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### **Free programs for all ages at the DeLand Regional Library**

The DeLand Regional Library, 130 East Howry Ave., offers a variety of free programs for children, teens, and adults throughout February. The library is open from 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

#### **Black History Month Programs:**

**Zora Memorialized:** 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 12. This presentation on Zora Neale Hurston will investigate the author's legacy by looking at three Florida cities—Eatonville, St. Augustine, and Fort Pierce—that have made special efforts to keep Hurston's memory alive. Zora Neale Hurston is recognized as one of America's finest twentieth century writers. Her books have inspired countless devotees to trek to Hurston sites seeking connection and inspiration—and has led to the author's memorialization by communities capitalizing on her celebrity. Presenter Leslie Kemp Poole is associate professor of environmental studies at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida. A fourth-generation Floridian, Poole's work focuses on Florida's environment. This talk is inspired by a chapter she is writing for a book about Hurston.

**Inventing Change: The Legacy of African American Innovators:** 1 p.m. Thursday, February 27. Join us for an engaging discussion featuring local historian Michael Brown, as he highlights the groundbreaking contributions of African American inventors throughout history. This informative session will explore the innovative minds and achievements of important historical figures whose inventions have shaped industries and changed lives. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, reflect, and celebrate these prominent African American legacies. Mr. Brown has studied local history for over 30 years. He is a frequent lecture on black history and related topics throughout the area, and more specifically at the DeLand African American Museum of the Arts.

#### **Special Events**

**NEW! Spill the Tea: Fossils:** 5:30 p.m. Thursday, February 6. Zach Zacharias from the Museum of Arts and Sciences will bring his team of fossil hunters to talk about unearthing rocks and fossils in Florida. Spill the Tea offers an engaging and informal platform for enthusiasts to delve into intriguing topics and expand their knowledge base. At each session, two to three passionate individuals will deliver brief presentations on subjects close to their hearts. During each talk, there's an opportunity for questions and discussions, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas.

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**Free concert: Living by the Stream:** 1 p.m. Saturday, February 8. Join us for a captivating performance by Living by the Stream at the library! This father-daughter duo creates a unique musical style by blending violin, guitar, and vocals into a joyful mix of Celtic, bluegrass, rock, and more. Their performances are quirky, thoughtful, and family-friendly, aiming to inspire and connect with audiences. Don't miss this opportunity to experience their innovative sound!

**New! Cricut Crafting:** 2 p.m. Thursday, February 17. This class is designed to learn the process of creating a project on the Cricut and enjoy the fun of taking a project home. All supplies will be provided. Registration required as supplies are limited.

**Homeschool Huddle:** 11 a.m. Monday, February 24. Homeschool Huddle is an interdisciplinary literacy program designed to encourage social and collaborative learning in an educational environment.

### Adult programs

**Writer's Workshop:** 12 p.m. Select Saturdays, February 1 and 22. All forms of writing and levels of experience are welcome. Instructor Robert Vickery has 20 years of experience; he currently teaches English at University High School in Orange City. No registration required.

**Master Gardeners:** 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 4. Come enjoy an informative discussion on Florida Gardening, followed by a questions and answer session with the UF/IFAS Agricultural Extension.

**E-Lab:** 1 p.m. Wednesdays. SERVICES OFFERED: Basic computer skill assistance towards enhancing job search, Internet access for job searches and completing applications, E-mail account set-up assistance, cover letter & resume editing, and access to eGov applications such as: unemployment claims, food or housing assistance, Social Security, Medicaid, ID.Me and Affordable Care Act.

**Sew It Seams:** 1 p.m. Thursday, February 6. Shirt missing a button? Pants need a patch? Bring an item that needs to be mended or patched and learn how to fix it. Library sewing machines and assorted supplies will be available in the library classroom, along with library staff to provide assistance.

**Chair Yoga:** 1 p.m. Select Fridays, February 7, 21, and 28. A gentle and accessible way to experience the benefits of yoga, suitable for all ages and abilities. No experience or equipment is needed. Wear comfortable clothing.

**Recipes & Reads Culinary Lab: Churros with Espresso Chocolate Sauce.** 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 11. Learn about food preparation techniques, different ingredients, and the culture behind a dish. Participants will have the chance to enjoy what is made while supplies last. Open to the public and intended for adults. This project was funded under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Florida's LSTA program is administered by the Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services.



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**Basic Computer Class:** 1 p.m. Thursday, February 13. This class is the foundation to learning about computers. We will be learning how to start up a computer and how to use a mouse. This will be hands on learning with a power point presentation, and time at the end of the class for a Q & A. Registration required as space is limited.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale:** 3-5 p.m. Friday, February 14 and 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, February 15. Join us the second week of each month for our monthly Book Sale – now with extended Saturday hours! Friends of the Library members can shop early Friday from 1-3 p.m. Not a Friends member? You can join for as little as \$10. After 3pm and all day Saturday, the sale is open to the general public. Filling the entire auditorium, the books and videos are arranged by subject. All are in good condition and economically priced. The collections include discards and gifts from individuals. Paperbacks and children's books are available as well as many hardbacks. We welcome all donations, Books, CDs, Vinyl Records, DVDs, Games, Puzzles, etc. No magazines. Call 386-822-6430 ext. 20755 for more information

**Book Club:** 10 a.m. Thursday, February 20. The DeLand Library hosts a book discussion the third Thursday of each month at 10 am. This month's selection is The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride. This novel is about small-town secrets and the people who keep them. Author McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community--heaven and earth--that sustain us.

**Appy Hour: Gardening 101:** 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 25. Discover apps to help plan and design a garden, track seed and plant inventory, or identify and find treatments for plant and soil problems. Join this program for assistance with these apps or to get help with other technology questions.

### Youth Programs

**Sensory Storytime:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 4. Sensory Storytime is an interactive literacy program designed for children of all ages, with sensory sensitivities. Children and their caregivers are introduced to building blocks of literacy, inclusiveness, and socialization through books, rhymes, movement, and hands-on activities; in a mindful, structured environment designed to minimize overstimulation.

**Tales with Tails:** 11 a.m. Saturday, February 8. Tales with Tails is an interactive reading program designed for children up to age 12. Children practice basic reading aloud skills by pairing up with a specially trained, volunteer dog. Reservations, for 15-minute reading sessions, are required. Books are provided; or children can bring their favorite story along for the fun and learning!

**S.T.R.E.A.M.:** 4 p.m. Mondays. S.T.R.E.A.M. is an interactive multi-literacy program that integrates Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math concepts aimed at developing innovation, imagination, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. School age children are introduced to the building blocks of one or more S.T.R.E.A.M learning concepts through exploratory hands-on activities in a fun and educational environment.

**Mother Goose on the Loose:** 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tuesdays. Mother Goose on the Loose™ is an interactive 21st Century literacy program designed for children ages 0-24 months. Children and



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caregivers are introduced to formative building blocks of literacy through nursery rhymes, stories, fingerplays and music, in a fun and educational environment. May include time for unstructured play and socialization.

**S.T.R.E.A.M.: Engineering with LEGOs:** 4 p.m. Tuesdays. Engineering with LEGOs. S.T.R.E.A.M. is an interactive multi-literacy program that integrates Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math concepts aimed at developing innovation, imagination, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. School age children are introduced to the building blocks of one or more S.T.R.E.A.M learning concepts through exploratory hands-on activities in a fun and educational environment. Kids can let their imagination soar with hands-on building challenges with LEGO blocks.

**Toddler Time:** 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Toddler Time is an interactive, 21st Century literacy program designed for children ages 18 months-3 years. Children and caregivers are introduced to basic building blocks of literacy through stories, rhymes, and music, in a fun and educational environment. Programs may end with a brief S.T.R.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math) activity.

**La Hora del Cuento:** 11 a.m. Wednesdays. La Hora del Cuento is an interactive, bilingual literacy program designed for children ages 0-5 years old. Children and their caregivers are introduced to basic building blocks of literacy, in English and Spanish, through stories, rhymes and music, in a fun and educational environment. Programs may end with a brief S.T.R.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math) activity.

**Teen Programs:** 4 p.m. Wednesdays. Those in grades 6-12 are welcome to crafts, games, and other activities. Contact the library for a schedule of teen programs.

**Ready to Learn Pre-K Storytime:** 10 a.m. Thursdays. Ready to Learn Pre-K Storytime is an interactive 21st Century literacy program designed for children ages 3-5 years old. Children and caregivers are introduced to a wide variety of kindergarten readiness skills through stories, rhymes, music, and motor activities, in a fun and educational environment. Programs will end with a brief S.T.R.E.A.M. activity (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math) or with skill development stations.

**Wiggle, Giggle, Groove:** 11 a.m. Thursdays. Wiggle, Giggle, Groove is an interactive physical literacy program. Children and caregivers are introduced to basic movements designed to build coordination, motor skills, rhythm and flexibility during this lively, music-filled program.

**Quick Crafts:** 4 p.m. Thursdays. Quick Crafts is a physical literacy program designed to develop fine motor and critical thinking skills. School-age children will tap into their creativity by constructing crafts from a variety of materials provided in the children's section. Supplies may be limited.

**Gametastic:** 4 p.m. Fridays. Gametastic is an interactive gaming program designed to maximize play as a means of developing critical thinking skills, social skills, or strategy skills. Children are introduced to various games and gaming techniques through exploratory hands-on activities in a fun and educational environment.



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These programs are free and open to the public. Programs made possible by the Friends of the Deland Library and the Volusia County Public Library. More information is available by calling the DeLand Regional Library at 386-822-6430. For more information about library events, visit online at [www.volusialibrary.org](http://www.volusialibrary.org).