

# Event Guide

FEBRUARY 2020



**Celebrate Black  
History Month**

with rich storytelling,  
historical films, and  
cultural crafts.

# Kids Programming



## Baby & Me

**Buena Ventura Lakes** 9:30am, Tuesdays

**Hart Memorial** 11:45am, Tuesdays

**Poinciana** 11am, Thursdays

**St. Cloud** 11am, Wednesdays

**West Osceola** 11:15am, Thursdays

Hug your little one while sharing this special first-time experience. This storytime introduces books with playtime and repetitive music. Ages Birth - 18 months.

## Mother Goose Storytime

**Buena Ventura Lakes** 10:15am, Tuesdays

**Poinciana** 10am, Wednesdays

Stories, songs, and a craft activity to build early literacy skills; a blend of entertainment and education for families. **Special bilingual storytime February 4 at the Buena Ventura Lakes Library.** Ages 18 months - 5 years old.

## Great Beginnings Storytime

**Hart Memorial** 10am, Tuesdays

**West Osceola** 10am, Thursdays

Encourage your child's love of reading with great books and enrichment activities that build early literacy skills. Ages 18 months - 5 years old.

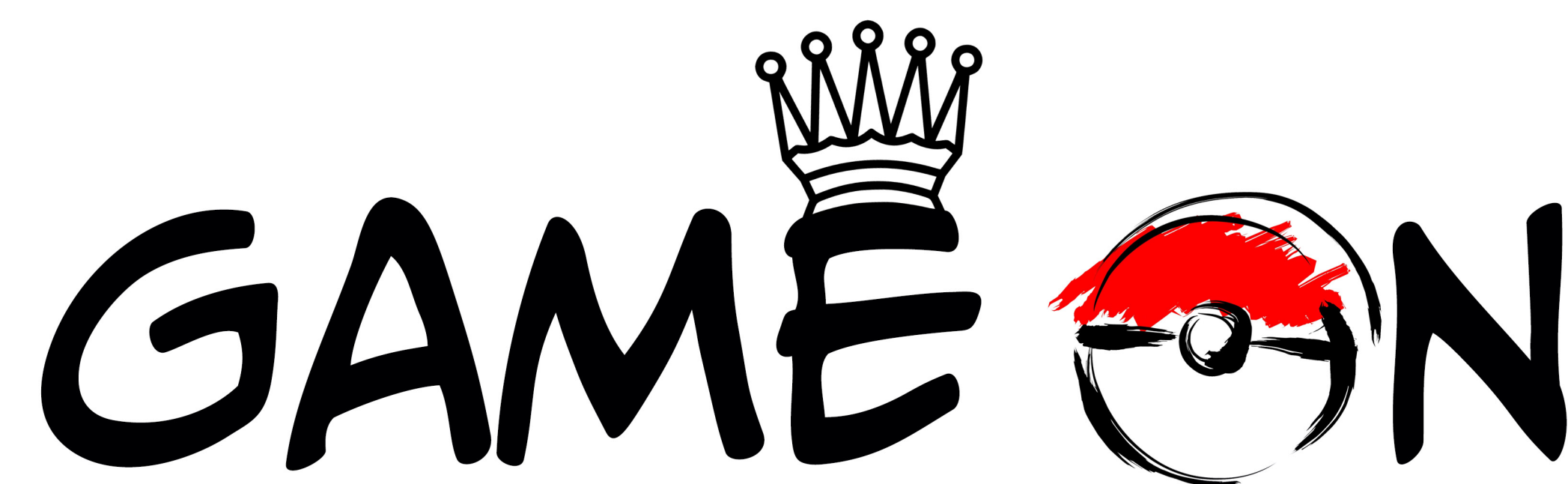
## Rhythm, Rhyme, & Storytime

**Buena Ventura Lakes** 10:15am, Thursdays

**Poinciana** 10am, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 18

**St. Cloud** 10am, Thursday, 6, 13

Finger plays, rhythm movement, dancing, and free play create the perfect opportunity for fun-filled learning as you watch your child develop their vocabulary, counting skills, creative thinking, and listening skills. Ages 2 - 5 years old.



## Homeschool Chess Club

**Hart Memorial** 2pm, Wednesdays

Face off against new friends in the ultimate battle of wits.

## Play! Pokémon League

**Hart Memorial** 5:30pm, Wednesdays

**Poinciana** 4:30pm, Wednesdays

**St. Cloud** 4pm, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 11, 18

**West Osceola** 5pm, Tuesdays

Calling all Pokémon fans and trainers. Share, trade, and play Pokémon with other enthusiasts! All skill levels, beginner to master, are welcome. Must bring your own Pokémon cards and/or DS to participate. Ages 8 and up.

# STORYTIMES

## Early Learning Storytime

**Poinciana** 10am, Thursdays

Toddlers enjoy a unique storytime that enables them with the basic skills needed to find books on colors, shapes, the alphabet, and more. This interactive experience features flannel board stories and a themed activity bag for you to complete with your little one. Ages 18 months - 4 years old.

## Toddler Tales

**St. Cloud** 10am, Wednesdays

Toddle in for stories, songs, and more engaging activities that build emerging language skills. Ages 18 months - 3 years old.

## Preschool Storybook Fun

**St. Cloud** 9:30am, Wednesdays

Encourage your child's love of reading with great books and enrichment activities that build early literacy skills. Ages 3 - 5 years old.

## Learn 2 Read

**Buena Ventura Lakes** 10am, Friday, Feb. 7, 14, 28

**Hart Memorial** 10am, Thursdays

**Poinciana** 10am, Mondays

**St. Cloud** 10am, Tuesdays

**West Osceola** 10am, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 19, 26

Help your child develop an early love for reading. This interactive experience provides how-to techniques for parents and non-school age children (infants/toddlers). Presented by The Parent Involvement Team of the Osceola County School District.



## Lil' Engineers

**Poinciana** 10am, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 25

Your little engineer will put on their hard hat and learn how to build different structures like houses, bridges, roads, and much more. All engineers will learn more about how to build, troubleshoot, create, test, and refine their design for real life application.

THERE'S A  
MONSTER

*Lit* IN MY  
MAG!

2020 Literary Contest  
**Teens & Tweens**

Submit your short pieces of  
**fiction/nonfiction/poetry/artwork** for the  
opportunity to be published in the third issue of the  
Osceola Library's Literary Magazine.

**This year's theme is magical creatures.**

- Must be between the ages of 8-17
  - Submit by email to [litmag@osceolalibrary.org](mailto:litmag@osceolalibrary.org)
  - Short story or poetry must be 1000 words or less
  - Cover artwork must be on paper provided at your Library
  - Judging conducted by published authors
- [www.osceolalibrary.org/litmag2020](http://www.osceolalibrary.org/litmag2020)

Submit your  
story and/or  
cover art  
between  
February 1 - 29,  
2020.



## SCHOOL-AGE FUN

### Study Stars

**Buena Ventura Lakes** 4pm, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 18, 25

**Poinciana** 4pm, Monday - Thursday (excluding Feb. 13)

Get homework help from trained Teen Ambassadors in math, reading, science, and other school subjects. For this unique Library Study Buddy program, participants must be in Kindergarten – 8th grade. Study help offered will depend on Teen Ambassador availability.

### Namaste! StorYoga

**Buena Ventura Lakes** 4:30pm, Thursday, Feb. 27

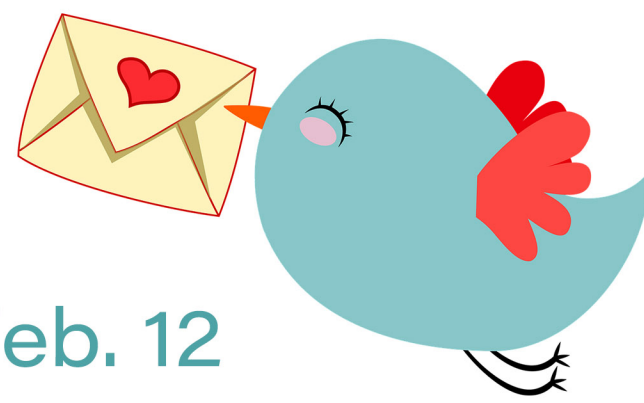
**St. Cloud** 9am, Friday, Feb. 7

Beginner-friendly yoga poses easily modified to meet any needs or limitations. Participants should wear comfy stretchy clothes and bring their own mat or towel.

### Valentines: A Work of Heart

**West Osceola** 4:30pm, Wednesday, Feb. 12

Love is in the air! Listen to stories, then create your own "work of heart" Valentine's Day card for someone you love.



### Art Through the Ages: Valentines and Pop Art

**Buena Ventura Lakes** 5pm, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 26

Unleash your inner artist. Travel through time and explore different techniques that have inspired artists throughout history.



## EDISON KIDS CAMP

### INFORMATION SESSION

**Hart Memorial** 5pm, Tuesday, Feb. 18

Find out about our 2-day mini-camp! During Spring Break, kids ages 8-12 will complete STEAM challenges perfect for mad scientists, budding artists, and future engineers. **Space for the camp is limited, those who attend this information session will receive first priority.**

## Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math



### Edison Club

**Poinciana** 4:30pm, Tuesdays

Inventing, tinkering, and science come together every week when you explore different challenge stations. Create your own project, test a hypothesis, or just play at this program that has something for every inquisitive mind.

### Homeschool Libratory

**St. Cloud** 12pm, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 12

Kindergarten through high school students and their parents participate in a fun and educational weekly program that features a STEAM activity.

### Homeschool Book Club

**Poinciana** 11am, Tuesday, Feb. 25

Connect literacy to STEAM! Kids of all ages will read the *Magic Tree House* series and report back to do experiments, activities, and crafts that bring the books to life.

### Imagine, Create, K'nex

**West Osceola** 4:30pm, Wednesday, Feb. 5

Stretch your imagination, creativity, and STEAM skills with a new K'nex building challenge each month.

### Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s Club

**Poinciana** 4:30pm, Thursday, Feb. 6, 20, 27

Join Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s Club, where you'll build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess... it's a totally new kind of math club. For grades K-2.

### Creativity Corner

**West Osceola** 4:30pm, Wednesday, Feb. 19

Express your creativity while learning about famous artists. Explore a new artistic medium each session! **Registration Required.** Create your own African Tribal Mask as we celebrate Black History Month!

### Fab Lab

**Hart Memorial** 5pm, Tuesdays

Unleash your inner engineer at hands-on tinker and tech stations that allow you to build, discover, and invent your own fun.

### Get a Clue! Crime Scene Investigation

**West Osceola** 4:30pm, Wednesday, Feb. 26

Do you have what it takes to be a Crime Scene Investigator? Discover the skills needed to examine a crime scene and crack the case! Presented by the Osceola County Sheriff's Department.



# Adult & Teen Programming

## LITERACY & LANGUAGE LEARNING

### Voices of Silence: On My Own

**Buenaventura Lakes** 10am - 1:30pm, Mondays

Fostering independent living, reading and math fundamentals, and developing social skills in young adults with intellectual disabilities.

### Deaf Education Series

**Hart Memorial** 6pm - 8pm, Tuesday, Feb. 25

Join the American Sign Language (ASL) Services, GlobalVRS, and the Communication Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) for an educational discussion on a new topic every month.

**This month: Comedian Javi Guisado. A sign language interpreter will be present.**

### Toastmasters International

**West Osceola** 6:45pm - 8:30pm, Tuesdays

### Toastmasters Area 50

**Hart Memorial** 9am - 11am, Saturday, Feb. 1, 15

Build the skills you need to communicate and lead with this internationally-known organization.

### Citizenship Class

**Hart Memorial** 5pm, Wednesdays

Discover the process of becoming a U.S. citizen and prepare for the citizenship interview and exam.

## E.S.O.L. English for Speakers of Other Languages

### E.S.O.L. Beginner

**Buenaventura Lakes** 6pm, Thursdays

**Hart Memorial** 6pm, Wednesdays

**Poinciana** 2pm, Mondays

**St. Cloud** 10am, Mondays

Become more familiar with the English language. Taught by a certified instructor in partnership with the Adult Literacy League.

### E.S.O.L. Intermediate

**Hart Memorial** 10:30am, Mondays

Improve your English with reading, listening comprehension, and grammar instruction for real-life situations.

Presented in partnership with the Adult Literacy League.

### Everyday English

**Buenaventura Lakes** 6:30pm, Wednesdays

**Hart Memorial** 10am, Saturdays

Improve your English through conversation. Taught by Florida State certified teachers. **All home/native languages welcome.**



## Spanish for Beginners

**Hart Memorial** 6pm - 8pm, Thursday, Feb. 27 - Apr. 2

Boost your Spanish language skills! Learn basic conversational phrases that will help you communicate better on a daily basis. Presented by Ivonne Sanchez, author and certified teacher from Colombia.

## RECREATION

### Book Wyrms: Dungeons & Dragons

**St. Cloud** 3:30pm, Saturday, Feb. 1, 15

Roll up some fun with Dungeons & Dragons gaming! Use your imagination and problem-solving skills while meeting and socializing with others who enjoy role-playing games. **All playing materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own dice and/or D&D 5th Edition Character Sheet.**

### Bingo for Books

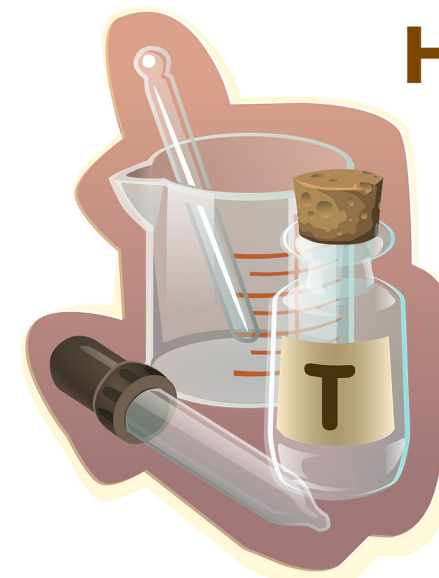
**Hart Memorial** 11am, Friday, Feb. 21

Find out how lucky you are when you win Bingo and great books!



### Canton of Swampkeype Gathering

**Hart Memorial** 7pm, Monday, Feb. 24



Hear ye, hear ye! The Society for Creative Anachronism is an international organization dedicated to researching and re-creating the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe. Find out about local events, and experience crafts, activities, games, and more. **This Month: How to Make Tinctures.**

### Bits & Pieces Jigsaw Builders

**St. Cloud** 11am - 1pm, Thursday, Feb. 27

Calling all puzzle enthusiasts! It's time to put your puzzle-piecing skills to work featuring puzzles with local historical landmarks and antique photos specific to the St. Cloud area.



# Celebrate Black History Month

## **Buffalo Soldiers – From Horses to Horsepower**

**St. Cloud** 11am, Saturday, Feb. 8

The Orlando Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club educates and keeps alive the history of the Buffalo Soldiers and other Minority Military contributions from the Revolutionary War to the present. Learn about their organization's history and involvement in the community in this enlightening presentation, then get an up-close look at their motorcycles outside the Library.

## **History of African Jewelry Making**

**Buena Ventura Lakes** 3pm, Saturday, Feb. 8

**Hart Memorial** 6pm, Thursday, Feb. 20 (*Crafty Crew*)

**St. Cloud** 3pm, Thursday, Feb. 6

Travel with us to Africa as you learn about the history of African jewelry making and handcraft your very own wood beaded bracelets. All supplies provided.

## **Back in the Day with Willie Mae**

**Buena Ventura Lakes** 6pm, Tuesday, Feb. 25

**St. Cloud** 6pm - 8pm, Tuesday, Feb. 18

Masterful storyteller, Willie Mae, mixes first-hand experience with humor and passion to create an unforgettable storytelling experience for the whole family. Willie Mae will captivate listeners with her depiction of what life was like for black youth in Osceola County.

## **Black History Movie Matinee**

**Buena Ventura Lakes** 12pm, Friday, Feb. 7, 14, 21

**Hart Memorial** 1pm, Friday, Feb. 7, 14, 21

**St. Cloud** 2pm, Saturday, Feb. 1, 8, 15

**West Osceola** 2pm, Friday, Feb. 7, 14, 21

Explore through film the moving stories of African American history and culture. Closed Captioning available upon request.

## *For Kids*

### **Great Beginnings Storytime: Celebrate Black Authors**

**Hart Memorial** 10am, Tuesday, Feb. 4

Read along with some of our favorite Black authors. Ages 18 months - 5 years old.

### **Creativity Corner**

**West Osceola** 4:30pm, Wednesday, Feb. 19

Create your own African Tribal Mask as we celebrate Black History Month. **Registration required.**



## ARTS & CULTURAL

### **Story of My Life Scrapbooking Series**

**St. Cloud** 3pm, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 12, 19

Bring to life memories and mementos through scrapbooking. This series will lead you through creating your very own "Story of My Life" keepsake to pass down to generations to come. Limited supplies available.

**Registration required.** Sponsored by the St. Cloud Friends of the Library.

### **Let's Get Knitting**

**St. Cloud** 6pm, Thursday, Feb. 13, 27

Beginners and seasoned knitters, grab your supplies! Presenter Francine Salisbury will be there for all of your knitting needs.

Topics include yarn weights, needle sizes, common abbreviations, and simple pattern readings.

### **Crafty Crew**

**Hart Memorial** 6pm, Thursday, Feb. 20 (*African Jewelry*)

**St. Cloud** 6pm, Thursday, Feb. 6, 20

Learn, share ideas, and create while in the company of others.

### **Art with Grace**

**Buena Ventura Lakes** 6pm, Monday, Feb. 3

**Hart Memorial** 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Tuesday, Feb. 18

Nurture your artistic talent and be inspired by local artist, Grace Senior Morandi. Learn to create art using different mediums such as charcoal drawing, acrylic painting, watercolors, and more.

**Please bring your own supplies.**

### **Tertulia Cuatro Gatos**

**Buena Ventura Lakes** 6:30pm, Lunes, Feb. 10, 24

Te invitamos a disfrutar de esta velada informal junto a talentosos exponentes hispanos de la lectura, poesía, música, teatro y otras facetas del arte.

### **Arte y Cultura**

**Buena Ventura Lakes** 6:30pm, Lunes, Feb. 17

El lugar perfecto para establecer un puente de comunicación entre nuestros artistas y la comunidad. Aproveche esta magnífica oportunidad para apreciar el arte de artistas locales y aprender sobre diferentes culturas.

# Adult & Teen Programming

## HEALTH

### Medical Marijuana Awareness Program

**Hart Memorial** 10:30am - 1pm, Monday, Feb. 24

Florida legalized the use of medical marijuana for managing chronic pain associated with certain medical conditions. **Representatives from the Medical Marijuana Treatment Clinics (MMTC) of Florida** will be on site to explain the entire process including questions you should ask your doctor, how to get a medical marijuana card (MMJ card), and finding the right dispensary. Free medical marijuana patient education packets will be distributed to attendees.



### Lunch & Learn: Physician Lecture Series

**Poinciana** 12pm, Monday, Feb. 10

Physicians from the Poinciana Medical Center are here to share information on health related issues. This is your opportunity to ask questions about diabetes, heart disease, and more. For more information about this or to RSVP please call the Poinciana Medical Center at 1.888.253.8117.

### Tools to Quit

**Hart Memorial** 6pm, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 18

Develop a personalized quit plan and discover facts about nicotine addiction, health effects of tobacco use, benefits of quitting, withdrawal symptoms, medications, planning for quit date, dealing with triggers and overcoming cravings. Limited nicotine replacement therapy patches are provided at no cost to program participants. **Registration required.**

### Herramientas para Dejar de Fumar

**Hart Memorial** 3pm, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 18

Desarrolle un plan personalizado para dejar de fumar y aprenda sobre los efectos del consumo de tabaco en la salud, los beneficios de dejar de fumar, y como prepararse para dejar este nocivo hábito. Los participantes podrán recibir un suministro limitado de parches de nicotina gratis. **Se requiere registro.**

### UCF Card Training: Supporting Children with Autism Across the Stages of Play

**Hart Memorial** 10am - 12pm, Monday, Feb. 10

Play development is an integral part of learning in early childhood. However, young children with autism often present with deficits across play skills. Fostering functional play skills can support development in communication, social skills, and emotional regulation. In this Parent Education Seminar, participants will learn strategies to support their child's play within each developmental stage from playing independently to collaborative play with friends. *Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide childcare at this training.*

### Yoga for Beginners

**Hart Memorial** 10am, Saturday, Feb. 8, 22

Relax and improve your mental and physical health with Yoga! Registered Yoga Instructor Kassie Glancy will introduce yoga postures through step-by-step verbal description and demonstration. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring your own yoga mat and water.



### Medicare Counseling

**Hart Memorial** 9:30am - 12:30pm, Wednesday, Feb. 12

Receive one-on-one counseling to address your Medicare health and drug plan. Free, unbiased, and confidential. Presented by SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders).

## NATURE & GARDENING

### Florida Friendly Landscaping Series

**Hart Memorial** 10am - 12pm, Friday, Feb. 14, 21, 28

**St. Cloud** 10am - 12pm, Friday, Feb. 7

Enhance your gardening skills and reduce time and money spent on yard work with Florida Friendly Landscaping, a guide presented by Osceola County Extension Services.



## CIVICS & TAXES

### Becoming a U.S. Citizen

**West Osceola** 7pm, Wednesday, Feb. 19

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will hold a naturalization information session. U.S.C.I.S' Community Relations Officer will be present to tell you all about the process to become a U.S. citizen, including eligibility requirements, the application process, the interview, and the naturalization oath ceremony. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

### Tax Answers Now with H&R Block

**St. Cloud** 9am - 12pm, Saturday, Feb. 22

Senior Tax Specialist, Donna Tafat from H&R Block will be on site to provide information and answer questions about the 2019 Tax season.



## BOOK CLUBS



### Rise Up!

**Hart Memorial 4pm, Fridays**

More than a woke book club, this is your chance to discuss issues important to you, challenge your own perspective, and earn volunteer hours by helping your Library and your community.

Teens (13-18) choose from a list of diversity-focused books, meet for in-depth discussion, and set goals for making a difference.

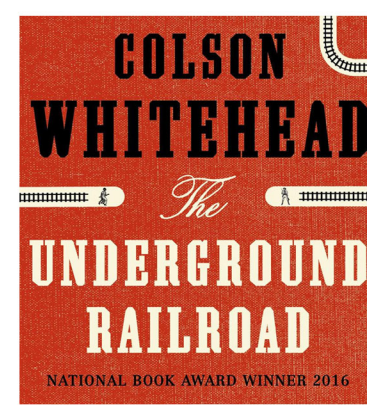


### Kitchen Reader

**St. Cloud 6pm, Tuesday, Feb. 11**

Hang on to your spatula and get cooking, where we pick the cookbook and you pick and make a recipe! This month: *Make it in One*.

**Registration required at the St. Cloud Library.**



### Book Club

**St. Cloud 10am, Thursday, Feb. 13**

Enjoy a lively discussion of each month's book selection. This month: *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead.

## WRITERS GROUPS

### Osceola County Authors and Writers Club

**St. Cloud 10am - 12pm, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 19**

Published authors and aspiring writers meet to read and discuss writings they are working on. This is for serious writers wanting to get positive feedback and input on their work. All writers welcome.

### West Osceola Writers Group

**West Osceola 7pm, Mondays**

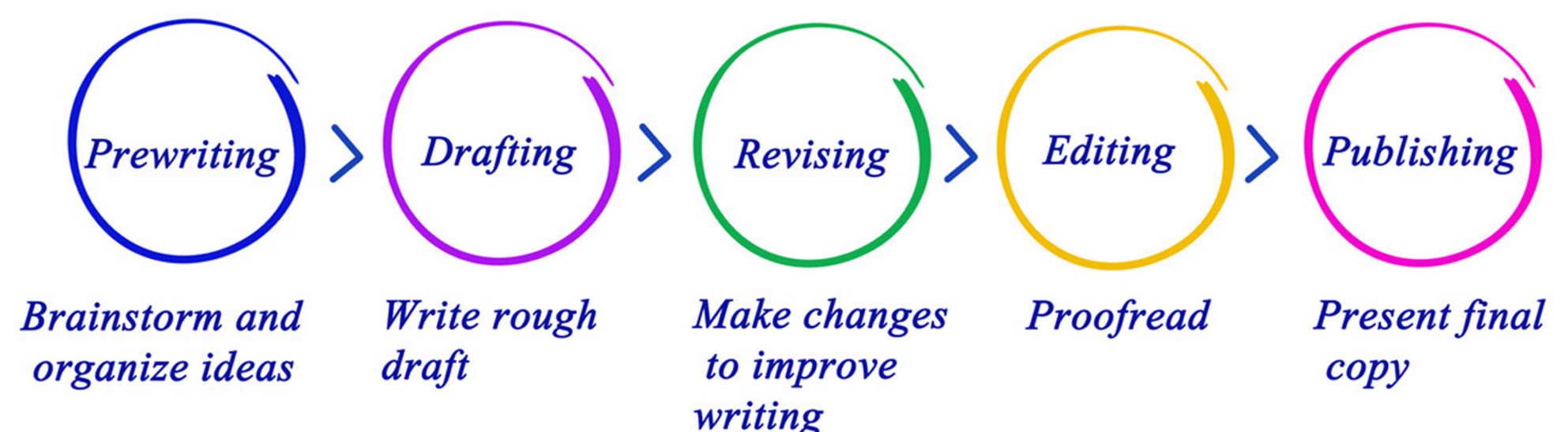
Writers of all genres share advice and writing tips in a positive and supportive environment.

### Word by Word

**Hart Memorial 3pm - 5pm, Saturday, Feb. 1, 15\***

\*Feb. 15 group meets at The Center Kissimmee, 21 W. Monument Avenue, Kissimmee FL 34741.

An LGBTQ+ inclusive writer's workshop for ages 16+ to write, share, and network with other LGBTQ+ authors and poets. This program is held in partnership with The Center Kissimmee.



## Special Events



### Introductory Guitar Class

**Hart Memorial 6:30pm, Mondays**

Whether you are brand new to playing the guitar or just want to brush up on the basics this absolute beginner guitar class is the best place to start. Please bring your own guitar. **Presented by Jane Rosenbohm, Guitar Extraordinaire®.**



### Cooking for Two

**Buenavenura Lakes 6pm, Monday, Feb. 10**

**Chef Warren Caterson, award-winning author of *Table for Two; Cookbooks for Couples* hosts a unique presentation featuring a temptingly delicious platter piled high with time-saving kitchen tips, helpful cooking hints, and recipes for two.**



### Antiques and Collectibles with Dr. Lori

**St. Cloud 1pm, Wednesday, Feb. 12**

Meet Dr. Lori, author, award-winning TV personality, and star antiques appraiser on the History channel's *The Curse of Oak Island* and the daytime talk show *The Doctor and the Diva*. Dr. Lori will conduct a special presentation to help you learn secrets about your treasures. Find out what is worth selling, and what people are willing to pay for it. Dr. Lori will appraise up to 30 items from the audience during her presentation for FREE! Items will be selected at her discretion on a first come first served basis. Sponsored by the St. Cloud Friends of the Library.

# COMPUTER CLASSES

Classes offered on a first-come, first-served basis, no registration necessary.  
Please see schedule for all branches.

## Exhibits

- Virginia Zambra**  
Buenaventura Lakes
- Mariely Santiago**  
Hart Memorial
- Parker Beaudoin**  
St. Cloud (until Feb. 14)
- Celebration Rediscovered: a Heather Nagy Exhibit**  
West Osceola

## Book Sales

- Friends of the Library Mini Book Sale**  
Poinciana 10am - 12pm, Wednesday, Feb. 5
- Friends of the Library Book Sale**  
St. Cloud 12pm - 8pm, Thursday, Feb. 20  
9am - 3pm, Friday, Feb. 21  
9am - 3pm, Saturday, Feb. 22

## Sneak Peek

### Community Input for Strategic Plan

Share your ideas and suggestions for creating a brighter future for the Osceola Library System as it develops a Strategic Plan to meet the needs of Osceola residents and visitors.

- Hart Memorial** 6pm - 8pm, Wednesday, March 4
- Poinciana** 2pm - 4pm, Thursday, March 5

### A Day in the Life: Pioneer Women of St. Cloud

Discover the many contributions of St. Cloud women settlers in the early 1900s and view time period clothing and artifacts. Presented by the Women's Club of St. Cloud.

- St. Cloud** 2pm, Saturday, March 21

Kissimmee Parks & Recreation  
407.518.2501  
www.kissimmeeparks.org



### KISSIMMEE'S FOOD TRUCK RODEO

February 7th 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Kissimmee Lakefront Park (Lighthouse Lawn)

### COMMUNITY YARD SALE

February 8th 8:00 a.m.  
Oak St. Park Community Center

### NO SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

February 21st 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Oak St. Park Community Center

### KISSIMMEE CHILI COOK-OFF & CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

February 22nd 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Kissimmee Lakefront Park (Veterans Lawn)



# AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

Open Mic

Free Event

Celebrating African American Poetry, Art & Literature

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15**  
1 - 4 PM  
BERLINSKY COMMUNITY HOUSE

An open-mic style event celebrating African American authors that made a significant impact. To volunteer to read a selection please complete the online form.

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## Hours & Locations

**Hart Memorial Central & Ray Shanks Law Library**  
211 East Dakin Avenue  
Kissimmee, FL 34741

**Veterans Memorial St. Cloud Library**  
810 13th Street  
St. Cloud, FL 34769

**Buenaventura Lakes Library**  
405 Buenaventura Boulevard  
Kissimmee, FL 34743

**Poinciana Library**  
101 North Doverplum Avenue  
Kissimmee, FL 34758

**West Osceola Library**  
305 Campus Street  
Celebration, FL 34747

**Mon - Thu: 9am - 9pm**  
**Fri - Sat: 9am - 6pm**  
**Sun: 12pm - 6pm**

**Kenansville Library**  
1154 South Canoe Creek Road  
Kenansville, FL 34739

**Wed, Fri, & Sat: 10am - 6pm**

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