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Celebrate Black History Month And Enjoy Fabulous FREE Programs @ Your Library® This February!

Join the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative for interesting, entertaining and informative programs for the entire family this February. For a comprehensive look at library programming, visit hcplc.org, select a library location, and view that library's calendar of events. Be social! Like the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System on Facebook and follow @TampaHillsLib on Twitter.

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Puppet Show: *Why Frog And Snake Never Play Together*

- **Friday, Feb. 1 at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at the Town 'N Country Regional Public Library, 7606 Paula Drive, Ste. 120 in Tampa**
- **Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Austin Davis Public Library, 17808 Wayne Road in Odessa**
- **Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Lutz Branch Library, 101 Lutz-Lake Fern Road, W. in Lutz**
- **Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at the Cyrus Greene Recreation Center, 2101 E. Dr. MLK, Jr. Blvd. in Tampa**
- **Thursday, Feb. 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Firehouse Cultural Center, 101 1st Ave. NE in Ruskin**

FREE

Young Frog and Snake enjoyed playing together until their mothers told them they were too different to be friends. Explore lessons on friendship and diversity with this delightful African puppet tale.

For children ages 4 years and up.

Presented by Creative Arts Theatre of the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Sarah Watts-Casinger, Town 'N Country Regional Public Library Supervisor
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John Russell, C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library Supervisor
Julie Troupe, Ruskin Branch Library Supervisor

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Lutz Area Breastfeeding Support Group at the Lutz Branch Library
Fridays: Feb. 1 and 15 at 12 p.m.

Lutz Branch Library, 101 Lutz-Lake Fern Road, W. in Lutz
FREE

Breastfeeding is a natural process, but new moms and babies may need some help to learn. Share concerns and receive professional breastfeeding guidance and advice from a Certified Lactation Counselor.

For adult women.

Presented in partnership with the Lutz Area Breastfeeding Support Group. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Robin Gibson, Branch Supervisor

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Tai Chi With Bonnie Birdsall

- **Fridays: Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 1 p.m.; Tuesdays: Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 6 p.m. at the Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library, 3910 S. Manhattan Ave. in Tampa**
- **Fridays: Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 2:30 p.m. at the Charles J. Fendig Public Library, 3909 W. Neptune St. in Tampa**

FREE

Tai Chi reduces stress and increases alertness, flexibility and stamina. This class accommodates students of varying capabilities, from those participating from a chair due to injury to those studying in preparation to teach. Birdsall modifies each movement to meet the individual needs of each student. Participants should wear comfortable clothing.

For adults.

Funded by the Friends of the Jan Platt Library and the Friends of the Charles J. Fendig Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Judy Iglesias, Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library Supervisor
Brian Mahoney, Charles J. Fendig Public Library Supervisor

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New Tampa Pokémon League at the New Tampa Regional Library

Saturdays: Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 10 a.m.
New Tampa Regional Library, 10001 Cross Creek Blvd. in Tampa
FREE

Join fellow fans of the Pokémon Trading Card Game and the Pokémon video games for fun at the library. Learn the basics of the game and perfect gaming strategies. Participants should bring their own Pokémon playing cards and Nintendo DS. Pokémon league leaders will facilitate the gaming.

For families.

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Media/Event Contact: LaVerne Jenkins, Branch Supervisor

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Watercolors In The Style Of Claude Monet at the Riverview Branch Library
Saturday, Feb. 2 at 10:30 a.m.
Riverview Branch Library, 10509 Riverview Drive in Riverview
FREE

Art educator Minnette Webster teaches Claude Monet's style of painting beautiful gardens and water lilies. All materials will be provided.

For children and families. Participants must register in advance at the Ask Me Kiosk or by calling 813-273-3652. Limit of 20 participants.

Funded by the Friends of the Riverview Branch Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Marci Delaney, Branch Supervisor

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Family Motion Commotion at the John F. Germany Public Library
Saturday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

Move to the rhythm, dance to the beat! Shake and shimmy, tap those feet! Family time is motion time with this 30-minute program that incorporates music, literacy and fitness for the whole family.

For children and families.

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Media/Event Contact: Lorie Tonti, Youth Services Coordinator

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iPad For Genealogists at the John F. Germany Public Library
Saturday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

Donna Moughty will introduce participants to the advantages of using an iPad for their research. Moughty will feature an array of genealogy applications that can be used, and share ideas for using an iPad for genealogical research. This program is also a monthly meeting of the Florida Genealogical Society (Tampa).

For adults.

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Media/Event Contact: Ann Palmer, Senior Librarian

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No Fuss Foods: Easy Korean Food at the Riverview Branch Library
Saturday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.
Riverview Branch Library, 10509 Riverview Drive in Riverview
FREE

Cooking creative, delicious and nutritious meals does not need to take a lot of time or cost a lot of money. Join Rowena Sjovall of No Fuss Foods as she demonstrates how to make easy and simple Korean dishes. Free samples will be available for participants to taste.

For adults. Participants must register at the Reference Desk or by calling 813-273-3652. Limit of 20 participants.

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Media/Event Contact: Marci Delaney, Branch Supervisor

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Take Your Child To The Library Day at the North Tampa Branch Library
Saturday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.
North Tampa Branch Library, 8916 North Boulevard in Tampa
FREE

Join the Fun! Parents are invited to bring their children to the library for crafts, games and a library scavenger hunt.

For children and families.

Funded by the Friends of the North Tampa Branch Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Ann Bush, Branch Supervisor

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Charting A Pathway To Freedom: Freedom Quilts

- **Saturday, Feb. 2 at 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 3:30 p.m. at the C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library, 2607 E. Dr. MLK, Jr. Blvd. in Tampa**
- **Friday, Feb. 15 at 4 p.m. at the West Tampa Branch Library, 2312 W. Union St. in Tampa**

FREE

In celebration of Black History Month, learn how those seeking freedom used quilting to escape slavery. Make and contribute a quilt square for Hillsborough County's urban libraries' freedom quilt project.

For children and families.

Funded by the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: John Russell, C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library Supervisor
Michelle Michaud, West Tampa Branch Library Supervisor

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Black History Month: Kuumba Dancers And Drummers

- **Saturday, Feb. 2 at 3:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Regional Public Library, 1906 Bloomingdale Ave. in Valrico**
- **Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. at the Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library, 3910 S. Manhattan Ave. in Tampa**
- **Saturday, Feb. 23 at 11 a.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa**

FREE

Tampa's premier African dance and percussion ensemble will expose attendees to the sounds, vibrant moves, and stories of the people of the African Diaspora.

For children and families. Participants for the Bloomingdale Regional Public Library program must pick up a FREE ticket at the Ask Me Kiosk after 2:30 p.m.

Funded by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Regional Library and the Friends of the Jan Platt Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Eloise Hurst, Bloomingdale Regional Public Library Supervisor
Judy Iglesias, Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library Supervisor
Anne Ross, Chief Librarian

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Google: Utilities And Maps at the John F. Germany Public Library
Sunday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

Learn how to use Google Utilities to create and share documents using cloud storage, access a music collection remotely, and translate text. Learn how to navigate with Google Maps.

For adults. Participants must register in person after 12 p.m. Limit of 12 participants.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Anne Ross, Chief Librarian

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Black History Month: The Underground Railroad

- **Sunday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, 2902 W. Bearss Ave. in Tampa**

- **Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Town 'N Country Regional Public Library, 7606 Paula Drive, Ste. 120 in Tampa**

FREE

Captain Rick Rhodes brings to life the history of the Underground Railroad with lively anecdotes addressing slavery in America and those courageous individuals, both black and white, who became the leaders of a well-organized resistance; the first such popular movement since the American Revolution.

For adults and teens.

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Media/Event Contact: Tina Russo, Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library Supervisor
Sarah Watts-Casinger, Town 'N Country Regional Public Library Supervisor

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Webinar: Genealogy Orienteering at the Town 'N Country Regional Public Library
Monday, Feb. 4 at 10:30 a.m.
Town 'N Country Regional Public Library, 7606 Paula Drive, Ste. 120 in Tampa
FREE
Library cardholders may participate remotely from any location with Internet access (advance registration required)

This Web-based program helps researchers use maps to quickly and effectively locate the right place to conduct research.

For adults. Online access is also available for library cardholders from any remote location with Internet access. Advance registration is required for remote access.

Presented by George G. Morgan of Aha! Seminars. Funded by the Friends of the Library of Tampa-Hillsborough County, Inc. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Sarah Watts-Casinger, Branch Supervisor

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H_20-OOOOH! at the Seffner-Mango Branch Library

Monday, Feb. 4 at 3 p.m.
Seffner-Mango Branch Library, 410 N. Kingsway Road in Seffner
FREE

The basis of all life is water, and it's everywhere! Come to the library to explore and play with this marvelous molecule, from the tiny atoms that make up H_20 to massive oceans blanketing Earth!

For children.

Presented by Marcey Walsh of the Institute for Pattern Literacy LLC. Funded by the Friends of the Seffner Mango Branch Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Cindy Nichols, Branch Supervisor

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Block Party!

- **Mondays: Feb. 4 at 3:30 p.m. and Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Upper Tampa Bay Regional Public Library, 11211 Countryway Blvd. in Tampa**
- **Monday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at the North Tampa Branch Library, 8916 North Boulevard in Tampa**
- **Wednesdays: Feb. 13 and 27 at 3 p.m. at the 78th Street Community Library, 7625 Palm River Road in Tampa**
- **Thursday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, 2902 W. Bearss Ave. in Tampa**
- **Saturday, Feb. 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the Town 'N Country Regional Public Library, 7606 Paula Drive, Ste. 120 in Tampa**
- **Monday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lutz Branch Library, 101 Lutz-Lake Fern Road, W. in Lutz**
- **Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Regional Public Library, 1906 Bloomingdale Ave. in Valrico**

FREE

Kids use LEGO building blocks to build a creative, fun and interactive project. The library provides the LEGOs; kids provide the imagination!

For children and families.

Funded by the Friends of the Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library, the Friends of the North Tampa Branch Library, the Friends of the Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, the Friends of the Town 'N Country Regional Library, the Friends of the Lutz Branch Library, and the Friends of the Bloomingdale Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Ann Bush, North Tampa Branch Library Supervisor
Jo Combs, 78th Street Community Library Supervisor
Tina Russo, Jimmie B. Keel Regional Public Library Supervisor
Sarah Watts-Casinger, Town 'N Country Regional Public Library Supervisor
Robin Gibson, Lutz Branch Library Supervisor
Eloise Hurst, Bloomingdale Regional Public Library Supervisor

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Teen Advisory Board Meeting

- **Mondays: Feb. 4 and 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the 78th Street Community Library, 7625 Palm River Road in Tampa**
- **Thursday, Feb. 28 at 4:30 p.m. at the Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library, 3910 S. Manhattan Ave. in Tampa**

FREE

Need community service hours for college and scholarships? Join the library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB). TAB members have fun and earn service hours by creating teen programs, contributing to the library's website, creating videos and more. Refreshments will be provided.

For teens in grades 6 to 12.

Funded by the Friends of the 78th Street Community Library and the Friends of the Jan Platt Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Jo Combs, 78th Street Community Library Supervisor
Judy Iglesias, Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library Supervisor

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The ABCs Of Small Business Ownership
Library cardholders may participate remotely from any location with Internet access (advance registration required)

- **Monday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brandon Regional Library, 619 Vonderburg Drive in Brandon**
- **Monday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, 2902 W. Bearss Ave. in Tampa**
- **Monday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Tampa Branch Library, 8916 North Boulevard in Tampa**
- **Monday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Seffner-Mango Branch Library, 410 N. Kingsway Road in Seffner**

- **Monday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town ’N Country Regional Public Library, 7606 Paula Drive, Ste. 120 in Tampa**

FREE

This Web-based program allows participants to gain insights into the A to Zs of owning a small business and receive easy to use tips on growing their business.

For adults. Library cardholders may participate from any remote location with Internet access. Advance registration is required for remote access.

Presented by LearnSurge. Funded by the Friends of the Library of Tampa-Hillsborough County, Inc. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Vickie Ricketts, Brandon Regional Library Supervisor
Tina Russo, Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library Supervisor
Ann Bush, North Tampa Branch Library Supervisor
Cindy Nichols, Seffner-Mango Branch Library Supervisor
Sarah Watts-Casinger, Town ’N Country Regional Public Library Supervisor

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Create A Card at the Brandon Regional Library
Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 10 a.m.
Brandon Regional Library, 619 Vonderburg Drive in Brandon
FREE

Make a beautiful card using stamps, ribbons, embellishments and more, featuring the latest Stampin' Up!® products. All materials will be provided.

For adults. Participants must register in person at the Ask Me Kiosk or by calling 813-273-3652. Limit of 15 participants.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Vickie Ricketts, Branch Supervisor

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Job Search Support at the Town ’N Country Regional Public Library
Tuesdays: Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 10:30 a.m.
Town ’N Country Regional Public Library, 7606 Paula Drive, Ste. 120 in Tampa
FREE

In this program, presenter Richard Lyons will help participants develop resume and cover letter writing techniques. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in mock interviews and receive feedback, learn negotiation strategies, and find alternatives on the best way to network.

For adults.

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Media/Event Contact: Sarah Watts-Casinger, Branch Supervisor

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English-Spanish Conversation at the West Tampa Branch Library
Tuesdays: Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 3 p.m.
West Tampa Branch Library, 2312 W. Union St. in Tampa
FREE

Participants may attend any of these sessions to learn basic conversation in Spanish. Los participantes pueden asistir a cualquiera de estas sesiones para aprender Inglés conversacional básico.

For adults. Para los adultos.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Michelle Michaud, Branch Supervisor

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Storytelling Workshop at the Town 'N Country Regional Public Library
Tuesdays: Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 4 p.m.
Town 'N Country Regional Public Library, 7606 Paula Drive, Ste. 120 in Tampa
FREE

The *33rd Annual Tampa-Hillsborough County Storytelling Festival* will be held at Hillsborough High School on April 20. Young people interested in performing at the festival should attend each of these workshops to learn how to become a festival-quality storyteller.

For children and teens in grades K to 12.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Sarah Watts-Casinger, Branch Supervisor

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Girl Power! Teen Club at the Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library
Tuesdays: Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 4:30 p.m.
Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library, 3910 S. Manhattan Ave. in Tampa
FREE

Teen girls are invited to bring their friends to this weekly afternoon club. They can engage in discussion while exploring art, crafts, photography, dance, exercise, games, technology and more! Participants will also get to help decide on each weeks' theme. Girls unite!

For teen girls.

Funded by the Friends of the Jan Platt Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Judy Iglesias, Branch Supervisor

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Tale Spinners Storytelling Club at the Austin Davis Public Library
Tuesdays: Feb. 5 and 19 at 4:30 p.m.
Austin Davis Public Library, 17808 Wayne Road in Odessa
FREE

Fables, fairytales and legends, oh my! Learn about storytelling and how to choose a good story to tell. This program will help kids be ready to tell a story at the *33rd Annual Tampa –Hillsborough County Storytelling Festival* on April 20.

For children ages 5 years and up.

Funded by the Friends of the Austin Davis Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Beverly Hladky, Branch Supervisor

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Astronomy For Everyone: Size And Scale Of The Universe at the Bloomingdale Regional Public Library
Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.
Bloomingdale Regional Public Library, 1906 Bloomingdale Ave. in Valrico
FREE

This is a family-oriented two-hour PowerPoint slide presentation using hands-on activities and assorted visuals with incredible video footage where the patrons will learn about the size and scale of the

universe, the stars, and other celestial wonders. Following the presentation, a powerful telescope will be set up outdoors for viewing the moon, the rings of Saturn, and other beautiful objects in the night sky, if weather permits.

For families.

Funded by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Eloise Hurst, Branch Supervisor

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Charting A Pathway To Freedom: Story Time at the C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library
Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 10:15 a.m.
C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library, 2607 E. Dr. MLK, Jr. Blvd. in Tampa
FREE

In celebration of Black History Month, this program features stories, action rhymes, songs and interactive activities written by or about African-Americans. This engaging 30-minute program highlights early literacy skills and encourages reading readiness and social interaction.

For children ages 3 to 5 years, along with their caregivers. Limit of 20 participants.

Funded by the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: John Russell, Branch Supervisor

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Chair Yoga at the Lutz Branch Library
Wednesdays: Feb. 6 and 20 at 10:30 a.m.
Lutz Branch Library, 101 Lutz-Lake Fern Road, W. in Lutz
FREE

Join instructors from Lucky Cat Yoga for this low stress, slow-movement introduction to yoga. Although geared for beginners, this half-hour session is also suitable for intermediate students.

For adults.

Funded by the Friends of the Lutz Branch Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Robin Gibson, Branch Supervisor

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Clifford The Big Red Dog! at the John F. Germany Public Library
Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 10:30 a.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

Everyone's favorite big red dog, Clifford, will be stopping by the library! Bring a camera for a picture with Clifford and enjoy stories and activities based on the popular PBS kids show.

For children and families.

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Media/Event Contact: Lorie Tonti, Youth Services Coordinator

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The Bloomingdale Giveback Program at the Bloomingdale Regional Public Library
Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m.
Bloomingdale Regional Public Library, 1906 Bloomingdale Ave. in Valrico
FREE

Participants will learn to crochet or sew a gift, and, at the end of the program, will leave behind their creation for donation to local organizations that help people in need. Stop in to have some creative fun and give back to the community! All materials will be provided.

For adults.

Funded by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Eloise Hurst, Branch Supervisor

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Yoga 101: Intro To Yoga For Adults at the Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library

- **Thursdays: Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 12:15 p.m.**
- **Wednesdays: Feb. 13, 20 and 27 at 6 p.m.**

Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library, 3910 S. Manhattan Ave. in Tampa
FREE

Yoga is an activity that can help heal the mind, body and soul. In this one-hour class, Erin Wheeler of Lucky Cat Yoga introduces adults to yoga. Participants will learn basic yoga postures and pranayama (yogic breathing). The class is moderately paced, allowing participants to leave with lots of energy. Participants should bring a towel or a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.

For adults.

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Media/Event Contact: Judy Iglesias, Branch Supervisor

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ValenTeens Day Dance at the Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.
Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, 2902 W. Bearss Ave. in Tampa
FREE

Teens don't have to be in love to love the library's annual Valentine's Day dance! Teens are invited to enjoy dancing, games, snacks and more.

For teens in grades 6 to 12.

Funded by the Friends of the Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Tina Russo, Branch Supervisor

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Colored Pencils In The Style Of Piet Mondrian at the Riverview Branch Library
Saturday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m.
Riverview Branch Library, 10509 Riverview Drive in Riverview
FREE

Art educator Minnette Webster will discuss the life of Piet Mondrian while guiding participants in the use of colored pencils to create art in Mondrian's abstract style. All materials will be provided.

For children and families. Limit of 20 participants. Participants must register in advance at the Ask Me Kiosk or by calling 813-273-3652.

Funded by the Friends of the Riverview Branch Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Marci Delaney, Branch Supervisor

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Microsoft PowerPoint: Introduction at the John F. Germany Public Library
Saturday, Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

Learn the basics of slide design and layout to create an exciting, professional-looking presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint. Mouse and keyboard skills are recommended prerequisites for this program.

For adults. Limit of 12 participants.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Anne Ross, Chief Librarian

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Black History Month: Art Of Africa at the John F. Germany Public Library
Saturday, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

In honor of Black History Month, children will explore the talents of traditional west African storytellers, mask makers and weavers. Children will enjoy hearing African folktales, making a mask, or using traditional Kente colors to weave in Kente cloth style.

For children and families.

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Media/Event Contact: Lorie Tonti, Youth Services Coordinator

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Excel: Introduction at the 78th Street Community Library
Saturday, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m.
78th Street Community Library, 7625 Palm River Road in Tampa
FREE

Become familiar with layout, entering data, AutoFill, inserting rows and columns, and other introductory steps in Excel. Mouse and keyboard skills are recommended perquisites for this program.

For adults.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Jo Combs, Branch Supervisor

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Black History Month: World Slavery, The Haitian Revolution And Rise Of American Music at the John F. Germany Public Library
Saturday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

In honor of Black History Month, long-time professional musician Ray Kamalay traces the development of slavery from ancient times to its links with American society and into the early jazz age, putting American music in the perspective of world history. The discussion will include freedom, ancient and modern slavery, the Haitian Revolution, the origin of blackface, spirituals, blues, minstrel shows, ragtime and jazz.

For adults.

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Media/Event Contact: Anne Ross, Chief Librarian

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Charting A Pathway To Freedom: Life Story Writing at the West Tampa Branch Library
Saturday, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.
West Tampa Branch Library, 2312 W. Union St. in Tampa

FREE

Everyone has a story to share. Find out why life story writing is important for freedom, and get helpful tips for writing a story that captures readers. All mateials will be provided.

For adults.

Funded by the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Michelle Michaud, Branch Supervisor

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Tail Waggin' Tutors at the Lutz Branch Library
Saturday, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.
Lutz Branch Library, 101 Lutz-Lake Fern Road, W. in Lutz
FREE

What happens when children, dogs and books are brought together? The development of happy, confident children who love to read! Children take turns reading to an adorable certified therapy dog.

For children.

Presented in partnership with Therapy Dogs International. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Robin Gibson, Branch Supervisor

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Meet The Cartoonist: Leigh Rubin

- **Saturday, Feb. 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the SouthShore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way in Ruskin**
- **Sunday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa**

FREE

Leigh Rubin, creator of the syndicated cartoon *Rubes*, will entertain and inspire with a humorous presentation on cartooning that illustrates how to stay motivated creatively. Rubin will discuss maintaining creativity while meeting deadlines, and will emphasize the rewards of persistence; the fun of problem solving; and the joy of imagination.

For adults.

Funded by the Friends of the SouthShore Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Lorri Robinson, SouthShore Regional Library Supervisor
Anne Ross, Chief Librarian

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eBooks And eReaders John F. Germany Public Library
Sunday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

Want to read e-books but don't know how to get started? Don't fret, help is on the way! Come to the library for a demonstration of the Overdrive Media Console and Adobe Digital Editions, and to learn how to check out and download e-books to your PC or e-readers.

For adults. Participants must register in person after 12 p.m. Limit of 12 participants.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Anne Ross, Chief Librarian

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Yoga For Beginners at the Town 'N Country Regional Public Library
Mondays: Feb. 11, 18 and 25 at 11 a.m.
Town 'N Country Regional Public Library, 7606 Paula Drive, Ste. 120 in Tampa
FREE

Yoga is a system for integrating body, breath, mind and heart; anybody interested in living a healthy, balanced and joyful life can practice yoga. In this 75-minute session, certified yoga teacher Rubén Vásquez will guide participants in the use of simple and effective tools to reduce stress, relieve pain, improve breathing, enhance flexibility, and increase strength and balance. Attend this session in comfortable exercise clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel.

For adults.

Funded by the Friends of the Town 'N Country Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Sarah Watts-Casinger, Branch Supervisor

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Paws To Read! at the North Tampa Branch Library
Monday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.
North Tampa Branch Library, 8916 North Boulevard in Tampa
FREE

The library is going to the dogs! Children are invited to practice reading to a certified therapy dog and enjoy a simple craft.

For children.

Presented in partnership with Project Pup. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Ann Bush, Branch Supervisor

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Charting A Pathway To Freedom: Movie at the C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library
Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m.
C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library, 2607 E. Dr. MLK, Jr. Blvd. in Tampa
FREE

Come see this perceptive and powerful drama about the life and changing times in 1950s segregated Montgomery, Alabama. When her black maid takes a stand in Martin Luther King Jr.'s bus boycott, an affluent white woman does what she can to help despite the disapproval of her husband.

For teens and adults.

Funded by the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: John Russell, Branch Supervisor

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My Guitar at the Austin Davis Public Library

Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Austin Davis Public Library, 17808 Wayne Road in Odessa
FREE

In this program, professional concert guitarist Jane Marie Rosenbohm offers insight to the history and music of the guitar.

For adults.

Funded by the Friends of the Austin Davis Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Beverly Hladky, Branch Supervisor

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Speed Dating For Book Lovers! at the North Tampa Branch Library
Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
North Tampa Branch Library, 8916 North Boulevard in Tampa
FREE

Looking for love in all the wrong places? Try the library for a new love or just a new friend. Bring a book to use as an ice-breaker! All attendees will remain anonymous. Names will only be revealed through email after a mutual match is made.

For adults. Limit of 20 participants. Participants must register in advance at the Ask Me Kiosk or by calling 813-273-3652.

Funded by the Friends of the North Tampa Branch Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Ann Bush, Branch Supervisor

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Short Sales And Foreclosure at the Brandon Regional Library
Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.
Brandon Regional Library, 619 Vonderburg Drive in Brandon
FREE

This program is for adults whose house is worth less than they owe, and struggling to make their mortgage payments. Participants will learn what a short sale is and how it may work for them. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

For adults.

Presented in partnership with the Brandon Bar Association. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Vickie Ricketts, Branch Supervisor

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Kindermusik For Preschoolers at the Lutz Branch Library
Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Lutz Branch Library, 101 Lutz-Lake Fern Road, W. in Lutz
FREE

Joyful Child Studio brings families together while encouraging children to grow through the power of music! This series brings music into children's daily routines to improve their ability to create, express, reason and think.

For children ages 2 to 5 years, along with caregiver interaction.

Funded by the Friends of the Lutz Branch Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Robin Gibson, Branch Supervisor

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Charting A Pathway To Freedom: Book Discussion at the Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library
Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 12 p.m.
Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library, 1505 Nebraska Ave. in Tampa
FREE

The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln by Stephen Carter takes place in the year 1867 when Abraham Lincoln has survived the assassination attempt and faces impeachment for overstepping his Constitutional authority during the Civil War. The law firm employed to defend Lincoln hires Abigail Canner, a young, educated black woman, as a law clerk then excludes her. However, events bring her front and center.

For adults. Check out a copy of this book from any Hillsborough County library.

Funded by the Ada T, Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Uary Jones, Branch Supervisor

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Charting A Pathway To Freedom: Reading Time

- **Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 3:30 p.m. at the C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library, 2607 E. Dr. MLK, Jr. Blvd. in Tampa**
- **Friday, Feb. 22 at 4 p.m. at the West Tampa Branch Library, 2312 W. Union St. in Tampa**

FREE

In celebration of Black History Month, librarians will share and talk about the story *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt* by Deborah Hopkinson.

For children in grades K to 5.

Funded by the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: John Russell, C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library Supervisor
Michelle Michaud, West Tampa Branch Library Supervisor

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Teen Duct Tape Valentine at the North Tampa Branch Library
Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 4:30 p.m.
North Tampa Branch Library, 8916 North Boulevard in Tampa
FREE

Come to the library to make Valentine crafts with duct tape.

For teens ages 13 to 19 years.

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Media/Event Contact: Ann Bush, Branch Supervisor

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What's All That Jazz About? at the North Tampa Branch Library
Thursday, Feb. 14 at 11 a.m.

North Tampa Branch Library, 8916 North Boulevard in Tampa
FREE

Jazz saxophonist Shenole Latimer will teach children about the origin of jazz and its importance to American culture in this highly interactive presentation of storytelling, games, live music and group participation.

For children and families.

Funded by the Friends of the North Tampa Branch Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Ann Bush, Branch Supervisor

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Ice Cream Social at the Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
Thursday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m.
Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, 2902 W. Bearss Ave. in Tampa
FREE

Teens are invited to enjoy sweets with their sweetie or have a sundae with friends while kicking back to watch a favorite film. Refreshments will be provided.

For teens ages 12 to 18 years.

Presented by Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library Teen Advisory Board. Funded by the Friends of the Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Tina Russo, Branch Supervisor

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Black History Month: African-American Genealogical Research, Is It Different And How? at the John F. Germany Public Library
Saturday, Feb. 16 at 10:30 a.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

Is African-American genealogical research different from other ethnic backgrounds? The answer will enhance participants' research skills by teaching them how and where to look. Find out from Marjorie Sholes, an expert on African-American research. Sholes is one of the foremost authorities on African-American genealogical research in America; she even helped retired football player Emmitt Smith find

his slave ancestors on *Who Do You Think You Are?* African-American Genealogical Research is the first of two programs she is presenting on the Feb. 16. Come to the library for one or both programs.

For adults. Participants must register in advance at the Florida History and Genealogy Library Reference Desk or by calling 813-273-3652. Limit of 100 participants.

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Media/Event Contact: Margaret Rials, Chief Librarian

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Watercolor Pencils In The Style Of Giuseppe Arcimboldo at the Riverview Branch Library
Saturday, Feb. 16 at 10:30 a.m.
Riverview Branch Library, 10509 Riverview Drive in Riverview
FREE

Art educator Minnette Webster teaches how to construct human heads made of vegetables and fruit similar to those created by whimsical artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. All materials will be provided.

For children and families. Participants must register in advance at the Ask Me Kiosk or by calling 813-273-3652. Limit of 20 participants.

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Media/Event Contact: Marci Delaney, Branch Supervisor

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Robot Invasion at the Austin Davis Public Library
Saturday, Feb. 16 at 1:30 p.m.
Austin Davis Public Library, 17808 Wayne Road in Odessa
FREE

In Robot Invasion, the Robotics Club of Hillsborough High School will demonstrate the robots they have created for competition. The program will include a hands-on experience for the audience.

For children and families.

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Media/Event Contact: Beverly Hladky, Branch Supervisor

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Black History Month: Slave Research, Locating Ancestors During Slavery at the John F. Germany Public Library
Saturday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

African-American research specialist Marjorie Sholes will take participants step-by-step through the process she used to trace one of her own ancestors, showing the tips and tricks she discovered along the way. In particular, she'll focus on how to identify slave owners to unlock the history of slave ancestors. Participants will also learn what resources are available with tools such as those on Ancestry.com and elsewhere to aid in their research. Sholes is one of the foremost authorities on African-American genealogical research in America; she even helped retired football player Emmitt Smith find his slave ancestors on the TV show *Who Do You Think You Are*. Slave Research is the second of two programs she is presenting on Feb.16. Come to the library for one or both presentations.

For adults. Participants must register in advance at the Reference Desk of the Florida History and Genealogy Library or by calling 813-273-3652. Limit of 100 participants.

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Media/Event Contact: Margaret Rials, Chief Librarian

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Windows Live Movie Maker at the John F. Germany Public Library
Saturday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

Participants will learn how to quickly turn their photos and videos into polished movies with Windows Live Movie Maker. Add sound, special effects, transitions and captions, and then share their movie directly on websites, like YouTube and Facebook.

For adults. Limit of 12 participants.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Anne Ross, Chief Librarian

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Super Science Saturday at the Bloomingdale Regional Public Library
Saturday, Feb. 16 at 3:30 p.m.
Bloomingdale Regional Public Library, 1906 Bloomingdale Ave. in Valrico
FREE

The library turns into a science lab in this interactive, hands-on science learning event. Children will learn about the science of smell by creating potpourri balls, painting with coffee, and discovering how a baby animal finds its mother by scent.

For children in grades K to 5. Participants must pick up a FREE ticket at the Ask Me Kiosk after 3 p.m. Limit of 30 participants.

Funded by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Eloise Hurst, Branch Supervisor

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Internet: Searching Techniques And Safe Browsing at the John F. Germany Public Library
Sunday, Feb. 17 at 1 p.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

Learn how to search the Web effectively while not compromising safety or security. Basic mouse and keyboard skills are recommended prerequisites for this program.

For adults. Participants must register in person after 12 p.m. Limit of 12 participants.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Anne Ross, Chief Librarian

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Art After School at the North Tampa Branch Library
Monday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.
North Tampa Branch Library, 8916 North Boulevard in Tampa
FREE

Art After School provides an outlet for children to express creativity through art. Kids may take home their creations to show off.

For children in grades 1 to 5. Limit of 25 participants.

Funded by the Friends of the North Tampa Branch Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Ann Bush, Branch Supervisor

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After Dark At The Library: Speed Date A Book at the John F. Germany Public Library
Monday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

Love to talk about books? Love to meet new people? Come to the library for a new way to do both. Think of speed dating without the pressure, or of a book club where reading books is not required. Just like speed dating, this program involves brief conversations between small groups of people. However, the purpose is not to find a date, but the perfect match in a book. Come prepared to meet new people and talk about favorite books. Librarians will also be playing matchmaker by having blind book dates on hand to check out!

For adults age 20 years and up.

Funded by the Friends of the John F. Germany Public Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3762 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Anne Ross, Chief Librarian

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Business Plan In A Day at the 78th Street Community Library
Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 12:30 p.m. (Part I) and 3:30 p.m. (Part II)
78th Street Community Library, 7625 Palm River Road in Tampa
FREE

In this two-part series, all in one day, participants will receive the critical, time-tested information and tools they need to construct an effective business plan.

For adults. Participants must register in advance by calling 813-914-4028.

Presented by the Hillsborough County Small Business Information Center. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Jo Combs, Branch Supervisor

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Teen Iron Chef at the North Tampa Branch Library
Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 4:30 p.m.
North Tampa Branch Library, 8916 North Boulevard in Tampa
FREE

In this fun and interactive program, each team of teens must turn a mystery ingredient into delectable dishes. Impress the judges and win the game!

For teens ages 13 to 19 years.

Funded by the Friends of the North Tampa Branch Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Ann Bush, Branch Supervisor

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Black History Month: Travel Treasures At The Library: Visit To Kenya at the Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.
Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, 2902 W. Bearss Ave. in Tampa
FREE

In Travel Treasures, traveler Nikki Ross-Inda will share her experience and knowledge of the African nation of Kenya. She will share with the audience artifacts, photos and stories of her visits there.

For teens and adults.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Tina Russo, Branch Supervisor

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Absolute Anime For Adults at the Temple Terrace Public Library
Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Temple Terrace Public Library, 202 Bullard Parkway in Temple Terrace
FREE

Do not let teens have all the fun; adults like anime too! The library will be showing a variety of anime movies on the big screen for adults to enjoy.

For adults.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Armand Ternak, Director

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Young Cartoonist Club at the Bloomingdale Regional Public Library
Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Bloomingdale Regional Public Library, 1906 Bloomingdale Ave. in Valrico
FREE

In the Young Cartoonist Club, children will learn about the exciting art of cartooning. The library will provide drawing materials and instruction to advance children's cartooning skills and spark their imaginations.

For children.

Funded by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Eloise Hurst, Branch Supervisor

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Stargazing at the Brandon Regional Library
Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.
Brandon Regional Library, 619 Vonderburg Drive in Brandon
FREE

Come and enjoy a closer look at the moon and planets! Astronomers from Clear Sky Adventures will have telescopes set up outside the library, and in the parking lot near the entrance, so participants can observe the moon's craters, the rings of Saturn, the red planet Mars, and other celestial wonders. The expert staff will answer questions to enhance enjoyment of the night sky.

Families and adults.

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Media/Event Contact: Vickie Ricketts, Branch Supervisor

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Oil Pastels In The Style Of Salvador Dali at the Riverview Branch Library
Saturday, Feb. 23 at 10:30 a.m.
Riverview Branch Library, 10509 Riverview Drive in Riverview
FREE

Art educator Minnette Webster teaches participants how to paint dreamscapes while teaching them about Salvador Dali and his dreamlike paintings. All materials will be provided.

For children and families. Participants must register in advance at the Ask Me Kiosk or by calling 813-273-3652. Limit of 20 participants.

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Media/Event Contact: Marci Delaney, Branch Supervisor

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Excel: Formatting at the 78th Street Community Library
Saturday, Feb. 23 at 11 a.m.
78th Street Community Library, 7625 Palm River Road in Tampa
FREE

Learn different formats for expressing numbers in an Excel spreadsheet. Mouse and keyboard skills are recommended perquisites for this program.

For adults.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Jo Combs, Branch Supervisor

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An Afternoon Of Jazz With Rose Bilal at the John F. Germany Public Library
Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

In this program, Rose Bilal performs jazz reminiscent of the style of Sarah Vaughan and Ella Fitzgerald. During the 1960s, Bilal was an opener for the O'Jays, The Delphonics, Chubby Checker, and many other great acts.

For adults.

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Media/Event Contact: Anne Ross, Chief Librarian

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Flickr at the John F. Germany Public Library
Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

In this program, create an online Flickr account and learn how to share photos.

For adults. Limit of 12 participants.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Anne Ross, Chief Librarian

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Black History Month: Musical Performance By Nyela Oluchi Hope at the Riverview Branch Library
Saturday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m.
Riverview Branch Library, 10509 Riverview Drive in Riverview
FREE

Celebrate Black History Month with vocalist and storyteller Nyela Oluchi Hope.

For adults.

Funded by the Friends of the Riverview Branch Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Marci Delaney, Branch Supervisor

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Black History Month: Sankofa Black Heritage Celebration at the John F. Germany Public Library
Saturday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

In the Akan language of Ghana, the word and symbol Sankofa means to go back and retrieve. In honor of Black History Month, this Sankofa Black Heritage Celebration will feature spoken word; capoiera, a Brazilian martial art; author Dee Brown; African dance; praise dance; rap; and African fashions.

For adults.

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Media/Event Contact: Anne Ross, Chief Librarian

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Online Living: Craigslist And eBay at the John F. Germany Public Library
Sunday, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m.
John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa
FREE

Come to the library for a hands-on guide to two of the most popular sites on the Internet, Craigslist and eBay! Mouse and keyboard skills are recommended prerequisites for this program.

For adults. Participants must register in person after 12:30 p.m. Limit of 12 participants.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Anne Ross, Chief Librarian

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Charting A Pathway To Freedom: 23rd National African-American Read-In at the Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library
Sunday, Feb. 24 at 3 p.m.
Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library, 1505 Nebraska Ave. in Tampa
FREE

This program is a celebration of African-American literacy in which participants may read books authored by professional and novice black writers. The celebration continues with a book discussion of Stephen L. Carter's *Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln,* a discussion about the Underground Railroad, as well as discussions about the role of quilts in the lives of those seeking freedom from slavery.

For adults.

Funded by the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Uary Jones, Branch Supervisor

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Online Genealogy Resources at the 78th Street Community Library
Monday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.
78th Street Community Library, 7625 Palm River Road in Tampa
FREE

Learn to use the Library's online genealogy databases including Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest, and learn strategies to overcome genealogy research problems.

For adults.

For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Jo Combs, Branch Supervisor

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Doing Business With Local Government at the Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library
Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m.
Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library, 1505 Nebraska Ave. in Tampa
FREE

This workshop will cover how to register with local agencies, how to find bidding opportunities, and where assistance can be found.

For adults.

Presented by the Hillsborough County Small Business Information Center. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Uary Jones, Branch Supervisor

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MBE/SBE Certification at the Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library
Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m.
Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library, 1505 Nebraska Ave. in Tampa
FREE

Small, minority, women and veteran-owned businesses will learn the eligibility requirements and steps to submit an application to be registered and/or certified with Hillsborough County.

For adults. Participants must register in advance by calling 813-914-4028.

Presented by the Hillsborough County Small Business Information Center. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Uary Jones, Branch Supervisor

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Mah Jongg Club at the Bloomingdale Regional Public Library
Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m.
Bloomingdale Regional Public Library, 1906 Bloomingdale Ave. in Valrico
FREE

Join the Mah Jongg Club to learn and play Mah Jongg using the American rules. Spectators are also welcome. Participants should bring their own Mah Jongg set or card.

For adults. Participants must register in advance at the Ask Me Kiosk or by calling 813-273-3652. Limit of 16 participants.

Funded by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE program @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Eloise Hurst, Branch Supervisor

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Yu-Gi-Oh! Teen Card Club at the Bloomingdale Regional Public Library
Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 3:30 p.m.
Bloomingdale Regional Public Library, 1906 Bloomingdale Ave. in Valrico
FREE

Join other fans of the Yu-Gi-Oh! Trading Card Game for fun at the library. Teens are invited to learn the basics or improve their skills, and may even sign up to be a Yu-Gi-Oh! leader to further share their love of the game with other Club members.

For teens in grades 6 to 12. Participants must register in person after 3 p.m.

Funded by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Eloise Hurst, Branch Supervisor

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Charting A Pathway To Freedom: Anelsa at the C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library
Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m.
C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library, 2607 E. Dr. MLK, Jr. Blvd. in Tampa
FREE

In this program, Anelsa uses the podium and the pen to explore the black experience in all of its manifested forms. Dressed in period clothing, Anelsa takes her audiences on a journey through time and the struggles of African-American women as they navigated their families from slavery to freedom. She recants the struggles of Harriet Tubman, a slave named Mittie, Fannie Lou Hamer, and other freedom pioneers.

For teens and adults.

Funded by the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3562 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: John Russell, Branch Supervisor

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Jump, Jive And Jam! at the Lutz Branch Library
Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 10:15 a.m.
Lutz Branch Library, 101 Lutz-Lake Fern Road, W. in Lutz
FREE

Children will Jump, Jive And Jam! in this fun and funky high-energy movement class incorporating the right amount of fitness, fun and music to stimulate both the body and the mind.

For children ages 3 to 6 years, along with their caregivers.

Presented by Michelle Pinto. Funded by the Friends of the Lutz Branch Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Robin Gibson, Branch Supervisor

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Parent Guide: Care For Babies at the North Tampa Branch Library
Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 11:30 a.m.
North Tampa Branch Library, 8916 North Boulevard in Tampa
FREE

This program addresses some of the concerns most parents have regarding the day-to-day care of newborn infants just arriving home from the hospital. The discussion covers issues such as feeding, teething, colic symptoms, immunization, and other challenges of everyday that affect a child's health or well-being. Presenter Dr. Earl Smith is a pediatrician who headed one of the largest pediatric practices in Hillsborough County. He recently retired from his active pediatrics and pediatric adolescent medicine practice, and is an expert in the field of infant care.

For families.

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Media/Event Contact: Ann Bush, Branch Supervisor

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Anime And Manga Club at the Bloomingdale Regional Public Library

Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Bloomingdale Regional Public Library, 1906 Bloomingdale Regional Public Library
FREE

Teens will watch some of the latest anime, discuss what is hot in the world of manga, and create and share their own art and comics with other otaku (fans of anime and manga).

For teens in grades 6 to 12.

Funded by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

Media/Event Contact: Eloise Hurst, Branch Supervisor

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Simply Marble-ous Magnets at the Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
Thursday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m.
Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, 2902 W. Bearss Ave. in Tampa
FREE

Come to the library to learn to create unique custom magnets with favorite photos or other interesting images. Refreshments will be provided.

For teens ages 12 to 18 years.

Presented by Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library Teen Advisory Board. Funded by the Friends of the Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library. For more information about this and other FREE programs @ your library®, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

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Media/Event Contact: Tina Russo, Branch Supervisor

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Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Libraries will begin celebrating their 100th anniversaries in 2014. To prepare, the libraries have partnered with the Tampa Bay History Center to present the *Library History Roadshow*. The *Library History Roadshow* will make stops at library branches throughout Hillsborough County over the next several years gathering and documenting the communities' library memories, photographs and memorabilia. For more information about the *Library History Roadshow*, and to see photos and videos of library memories and treasures, visit http://thplhistoryroadshow.blogspot.com. Or, contact the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System at 813-273-3652 for details.

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