 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Monday, February 7, 4 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, February 9, 4 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Saturday, February 12, 2 p.m.

Hiawasse Branch

Monday, February 14, 4:30 p.m.

We may not be making love potions, but this event is sure to get your heart beating with fun science experiments and STEM challenges. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Valentine Surprise

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Friday, February 11, 3 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Monday, February 14, 10:15 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. Registration required. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Bee My Valentine

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, February 9, 4 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Friday, February 11, 4 p.m.

The buzz is all about Valentine's Day. Come and join us for fun Valentine's stories, crafts and fun! Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Love Bugs

South Creek Branch

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

North Orange Branch

Thursday, February 10, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, February 15, 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Monday, February 21, 10:15 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Monday, February 21, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Monday, February 28, 11 a.m.

Use heart-shaped cut outs to create sweet little love bugs with your love bug! Bug-themed activities and stories will be included too. Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

A Villainous Valentine's

Fairview Shores Branch

Friday, February 11, 10:15 a.m.

Even villains have secret admirers. Find out how Ursula, Captain Hook and all of your favorite villains celebrate Valentine's Day. Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

I Love You to the Moon and Back

Orlando Public Library

Monday, February 14, 11 a.m.

Share a story and create activities and crafts dedicated to love, family and friendship. Recommended for ages 3–5.

VIRTUAL

Bee My Valentine

Thursday, February 10, 4 p.m.

The buzz is all about Valentine's Day. Come and join us for fun Valentine's stories, crafts and fun! Recommended for ages 6–8.

Cuentacuentos Kids

Valentine's Day with Moana

Wednesday, February 9, 5 p.m.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with *Moana*. In this bilingual program children will learn Spanish words for Valentine's Day. Recommended for ages 6–12.

A Villainous Valentine's

Monday, February 14, 3 p.m.

Even villains have secret admirers. Find out how Ursula, Captain Hook and all of your favorite villains celebrate Valentine's Day. Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

VALENTINES DAY

BOOK LIST



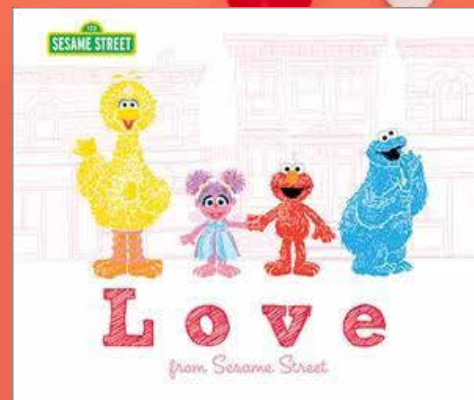
***TBH, No One Can EVER Know*
by Lisa Greenwald**

With a Valentine's Day dance, snooping parents and way too many secrets, these four BFFs have a lot to deal with in the seventh book in this hilarious series told entirely in text messages, emojis and passed notes.



***19 Love Songs*
by David Levithan**

Born from Levithan's tradition of writing a story for his friends each Valentine's Day, this collection brings all of them to his readers for the first time. With fiction, nonfiction and a story in verse, there's something for every reader here.



***Love from Sesame Street*
by Sesame Workshop
illustrated by Ernie Kwiat**

Children are invited to explore myriad definitions of love with favorite *Sesame Street* characters who take turns sharing uplifting messages about what love means to them.



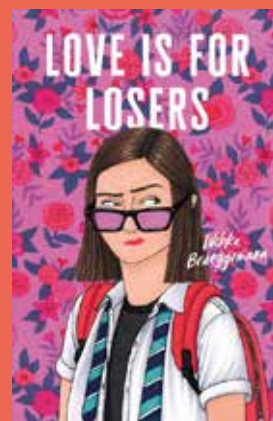
***Valenslime*
by Joy Keller
illustrated by Ashley Belote**

Ever since Victoria Franken brought her slime to life, she and Goop have been great friends, but after realizing on Valentine's Day that while she had many friends, Goop only had her, she tries to create a new slime friend for him.



***Mirabel's Missing Valentines*
by Janet Lawler
illustrated by Olivia Chin Mueller**

When Mirabel's valentines fall out of her bag on the way to school, the shy little mouse panics. But those lost cards brighten some days before making their way back to her in this wonderful tale of overcoming insecurity.



***Love is for Losers*
by Wibke Brueggemann**

Fifteen-year-old Phoebe thinks falling in love is vile and degrading, and vows never to do it. Then, due to circumstances not entirely in her control, she finds herself volunteering at a local thrift shop. There she meets Emma . . . who might unwittingly upend her whole theory on life.

IN-PERSON

Movie and a Craft

Fairview Shores Branch

Wednesdays, February 2–23, 3–5:45 p.m.

Sit back and relax during a family-friendly movie while working on a craft using a variety of materials. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

ArtMazing

South Creek Branch

Saturday, February 19, 2 p.m.

Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must! Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

Lindy Hop Line Dance: The Shim Sham!

Southwest Branch

Thursday, February 24, 4:30 p.m.

It's time to get your heart and feet moving with this jazz-centered dance lesson!



MODERN PARENTING

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IN-PERSON

Children Listen When You Listen

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, February 10, 11 a.m.

Communication is important for your children to know that they are being heard by their parents. Learn about active listening techniques and shifting speech perspective: What to say and how to say it.

VIRTUAL

Family Zumba

Saturday, February 19, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, February 22, 11 a.m.

Get your family moving with this energizing workout class! Learn basic Zumba moves to help you dance your way to fitness. Zumba uses dance aerobics to create a fun workout. Registration required.



BIZKIDS

READY TO BECOME AN ENTREPRENEUR?

VIRTUAL

BizKids Club

Mondays & Wednesdays, February 7–March 2, 5–6:30 p.m.

Ready to become an entrepreneur? The BizKids Club is an instructor-led program that introduces participants to the world of business and entrepreneurship.



EARLY LEARNING ocls.info/earlylearning

BABY (Ages 0–18 Months)

IN-PERSON

Mother Goose on the Loose

Fairview Shores Branch
Thursdays, February 3–24,
10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch
Mondays, February 7 & 21,
10:30 a.m.

Using rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more, we will be interacting together to help develop important pre-literacy skills in our littlest ones.

Baby, It's Cold Outside

South Creek Branch
Wednesday, February 16,
10:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, February 16,
11 a.m.

Explore the wonder of winter by engaging in themed sensory activities with your little one.

Mama Gansa

Southwest Branch
Monday, February 28,
10:30 a.m.

A Spanish immersion Mother Goose on the Loose with interactive songs, rhymes and activities to grow your baby's early literacy and Spanish skills!

STORYTIME ocls.info/storytime



IN-PERSON

TINY TALES (ages birth–18 months)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 11:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.

Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

TODDLER TIME (ages 18 months–3 years)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:45 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.

North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.

Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.

Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.

STORYBOOK FUN (ages 3–5 years)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.

North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.

Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.

ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME (ages 0–5 years)

Fairview Shores Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.

Washington Park Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Eatonville Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

South Trail Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11 a.m.

VIRTUAL

FAMILY STORYTIME

Sundays, 2 p.m.

PAJAMA TALES

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

TODDLER (Ages 18–36 Months)

IN-PERSON

Storytime Crafts

North Orange Branch

Wednesdays, February 2–23, 10:30 a.m.–Noon

Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Artsy Toddler

Windermere Branch

Monday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.

Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create! Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences.

VIRTUAL

Hello, Neighbor!

Thursday, February 17, 11 a.m.

Welcome to Daniel Tiger's neighborhood of make-believe! Join us for a grr-ific time learning practical skills with stories and interactive activities. Recommended for ages 2–5.



IN-PERSON: Hello, Neighbor!

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, February 8, 11 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Monday, February 21, 10:15 a.m.

Welcome to our neighborhood of make-believe. Join us for a grr-ific time learning practical skills with stories and interactive activities. Recommended for ages 2–5.

PRESCHOOL (Ages 3–5)

IN-PERSON

Countdown to Kindergarten

Southwest Branch

Tuesdays, February 1–15, 10:30 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Mondays, February 7–28, 11 a.m.

Explore families and feelings through stories, rhymes and activities designed to help preschoolers develop skills to become readers and succeed in kindergarten. Recommended for ages 4–5.

Explore the World!

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, February 1, 11 a.m.

Learn about a different country each month through games, activities and crafts. Don't forget your passport! This month we're learning about Brazil!

Growing Up WILD: What's Wild?

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, February 9, 11 a.m.

Get back to nature and explore wild Florida with hands-on activities designed to teach and increase awareness and appreciation for the outdoors.

Homeschool Junior:

President's Day

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.

Kick start your little one's education with Homeschool Junior! Join us for a storytime and activities all about basic concepts.

On Our Way to K –

How is the Weather?

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, February 22, 10:30 a.m.

Will it rain today? Learn about the weather through stories, rhymes and activities designed to help preschoolers develop necessary skills to excel in kindergarten. Recommended for ages 4–5.

Sesame Street Storytime

Southwest Branch

Friday, February 25, 3 p.m.

Join us while we read stories that celebrate our uniqueness and create a craft inspired by our *Sesame Street* friends.

VIRTUAL

Little Chef: Apple Pie Parfait

Tuesday, February 1, 11 a.m.

Celebrate apple pie in a brand-new way and learn to layer and scoop! Caregiver participation required.

Huge Hippos

Wednesday, February 2, 11 a.m.

How big is a hippopotamus? Preschoolers will learn about hippos through fact-filled stories, activities and a craft.

Little Chef: Dumpling Dreams

Wednesday, February 2, 1 p.m.

How far will Joyce Chen's dumpling dream go? Learn about her inspiring story and whip up a delicious dumpling recipe.

Sesame Street Storytime

Mondays, February 7–28, 11 a.m.

Can you tell me how to get, how to get to *Sesame Street*? Let's make it a sunny day with a storytime and craft celebrating our favorite friends.

Pajama Party

Mondays, February 7–28, 7 p.m.

Put on your pajamas and join us virtually for stories, songs and a craft.

Beautiful Birds

Wednesday, February 9, 11 a.m.

Birds come in many shapes and sizes. Preschoolers will learn about a variety of birds through fact-filled stories, activities and a craft.

Cuentame Un Cuento

Thursdays, February 10 & 24, 11 a.m.

This is a series of virtual events that will include bilingual stories, books, songs, flannels and occasionally crafts.

Dazzling Ducks

Wednesday, February 16, 11 a.m.

Quack! Preschoolers will learn about ducks and their habitats through fact-filled stories, activities and a craft.

Cunning Coyotes

Wednesday, February 23, 11 a.m.

Preschoolers will learn about coyotes and how we often share habitats with them through fact-filled stories, activities and a craft.

IN-PERSON: Preschool Yoga with PLAYologist Yolonda

Chickasaw Branch

Monday, February 7, 11 a.m.

Preschool yoga classes with Yolonda Deon are fun-filled yoga, meditation and mindfulness sessions with a twist that uses a trauma-informed PLAY-based yoga curriculum.



IN-PERSON

Project WILD – Colory Crazy Southwest Branch

Tuesday, February 1, 3:30 p.m.

How does color make it easier to survive? Children will find out as they learn how animals use color adaptations in the wild through hands-on activities. Recommended for children ages 6–8.

Drawing Club

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, February 2, 4 p.m.

Try out new drawing techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Recommended for ages 9–12.

Homework Help

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, February 3, 3:30 p.m.

Feeling stuck at school? Get help here! From the toughest assignment to the most interesting project, we will lead you in the right direction. Recommended for ages 6–18. Registration required.

Afternoon Art

Fairview Shores Branch

Monday, February 7–28, 4:30 p.m.

Discover an art adventure! Learn about a different artist and artistic style each time and then create your own masterpiece.

Art History for Kids

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, February 9, 3 p.m.

In this series we will explore artists and their styles. We will also create our own masterpieces inspired by their work. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Crafternoons

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, February 9, 3:30 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, February 16, 3 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, February 23, 3 p.m.

Get ready for an hour of crafting fun with friends! Registration Requested. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Sunshine State Jr. Book Club

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, February 9, 4 p.m.

Hear us read aloud one of the 2021–2022 Sunshine State Jr (K–2) books, and then enjoy an activity! This month we're reading *You Matter*. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Paint Party!

Fairview Shores Branch

Saturdays, February 12 & 26, 4 p.m.

Stop by Fairview Shores and join us for Paint Party! Create your very own bubble paint project, dot painting and splash paint.

February Crafternoon

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, February 16, 4 p.m.

Decorate a colorful rock for your collection. Make a special creation, because painting rocks! Recommended for ages 6–8.

VIRTUAL

Lucky Red Envelope Family Craft

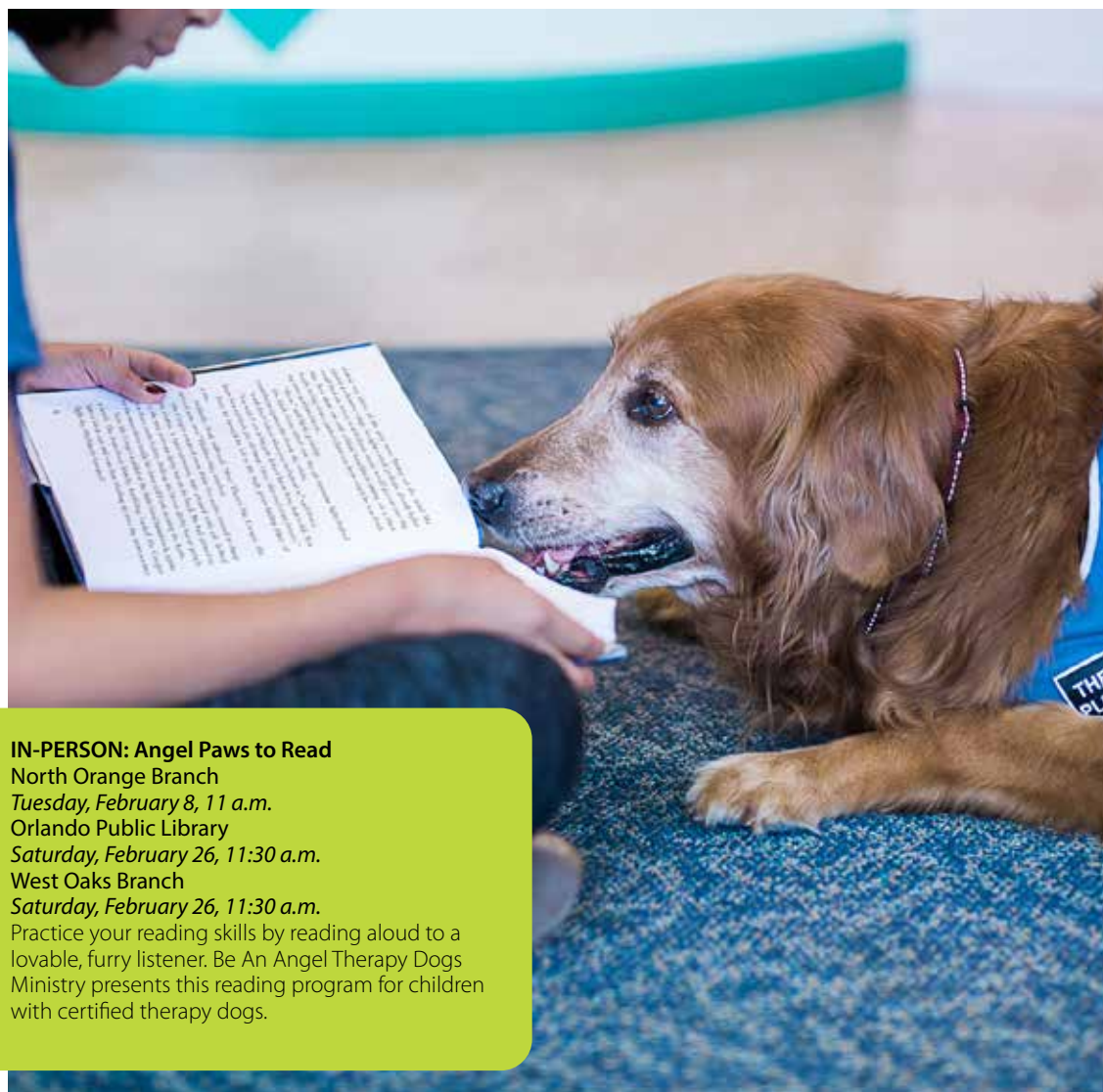
Tuesday, February 1, 4:30 p.m.

Lucky red envelopes are given to wish happiness, health and fortune for the Lunar New Year.

Prime Time Family Reading Time

Tuesdays, February 1–22, 6 p.m.–7:15 p.m.

This six-week reading and discussion program inspires thought and conversation between children (ages 5–12) and families. Recipes, books and activity kits will be provided.



IN-PERSON: Angel Paws to Read

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, February 8, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, February 26, 11:30 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, February 26, 11:30 a.m.

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a lovable, furry listener. Be An Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry presents this reading program for children with certified therapy dogs.

TEENS

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IN-PERSON

Teen Volunteering: Craft Kit Prep

Orlando Public Library, Club Central

Saturday, February 26, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Attend a volunteer event and earn community service hours. High school students are invited to help assemble craft kits at this two-hour in person community service event.

VIRTUAL

Groundhog Day:

What's in a Time Loop?

Thursday, February 3, 4:30 p.m.

What's your favorite version of a "time loop" from movies, video games, books and TV? What would you do if you were stuck in one? Learn why they're so popular!



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BOOK DROP LOCATIONS

Horizon West Book Drop
Hamlin Town Center
14416 Shoreside Way, Winter Garden, FL 34787

Lake Nona Book Drop
Valencia College Lake Nona Campus
12350 Narcoossee Rd, Orlando, FL 32832

Materials placed in book drops are picked up and returned to the library Monday–Saturday.

LOCATIONS Sunday Hours: 🕒

Orlando Public Library
101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Alafaya Branch
12000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32826
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Chickasaw Branch
870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Eatonville Branch
200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch
902 Lee Road, Suite 26, Orlando, FL 32810
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch
7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32818
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

North Orange Branch
1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

South Creek Branch
1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

South Trail Branch
4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr., Orlando, FL 32839
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southeast Branch
5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southwest Branch
7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL 32819
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Washington Park Branch
5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center
1821 E. Silver Star Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Windermere Branch
530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.



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