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## **OCLS Celebrates Women's History Month and More in March**

March is Women's History Month, and Orange County Library System invites the community to join us in learning about influential women in history who broke barriers and helped advance science, technology, engineering, art and math. Explore the achievements of great women of the past and present, from [Frida Kahlo](#) to [Ruth Bader Ginsberg](#), with women-centered events for all ages going on at all branches throughout the month. For a complete listing of events and highlights, visit [ocls.info/womens-history-month](https://ocls.info/womens-history-month).

On Saturday, March 25, at 2 p.m., Women in the Arts, Inc. will present the award honorees for the 12th annual "Celebrating the Genius of Women" art competition at Orlando Public Library, in honor of Women's History Month. Join us in the main lobby to meet the artists and participate in an interactive gallery walk, followed by an awards ceremony. Find out which pieces will win the Patron's Choice Award and Women in the Arts awards. The exhibition will run through April 2023. For more information, visit [ocls.info/womeninthearts](https://ocls.info/womeninthearts).

There will be plenty of shenanigans during [library events for Saint Patrick's Day](#), as well as some lesser-known holidays in March. Learn how to create custom Super Mario levels and more for Mario Day (3/10, or MAR-10), by visiting [ocls.info/school-break](https://ocls.info/school-break). Celebrate Pi Day (3/14, or 3.14) with crafty projects using the mathematical pi to [sew a custom circle skirt](#), or learn to [embroider a pie-shaped felt pin](#).

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

**Sewing: Vintage Circle Skirt**

*Orlando Public Library*

*Sundays, March 5–26, 1:30–3:30 p.m.*

*Mondays, March 6–27, 3:30–5:30 p.m.*

Celebrate Pi Day with a handmade circle skirt. Learn to make a vintage circle skirt with a lapped zipper and a waist band. Students are required to bring fabric.

**In Concert: Sonny & Perley**

*Orlando Public Library, Library Central*

*Sunday, March 5, 2 p.m.*

Interpretations of jazz, great American songbook, international cabaret and bossa nova with a salute to female composers.

### **Job Strategies for Mature Workers**

*North Orange Branch*

*Wednesday, March 15, 1 p.m.*

Explore strategies older job seekers can implement to help expedite a job search and find gainful and meaningful employment. Learn strategies, resources and tips to age-proof your resume.

### **Virtual Cuisine Corner: Tostones and Dip**

*Wednesday, March 15, 6 p.m.*

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show us how to make tasty tostones and dip. See what toppings and sauces go well with tostones.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit [attend.ocl.info/event/7701200](https://attend.ocl.info/event/7701200).

### **West African Kora**

*Chickasaw Branch*

*Friday, March 17, 11 a.m.*

*Orlando Public Library, Library Central*

*Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m.*

Sean Gaskell will give a performance on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. Gaskell's performance will feature traditional songs and some of his own personal compositions.

### **Virtual Writing Workshop: Developing Magical Systems**

*Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m.*

A big part of fantasy worldbuilding is the magic system. Learn how to create your own magical system that is both interesting and makes sense from author and worldbuilding specialist Cass Morris.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit [attend.ocl.info/event/7694098](https://attend.ocl.info/event/7694098).

### **Keeping Seniors in the Know about Aging at Home**

*Smarter Senior Seminar Series*

*Alafaya Branch*

*Wednesday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.*

Learn about what services are available for you as you age at home. Understand your potential needs that will keep you at home.

### **Women in the Arts Awards**

*Orlando Public Library*

*Saturday, March 25, 2 p.m.*

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### **Trust in Improv**

*Orlando Public Library, Library Central*

*Sunday, March 26, 3–5 p.m.*

I have your back! Support on and off the stage is an important skill set in improv and is key to a great show. In this month's workshop you will learn how and when to support fellow players.

### **Virtual Cuisine Corner: Florida Seafood Stew**

*Monday, March 27, 6:30 p.m.*

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make a delicious Florida seafood stew with savory broth infused with local seafood and herbs served with crusty bread for dipping.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit [attend.ocl.info/event/7730562](https://attend.ocl.info/event/7730562).

## **Children's Events**

### **Countdown to Kindergarten**

*Chickasaw Branch*

*Wednesdays, March 1–22, 11 a.m.*

*South Trail Branch*

*Thursdays, March 2–30, 11 a.m.*

Learn about pets through stories, rhymes and activities designed to help preschoolers develop the necessary skills to become readers and succeed in kindergarten. Recommended for ages 4–5.

**Book Buddies**

*Southwest Branch*

*Thursdays, March 2–30, 5 p.m.*

Drop in and practice your reading skills with a teen volunteer buddy. Recommended for ages 5–8.

**Holi: Festival of Colors**

*Southeast Branch*

*Saturday, March 4, 10:30 a.m.*

*South Creek Branch*

*Wednesday, March 8, 4:30 p.m.*

Celebrate the Hindu spring festival of Holi. Learn the history and meaning of this festival and how it is celebrated in India and around the world. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

**Springtime Sprouts**

*Southeast Branch*

*Monday, March 6, 10:15 a.m.*

It's baby's first spring! Discover new ways to play and interact with sensory activities for your little one. Recommended for ages 0-18 months and their caregiver.

**Little Shamrock**

*Southwest Branch*

*Wednesday, March 8, 10:30 a.m.*

*West Oaks Branch*

*Tuesday, March 14, 11 a.m.*

Follow the rainbow with your little lucky charms for an Irish feast with a fun with story, interactive stations and everything green.

**Nintendo Game Design: Super Mario Maker 2 (Ages 10–12)**

*Orlando Public Library*

*Friday, March 10, 4 p.m.*

*Monday, March 13, 2:30 p.m.*

*Alafaya Branch*

*Sunday, March 12, 1:30 p.m.*

*Thursday, March 16, 1:30 p.m.*

Let's-a go! Create custom Super Mario levels and worlds with enemies, obstacles and rewards. Challenge classmates to play your game and try to beat their levels.

**Nintendo Game Design: Super Mario Maker 2 (Ages 13–17)**

*Orlando Public Library*

*Friday, March 10, 3:30 p.m.*

*Wednesday, March 15, 10:30 a.m.*

*Alafaya Branch*

*Friday, March 17, 3:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, March 18, 3:30 p.m.*

Let's-a go! Create custom Super Mario levels and worlds with enemies, obstacles and rewards. Challenge classmates to play your game and try to beat their levels.

**Nintendo Game Design: Super Mario Maker 2 (Ages 7–9)**

*Orlando Public Library*

*Saturday, March 11, 10:30 a.m.*

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

*Alafaya Branch*

*Monday, March 13, 11 a.m.*

*Wednesday, March 15, 11 a.m.*

Let's-a go! Create custom Super Mario levels and worlds with enemies, obstacles and rewards. Challenge classmates to play your game and try to beat their levels.

**The BenAnna Band**

*Alafaya Branch*

*Monday, March 13, 11 a.m.*

*South Creek Branch*

*Wednesday, March 15, 10:30 a.m.*

*South Trail Branch*

*Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m.*

Kids will go bananas for this high-energy musical duo that focuses on inclusion and music for all ages, abilities and identities. Fun music for everyone. Recommended for children ages 0–8 years old.

**It Came From an Egg**

*Chickasaw Branch*

*Thursday, March 16, 3:30 p.m.*

Eggs come in all shapes, sizes and colors. From the super small to the brightly spotted, find out what lives and grows inside of eggs.

**Crianza de los Hijos en las Redes Sociales**

*Southeast Branch*

*Wednesday, March 22, 4 p.m.*

Conozca los peligros de compartir en exceso la información de su hijo en las redes sociales.

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