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ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARIES INVITE PUBLIC TO “GET CREATIVE”

ORANGE COUNTY, NC (February 27, 2013)—The Orange County Public Library will host special events throughout the month of March to help all ages “Get Creative.” From interior design to photography...LEGOs to memes, there will be something for everyone to explore and enjoy at the library.

Kid Programs:

Kids are invited to make a butterfly to add to the “Butterfly Garden” located in the first floor children’s area.

March 2, is Dr. Seuss’s birthday. The Library will celebrate by getting creative in his honor! Write a story or draw a picture based on one of Dr. Seuss’s books. Stories or drawings can be entered for a special prize. Entries will be accepted until the prize drawing on Monday, March 25.

Get creative at CHAKA After School with LEGOs and crafts at the Library. CHAKA is Crafts, Hobbies, Arts, Kids & Activities. On Tuesday, March 5, at 3:30 p.m., ages six to 11-years-old get creative with plastic interlocking blocks that spark the imagination and on Tuesday, March 19, at 3:30 p.m. kids ages six to 11-years-old are invited to enjoy arts and crafts with Sheila Beasley from 4-H Cooperative Extension Service.

“Get Creative” will be the theme for Story Times on Wednesday, March 13, at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. This is ideal for little ones up to age two. The 10:00 a.m. multi-lingual story time will emphasize early literacy skills using picture books, songs, finger plays, and more. At 11:00 a.m., the three to five year olds will have Pre-School Story Time, using picture books, songs, finger plays, and a craft!

Teen Programs:

Teen Tech Week is March 10-17, 2013 – Come Check in at Your Library!

Get creative with your tech this month. Design a meme - a funny, catchy image that says something about the library and submit it between March 1 and March 17 for your chance to win a \$25 Visa Gift Card! Learn more at <http://orangecountync.gov/library/memecontest.asp>

Celebrate Teen Tech Week with a special gaming event! Everyone ages 11-18 is invited to come play Wii, Xbox 360 Kinect, board games, cards, and more on Wednesday, March 13, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Bring your friends and bring your games if you want.

Teen Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 17, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., and everyone ages 11-18 is invited to come tell us about your favorite book, learn about new books your friends liked and help us decide on possible themes for future months.

Adult Programs:

On Wednesday, March 6, come to knit, crochet a while, and enjoy the company of fellow yarn enthusiasts. All are welcome! Join us the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library's first floor meeting room.

March also includes a special Photoshop class on March 18, at 6:00 p.m. to help you get creative. All of these computer classes are open to everyone, registration is not required. The Library has seven laptops on a first come, first serve basis. Those with their own laptops are welcome to bring them! Find the full schedule of classes online at <http://bit.ly/ocplevents> Class Schedule: March 4: Microsoft Excel; March 18: Photoshop; and March 25: Social Networks.

Saturday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m. local interior designer Vickie McDaniel returns to the library by popular demand! Don't miss this opportunity to discover your unique design style and learn great tips from this design guru! Registration is limited to 50 people, so sign up now at <http://bit.ly/vickie16>

Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Taj Forer and Michael Itkoff of Daylight Books and Project Space will lead a Photography Portfolio Review Workshop. Through sharing their works-in-progress and discussing their ideas, photographs, image-making strategies and goals with the group, artists gain valuable feedback about the strength of their ideas and their ability to communicate these ideas visually.

This session is open to amateur, aspiring, semi-pro and seasoned photographers. Taj Forer and Michael Itkoff will lead a group discussion oriented around each of the works presented. Registration is limited to 15 participants, so sign up now at <http://bit.ly/photo23>

Wednesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m., join Vanessa Vendola for "Unleashing Your Creativity." Do you want to rediscover your passion? Unleash your creativity? Be inspired and energized? This versatile, one-of-a-kind playshop is FREE and open to all. Participate in writing and affirmations, practice processing information, experience movement and free dancing and enhance your sharing and awareness. Vanessa Vendola is an author, poet and speaker who lives her passion each day.

For more information or to view the full list of events at the Library, please visit <http://bit.ly/ocplevents>

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