



Spring into March Events at OCPL!

MUD'PEEP ON DUNE

Literary Peep Show Contest

Make a literary-themed, marshmallow peep diorama for our contest! All ages welcome to enter!

Submit (family-friendly) entries March 1st - 13th. | Work on your entry in the library, March 9, 2-4pm
View the entries & vote March 14th - 27th. | For entry details, visit orangecountylibrary.org



Orange County Public Library
orangecountylibrary.org



March is for the Peeps

Calling all Peeps lovers and diorama experts! It's time for the 6th Annual Literary Peep Show contest at the Main Library in Hillsborough!

The library invites you to make and bring in a literary-themed, marshmallow peep diorama. There will be youth, teen, adult, and family categories. Entries will be judged by the public while they are on display and are eligible

to win a number of awards from most creative to funniest entry.

Here's the scoop:

- Submit your (family-friendly) entries from Friday, March 1st to Wednesday, March 13th.
- On March 9th from 2:00-4:00pm, kids, teens, adults, and families can work on their entries in the library during our makerspace event.
- From Thursday, March 14th to Wednesday, March 27th, view the the submissions on display and vote for your favorites in a number of categories.
- On Thursday, March 28th, winners in each category will be announced.

Happy creating! We cannot wait to take a "peep" at your entries!



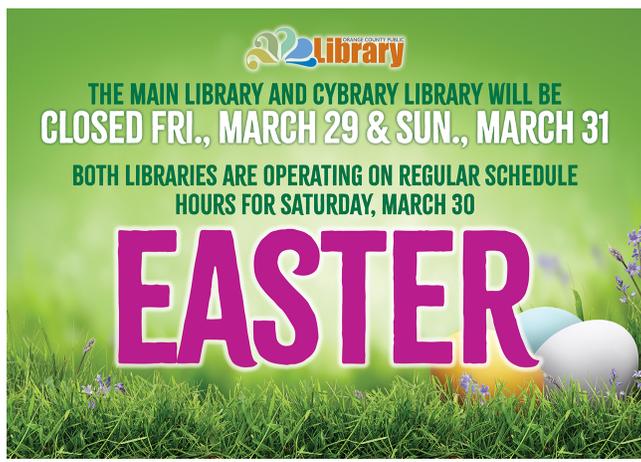
Literary Peeps Show
Prep Day All Ages

Saturday March 9
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Interested in submitting an entry for the Literary Peep Show? Join us to work on your entry. Basic supplies for making dioramas will be provided.

No registration required, drop in event
 919-245-2532/orangecountylibrary.org





Library

THE MAIN LIBRARY AND CYBRARY LIBRARY WILL BE
CLOSED FRI., MARCH 29 & SUN., MARCH 31

BOTH LIBRARIES ARE OPERATING ON REGULAR SCHEDULE
 HOURS FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 30

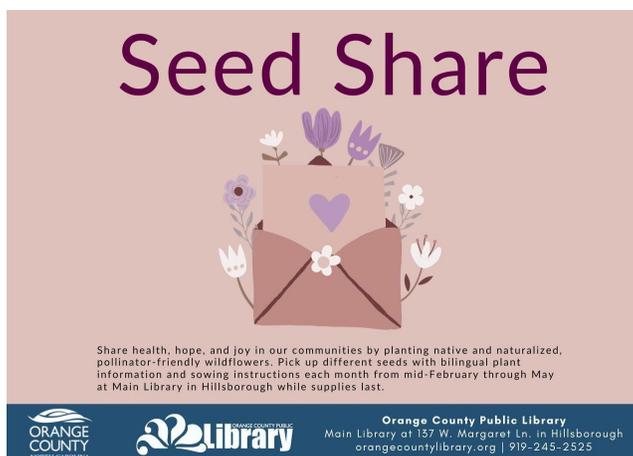
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Library closures: March 29 and March 31

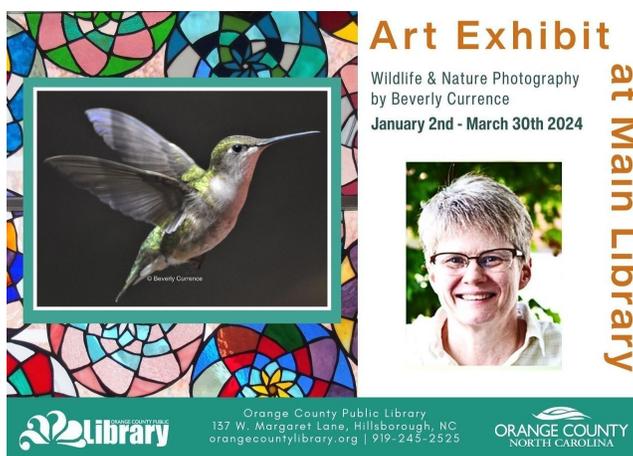
The Main Library in Hillsborough and the Cybrary Branch will be closed on **Friday, March 29 and Sunday, March 31 2024**

Both library locations are operating on regular schedule for **Saturday, March 30 2024**



Bloom into gardening this spring!

Stop by the Main Library in Hillsborough to pick up different seeds and sowing instructions each month from mid-February through May while supplies last.



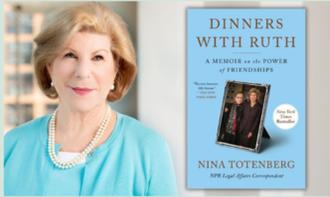
Capturing nature's canvas

Discover the beauty of our natural world through the lens of local artist, Beverly Currence, whose captivating wildlife and nature photography is currently on display at the Main Library in Hillsborough until the end of March.

Upcoming Events at the Main Library in Hillsborough

Adults

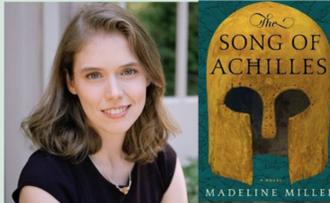
Virtual Author Events



The Power of Friendships with NPR Correspondent, Nina Totenberg
Wed., March 6th, 4PM EST



20 Years of Dragon-Riding in YA Fantasy with Christopher Paolini
Thu., March 14th, 4PM EDT



Retelling Greek Classics with Madeline Miller
Thu., March 21st, 7PM EDT



Free & open to all.
Register at libraryc.org/ocpl



Enjoy a diverse variety of talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders! The Virtual Author Series is sponsored by the Friends of Orange County Public Library and brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium. Visit <https://libraryc.org/ocpl> to register and for information about this event and upcoming or previous events in the series.

Tune in for a discussion with your favorite author

WELCOME TO MEDICARE



FREE MEDICARE SEMINAR

Tue., March 12, 2024, 12-1:30pm

at the Main Library in Hillsborough

Register by calling 919-245-2015.



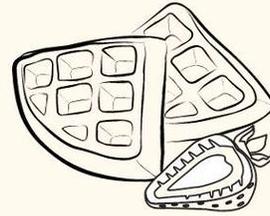
Orange County Public Library
Main Library at 137 W. Margaret Lane in Hillsborough
OrangeCountyLibrary.org | 919-245-2525

Welcome to Medicare! Are you turning 65, eligible for Medicare and feeling overwhelmed by all the information “bombarding” you? The Seniors’ Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) and the Orange County Department on Aging are here to help! Whether you are retiring soon, already retired or continuing to work, attend this workshop where you’ll get valuable information including how and when to enroll, potential penalties for late enrollment, as well as Medicare’s costs, benefits and options.

Tuesday, March 12 | 12-1:30 p.m. | Main Meeting Room

Please register by calling 919.245.2015.

Financial Brunch



Third Thursdays This Spring
from 11am-12:30pm
Beginning February 15th

Sip a (non-alcoholic) mimosa, enjoy a light brunch, and pick up tips about managing your finances in a casual, non-intimidating setting. Vegan and vegetarian options will be provided. Registration is preferred but not required. For more information and to register, visit the library's event calendar.

Edward Jones
DeMarcus A Bowden



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The Financial Brunch Series continues this month! Stop by the Main Library in Hillsborough to sip a (non-alcoholic) mimosa, enjoy a light brunch, and pick up tips about managing your finances in a casual, non-intimidating setting. Leading the discussion will be Demarcus Bowden, a Certified Financial Planner with Edward Jones. Vegan and vegetarian options will be provided. Learn more about Financial Advising Services with Edward Jones at www.edwardjones.com/demarcus-bowden

Thursday, March 21 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Main Meeting Room

Register and learn more about your finances

DIG DEEPER WITH US

Garden Series at Main Library

Orange County Master Gardeners host a free gardening lecture and workshop series with free seeds at the Main Library in Hillsborough. Next meeting date and topic:

**Sat., March 23rd
from 2-3:30pm**

**Insects & Disease
in the Garden**



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Master Gardener | Volunteer Association
TheOrangeGardener.org



Orange County Public Library
Main Library at 137 W. Margaret Ln. in Hillsborough
OrangeCountyLibrary.org | 919-245-2525

The Gardening Series continues this month! Join the Orange County Master Gardeners for the last event this spring in this series of gardening lectures and workshops and pick up free seeds. Occurring on select Saturdays each month from 2pm-3:30pm, this series is free and open to gardeners at all levels of experience.

Visit theorangegardener.org to learn more about the Orange County Master Gardeners.

Saturday, March 23 | 2-3:30 p.m. | Main Meeting Room

Dig deeper with us

POETRY EVENT - REGISTER TODAY!



Mushroom, Starfield, Hickory, Dirt:

A Poetry Reading by
Garrett Sharpe, Gary Phillips,
Maura High, and Pam Baggett

Writing on the theme of nature, four poets have collaborated to create new work in response to each other's poems.

This event at Orange County Public Library in Hillsborough is FREE. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Registration is encouraged but not required. Scan the QR code or visit the library's event calendar for more information.

Wed., March 27th at 7pm

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Orange County Public Library
137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, NC
OrangeCountyLibrary.org | 919-245-2525

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Doors open at 6:30pm. This event is free and open to all.

Wednesday, March 27 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Main Meeting Room

Join us for a poetry reading

Children and Teens

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED:
Escape Room
Olympians
Grades 6-8

Wednesday March 6
4:30 - 5:30 pm

The Olympians are feuding and Camp Half Blood is worried. Can you help the campers solve a mystery and help to prevent an all out Olympian war? Are you up for the challenge? Join us for a fun Percy Jackson themed escape room experience.

Registration Required
Call or go online to register
919-245-2532/orangecountylibrary.org

The poster features a background image of a camp with a large stone archway. On the right side, there is a book cover for 'Percy Jackson and the Olympians' by Rick Riordan, showing the title and a character's face.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED:
Escape Room
The Lost Experiment
Grades 9-12

Wednesday March 13
5:00 - 6:30 pm

A mysterious science corporation invites you to tour their new lab - and while you are there, their prized experiment goes missing. The lab thinks you've stolen it. What happened to it? Can you help to find the experiment and clear your name?

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Are you up for the challenge?

Grades 6-8: The Olympians are feuding and Camp Half Blood is worried. Can you help the campers solve the mystery and help to prevent an all out Olympian war? Join us for a fun Percy Jackson themed escape room experience. Players will be divided into 2 teams and will race to solve their puzzles and challenges faster than the other team. Knowledge of the Percy Jackson books will not be required to participate in the escape room. **Registration is required for this program.**

Wednesday, March 6 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Main Meeting Room

I'm up for the challenge

Grades 9-12: A mysterious science corporation invites you to tour their new lab - and while you are there, their prized experiment goes missing. The lab thinks you've stolen it. What happened to it? Can you help to find the experiment and clear your name? Players will be divided into 2 teams and will race to solve their puzzles and challenges faster than the other team. **Registration is required for this program.**

Wednesday, March 13 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Main Meeting Room

I'm up for the challenge

TEEN
Connections

JOIN US!

ONLINE SAFETY

**5:00-
6:30PM
3.20.2024**

**FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEENS AT THE
ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**THERE WILL BE
FOOD**

TO REGISTER VISIT THE LIBRARY'S EVENTS CALENDAR OR SCAN THE QR CODE

The Orange County Public Library is partnering with Teen Connections to present an educational class on online safety for those in grades 6-8. In this workshop, teens will explore their relationship to social media, discuss ways to practice online safety, and create their own digital "footprint" to represent ways to practice healthy digital citizenship.

The interested teen participant, alongside a parent, guardian, or other caring adult in their life, should fill out the registration form to register for the workshop. Parent/guardian will be contacted by the workshop facilitator to confirm the registration and answer any questions. For questions or comments, contact the program facilitator at: karina.martinez.romo@ppsat.org or 919-980-0511.

Wednesday, March 20 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Main Meeting Room

Register and learn

Teen Advisory Group

Grades 8-12

Wednesday March 27
5:15 - 6:30 pm

Want to help make a positive impact for yourself and other teens? Join the Teen Advisory Group.

Interested? Apply with your Teen Librarian. Meeting in the Teen Room.



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Teen Advisory Group sessions will occur on the following dates:

- February 28
- March 27
- April 24
- May 29

Interested? Apply with your Teen Librarian. More information can be found [here](#).

Wednesday, March 27 | 5:15-6:30 p.m. | Teen Room

[Click here for the TAG application](#)



JOIN US



Safe Touch at Orange County Public Library!

Dates & Times

Parent Learning Session

Monday, March 11
9:15 - 10:00 am

Pre-K - 1st Grade

Monday, March 25
4:00 - 4:45 pm

2nd - 3rd Grades

Thursday, March 28
4:00 - 4:45 pm

4th - 5th Grades

Tuesday, March 26
4:00 - 4:45 pm



What is Safe Touch?

By identifying touches as safe, unsafe, or confusing, students learn that no one should touch their body in a way that makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable. Students learn the Safety Saying - say no, get away, tell someone - and practice expressing their boundaries. It teaches children that it is never their fault if someone else violates safe boundaries, and identify adults both at home and at school that they can talk to if they ever feel unsafe. These messages are delivered with age-appropriate language and materials, and families receive materials to reinforce safety lessons at home. Safe Touch programs are research-based, meeting national and school standards for personal safety education.

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There will be a multiple Safe Touch programs at the Orange County Public Library in Hillsborough designated for different age groups, as well as a parent preview session. If interested, please register at this link:

<https://forms.gle/vDwCTUrFiL2o5eUGA>

The Orange County Public Library Presents

SENSORY FRIENDLY BROWSING HOUR

March 27th
9:00 - 10:00 AM
4th Wednesdays of Each Month



Enjoy a special library hour designed to provide a safe and friendly environment for neurodivergent children and their families. Visitors will be able to use library services and ask questions during a quieter, low-traffic time.

- Lower Traffic
- Reduced Sound
- Dimmed Lights
- Sensory Kits Available
- Visual signage and maps

Ages 0-18 with their families / caregivers.

Call Youth Services for any questions.
919-245-2532

Registration for these events is required.



Call or go online to register
orangecountylibrary.org

We are happy to welcome neurodivergent children and their caretakers for a sensory-friendly browsing time! Join us before the library opens to the general public on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 9-10am. Special accommodations will be made to support a stress-free visit.

Wednesday, March 27 | 9-10 a.m. | Main Library in Hillsborough

[Click here to learn more information about your visit](#)

Upcoming Events at the Cybrary in Carrboro

Adults

SIGN UP FOR COMPUTER CLASSES

Wednesdays 11:00am-12:15pm

DATE	CLASS
February 28	Smartphones
March 6	Drop-In Tech Help
March 13	Online Accounts and Security
March 20	Drop-In Tech Help
March 27	Google Suite & Account Recovery
April 3	Drop-In Tech Help
April 10	Internet Tips & Tricks
April 17	Drop-In Tech Help

Classes
taught by:



Call to register at 919-918-7387.

Registration is preferred. Drop ins are welcome first come first serve depending on space.

Cybrary Branch, Carrboro Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St, Carrboro



orangecountync.gov/TechClass



Tech learning is coming back to the Cybrary this spring. We're alternating free computer workshops with drop-in tech help sessions on Wednesday morning with the help of the UNC School of Information and Library Science.

March CWS Schedule:

Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

3/6: Drop-In Tech Help

3/13: Online Accounts and Security

3/20: Drop-In Tech Help

3/27: Google Suite & Account Recovery

Registration is preferred. Click the button below to register or call 919-918-7387 for help or questions.

[Click here to register for the next computer class](#)



MENDING CLOTHES FOR BEGINNERS

Join us to learn some basic hand sewing techniques for mending clothes. No previous sewing experience is necessary!

This workshop will focus on Sashiko, a type of embroidery that can be used to patch or reinforce fabric. All supplies will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring in materials from home. Ages 15+.

Saturday, March 23 • 10am-12pm
Carrboro Century Center, Room 2/3, 100 N Greensboro St, Carrboro, NC



Registration is encouraged. Register on the library calendar:
orangecountylibrary.org
or by calling 919-918-7387.

Join us at the Carrboro Century Center to learn some basic clothes mending techniques. No previous sewing experience is necessary!

This workshop will focus on Sashiko, a type of embroidery that can be used to patch or reinforce fabric. All supplies will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring in materials from home.

Registration is encouraged. Ages 15+.

Saturday, March 23 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Register and learn

Regular Youth Services Programs

Birth - Pre-K

K - 2nd Grade

3rd - 5th Grade

6th - 12th Grade

Cybrary Location

Regular Adult Programs

Upcoming Book Clubs

Cybrary Location



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