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Get Groovy with Live Music at the Melrose Pop Festival at OCLS

The Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation and Creativity invites the community to enjoy an afternoon of peace, love and music at the Melrose Pop Festival on Saturday, June 10 at Orlando Public Library.

Each month in 2023, Orange County Library System continues its 100 Year Celebration by offering programs that highlight each decade the library has been open. In June, OCLS focuses on the 1960s, and the Melrose Pop Festival pays homage to the iconic 1967 Monterey Pop Festival in Monterey, California. Widely regarded as part of the beginning of the “Summer of Love,” the Monterey Pop Festival helped introduce America to performers like Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Otis Redding and the Who.

A lineup of artists featuring six acts with Central Florida ties will have library customers grooving all afternoon, with performances on the newly refurbished Melrose Stage beginning at 2 p.m. Eugene Snowden headlines with his special blend of blues and soul. Beth McKee brings her southern roots sound to the festivities with her Funky Time Band. Indie-folk singer-songwriter Hannah Stokes, winner of Orlando Weekly’s 2022 Readers Poll Best Singer-Songwriter award, will be accompanied by her full band. The Oak Hill Drifters will lend their rockabilly western swing sensibilities to the proceedings. Milk Carton Superstars will appear with a sampling of their songs made mostly from guitar, drums and reasonable words. And making a rare in-person performance, Orlando’s longtime leading exporter of lo-fi original music, Marc With a C, will open the festival with a solo mini-set. The event will be hosted by Melrose instructor Marko Torres.

Updates made to the Melrose Stage include professional lighting, sound board and pipe and drape. In addition to being a venue, the new stage serves as a focal point for the Melrose Center’s growing catalog of Performing Arts and Show Production classes. While the Melrose Pop Festival will be the space’s first music event, the new stage already has proven an excellent venue for events like the Melrose Center’s monthly improv comedy showcases.

The Melrose Pop Festival will take place on Saturday, June 10 from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. in the Melrose Center, on the second floor of Orlando Public Library. Attendees must be in the Melrose Center by 6 p.m. to see the final set. This event is free and open to the public and is presented as part of Orange County Library System’s Summer at Your Library program. For more information, please visit ocls.info/summer.

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