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## **Celebrate Freedom, Culture, Tradition and Pride this June at Your Library**

This month, Orange County Library System invites everyone to join us as we celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Learn about the history and the many contributions of LGBTQIA+ people all over the world with programs and events as colorful and diverse as the rainbow. Try out a bold new look at a [makeup masterclass](#), learn about [the history of the Pride flag](#) and LGBTQIA+ figures like [Alan Turing](#) and [Keith Haring](#), and even [DIY a rainbow craft](#). For more information on Pride events at OCLS, visit [ocls.info/pride](https://ocls.info/pride).

Juneteenth honors the historic day in 1865 that enslaved people living in Galveston, Texas learned they had been emancipated. Juneteenth has been observed by African American communities since 1866, and officially became a federal holiday on June 17, 2021. Events highlighting and celebrating Black history, love and joy will take place throughout the month of June, including a discussion by human rights lawyer and artist [Lauren Austin of That Black Girl Art](#) and concerts by Grammy-nominated artist [Fyütch](#). For a full listing of all Juneteenth events, visit [ocls.info/juneteenth](https://ocls.info/juneteenth).

June is also Caribbean American Heritage Month. Immerse yourself in the rich fabric of Caribbean heritage with events that feature the vibrant cultures and traditions of the Caribbean, like performances by steel pan musician [Ravon Rhoden](#) and innovative percussive performer [Sean Thomas](#), or learn how to make the perfect [Jamaican jerk barbecue sauce](#). Visit [ocls.info/caribbean-american-heritage-month](https://ocls.info/caribbean-american-heritage-month) for more information.

On June 3, Orange County Library System's annual summer program begins. This year's Summer at Your Library theme is All Together Now: Kindness, Friendship and Unity. Classes, programs and events for all ages that explore gratitude, friendship, community and compassion will be offered in-person at all branches and virtually. Visit [ocls.info/summer](https://ocls.info/summer) for details.

Registration is strongly recommended for all in-person events due to limited capacity. If you have any questions about the information shared below, call 407.835.7323. Visit us online at [ocls.info](https://ocls.info) to register, or to view a complete listing of both virtual and in-person library events.

General events:

**That Black Girl Art**

Eatonville Branch

*On Display Through June*

Experience the works of fiber artist Lauren Austin through the realities of African American history with photographs, beadwork and other mediums combined into her signature narrative quilts. Learn more about Lauren and her art at [thatblackgirlart.com](https://thatblackgirlart.com).

**SAYL Away to Adult Summer Camp**

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

*Sunday, June 4, 2–4 p.m.*

Experience summer camp vibes as an adult. Spend an afternoon creating cool crafts and making memories. Supplies are limited. Registration required.

**Music in the Library: Ravon Rhoden**

Chickasaw Branch

*Thursday, June 8, 11 a.m.*

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

*Saturday, June 24, 11 a.m.*

In honor of National Caribbean American Heritage Month enjoy a live performance by steel pan musician Ravon Rhoden. Ravon is an energetic pannist with an extensive musical repertoire.

**Meet the Artist: Lauren Austin**

Eatonville Branch

*Saturday, June 10, 10:30 a.m.*

Learn how Lauren Austin's experience as a human rights lawyer led to her becoming an artist who merges various mediums to reflect African American family life and its connection to the nature.

**Introduction to Belly Dance**

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

*Saturday, June 10, Noon*

Join professional belly dancer Helen Blondel as she teaches the fundamentals of belly dance using a step-by-step approach. Learn about its history, social significance and fun creative art form.

**Melrose Pop Festival**

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

*Saturday, June 10, 2 – 7 p.m.*

The Melrose Pop Festival will feature seven musical acts performing on the Melrose Stage. Attendees must already be in the Melrose Center at 6:00pm to see the final act at 6:10pm.

**Cuisine Corner: Jamaican Barbecued Jerk Pork**

*Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m.*

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she teaches how to infuse the wonderful flavors of homemade Jamaican jerk seasoning with homemade barbecue sauce.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit [attend.ocls.info/event/8143239](https://attend.ocls.info/event/8143239).

**Postcards 101**

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

*Tuesday, June 20, 5:30 p.m.*

DIY your own postcard to connect with a pal.

**Veteran Resources**

*Tuesday, June 27, 11 a.m.*

A representative from the Orlando VA will present suicide prevention and resources available to our veterans. Learn how to access VA and community emergency services.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit [attend.ocls.info/event/8095223](https://attend.ocls.info/event/8095223).

**How to Live to 100: Habits of the World's Healthiest People**

LIFE Information for Elders Branching Out Series

West Oaks Branch

*Wednesday, June 28, Noon*

Join Robin Rountree, with the Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center, for a discussion on what people who are living the longest in the "Blue Zones" can teach us about living a longer life.

**Cusine Corner: Spring Rolls**

*Wednesday, June 28, 6 p.m.*

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will guide us through the process of making spring rolls. Learn how you can make this delicious dish at home.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit [attend.ocl.info/event/8307439](https://attend.ocl.info/event/8307439).

### **Author Talk with Tananarive Due**

*Wednesday, June 28, 8 p.m.*

Join us for a chat with Tananarive Due about her newest work, *The Wishing Pool and Other Stories*.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit [attend.ocl.info/event/8107408](https://attend.ocl.info/event/8107408).

### Youth events:

#### **Bridge the Gap**

Southeast Branch

*Friday, June 2, 4 p.m.*

Hiawassee Branch

*Tuesday, June 6, 4:30 p.m.*

South Creek Branch

*Saturday, June 17, 2 p.m.*

Build bridges with new friends. Work as a team and test your engineering skills as you solve puzzles that require you to bridge the gap. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

#### **Escape From the Cosmos**

Windermere Branch

*Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m.*

West Oaks Branch

*Saturday, June 10, 3 p.m.*

Hiawassee Branch

*Tuesday, June 20, 4:30 p.m.*

Your family is stuck on Mars! Work together to tackle cosmic challenges and puzzles. Will your family discover the launch code to blast home to earth? Recommended for families with children ages 6–14.

#### **Kick-off Summer with Katie Nguyen**

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

*Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m.*

Participate in science, have fun, and laugh as Katie from *Mega Wow* experiments with color! This interactive show explores the science behind color and color mixing. Recommended for ages 0–12.

#### **Prideful Faces: Makeup Masterclass**

Windermere Branch

*Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m.*

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

*Saturday, June 10, 2:30 p.m.*

Alafaya Branch

*Saturday, June 17, 3 p.m.*

Celebrate Pride or your love of costume makeup! Makeup artist Danielle Ziss teaches teens how to apply rainbow makeup in a quick and easy way, creating happy looks that are full of color. Recommended for ages 11–18.

#### **Amazing Animals**

Washington Park Branch

*Monday, June 5, 10:30 a.m.*

Winter Garden Branch

*Tuesday, June 6, 10:30 a.m.*

Windermere Branch

*Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m.*

North Orange Branch

*Thursday, June 8, 11 a.m.*

South Creek Branch

*Friday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.*

West Oaks Branch

*Monday, June 12, 11 a.m.*

Hiawassee Branch  
*Wednesday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.*  
Chickasaw Branch  
*Friday, June 16, 10:30 a.m.*  
Fairview Shores Branch  
*Wednesday, June 21, 10:30 a.m.*  
Southeast Branch  
*Thursday, June 22, 11 a.m.*  
Southwest Branch  
*Friday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.*

Meet rare, threatened and endangered species. Learn about interesting animals that can be found throughout different lands and animal conservation. Recommended for ages 0–12.

### **Spheres Bubble Show**

Fairview Shores Branch  
*Monday, June 5, 10:30 a.m.*  
Orlando Public Library, Library Central  
*Tuesday, June 6, 10:30 a.m.*  
Southwest Branch  
*Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m.*  
Southeast Branch  
*Thursday, June 8, 11 a.m.*  
Chickasaw Branch  
*Friday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.*  
South Trail Branch  
*Monday, June 12, 10:30 a.m.*  
Winter Garden Branch  
*Tuesday, June 13, 10:30 a.m.*  
Alafaya Branch  
*Thursday, June 15, 10:30 a.m.*  
South Creek Branch  
*Friday, June 16, 10:30 a.m.*  
Windermere Branch  
*Wednesday, June 21, 10:30 a.m.*  
North Orange Branch  
*Thursday, June 22, 11 a.m.*  
Eatonville Branch  
*Friday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.*  
West Oaks Branch  
*Monday, June 26, 11 a.m.*  
Hiawassee Branch  
*Wednesday, June 28, 10:30 a.m.*

Watch Blaise Ryndes, master bubble performer, blow gigantic bubbles and create “liquid fireworks.” Listen to fun music as you are amazed by this bubble and light show. Recommended for ages 0–12.

### **DIY Pride**

South Creek Branch  
*Thursday, June 8, 2 p.m.*  
South Trail Branch  
*Thursday, June 8, 3 p.m.*  
North Orange Branch  
*Wednesday, June 14, 2:30 p.m.*  
Washington Park Branch  
*Thursday, June 15, 10:30 a.m.*  
Chickasaw Branch  
*Monday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.*  
Hiawassee Branch  
*Thursday, June 29, 12:30 p.m.*

Celebrate Pride with all the colors of the rainbow! Learn about the history of the rainbow flag and put your new knowledge to use by creating rainbow-themed crafts. Recommended for ages 6–8.

**Music with Evan and Vanessa**

Southeast Branch

*Monday, June 12, 11 a.m.*

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

*Tuesday, June 13, 10:30 a.m.*

Southwest Branch

*Wednesday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.*

Enjoy an award-winning bilingual children’s band. Sing along, tune in and listen to peaceful music recently named one of the “Best New Latin Kid’s Music Groups” by *Billboard*. Recommended for ages 0–8.

**Fyüтч**

Eatonville Branch

*Friday, June 16, 10:30 a.m.*

Library Pop-Up: Horizon West

*Saturday, June 17, 10:30 a.m.*

The Grammy-nominated artist hosts a special Juneteenth-inspired concert with songs about community, Black history and culture, through a blend of hip-hop, soul, R&B and pop! Recommended for ages 0–12.

**Vision Board Workshop with Sumer Strawbree**

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

*Saturday, June 17, 2:30 p.m.*

Learn how to take your written goals from paper to a decorated vision board that actually works! Manifest positivity in your life at school and at home. Recommended for ages 11–18.

**Los Niños Escuchan Cuando Tú Escuchas**

Southeast Branch

*Wednesday, June 21, 4 p.m.*

La comunicación es importante para que sus hijos sepan que sus padres los están escuchando. Aprenda sobre las técnicas de escucha activa y el cambio de perspectiva del habla: qué decir y cómo decirlo.

**NB Hip-Hop Academy Workshop**

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

*Saturday, June 24, 2:30 p.m.*

Learn about hip-hop, rhythm notation, how to chop samples, stacking drums, recording live instruments and how to build a track with hip-hop music instructor Chris Burns. Recommended for ages 11–18.

**Patty Shukla’s Super Music & Movement**

Southeast Branch

*Monday, June 26, 11 a.m.*

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

*Tuesday, June 27, 10:30 a.m.*

Southwest Branch

*Wednesday, June 28, 10:30 a.m.*

Move and shake along with award-winning performer and YouTube sensation, Miss Patty! Stand up and dance to fun, engaging and original education-based songs. Recommended for ages 0–5.

**LEARN. GROW. CONNECT.**

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