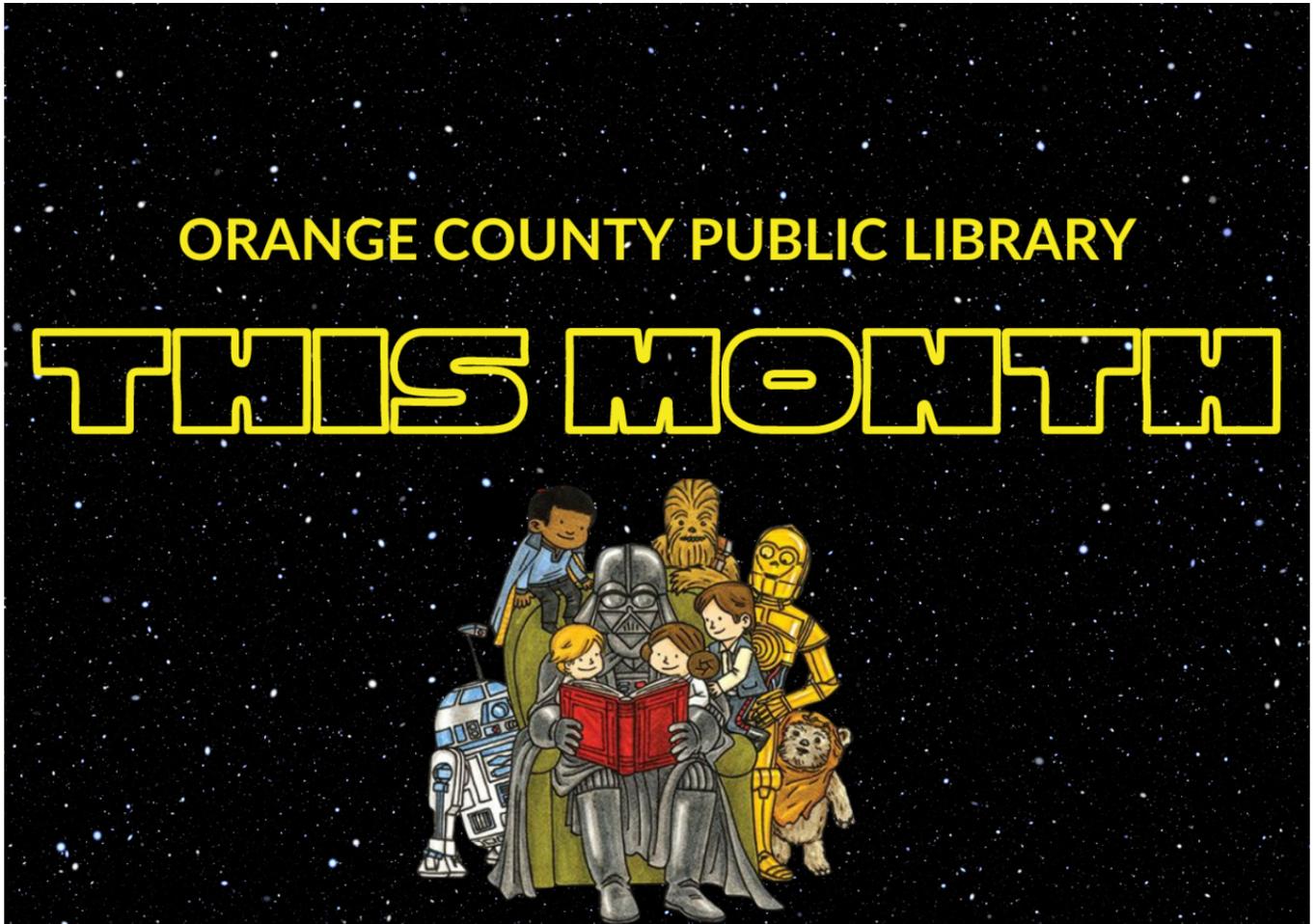




**The Force is Strong at OCPL!**



**Congratulations to the winners of the Teen Photo Contest!**



## 1st Place - Carolyn, 11th Grade

This is a photo of a baby Galapagos Giant Tortoise eating a plastic bag it has mistaken for a leaf. This photo inspires me (and I hope others) to be more conscious about our environment. The baby tortoise makes me realize that even using one plastic bag on our side of the world can years later kill an individual miles away. This inspires me to change how I think about the environment crisis. Everyone can help and save lives. The sad image of an eventually dying tortoise inspires me to be better about using plastic, recycling and raising awareness about the decaying state of our planet.



## 2nd Place - Peyton, 8th Grade

I love the rain and the big city. It shows how far things can come and how calming others can be. If you were to go back in time to someone in the 1500s and show them these pictures they would be in awe of how far our building skills have come. Why can't a person do the same as these buildings? They resemble how much people can evolve over time.



## 3rd Place - Guy, 8th Grade

It inspires me to always find the colors and happiness in life, just like this hot spring in Yellowstone.

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ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC

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# Seed Share



Free native & naturalized flower seeds each month while supplies last.

May's Seeds:

Blue Sage / Salvia Azul (*Salvia azurea*)



## Bloom into gardening this spring!

Share health, hope, and joy in our communities by planting native and naturalized, pollinator-friendly wildflowers. Pick up different seeds with bilingual plant information and sowing instructions each month from mid-February through May at Main Library in Hillsborough while supplies last. May's seed is Blue Sage (*Salvia azurea*).



## Coming soon-hoopla Digital on Samsung TV

Seamlessly browse, borrow, watch, and listen to hoopla movies, TV shows, music, and audiobooks through your Samsung TV.



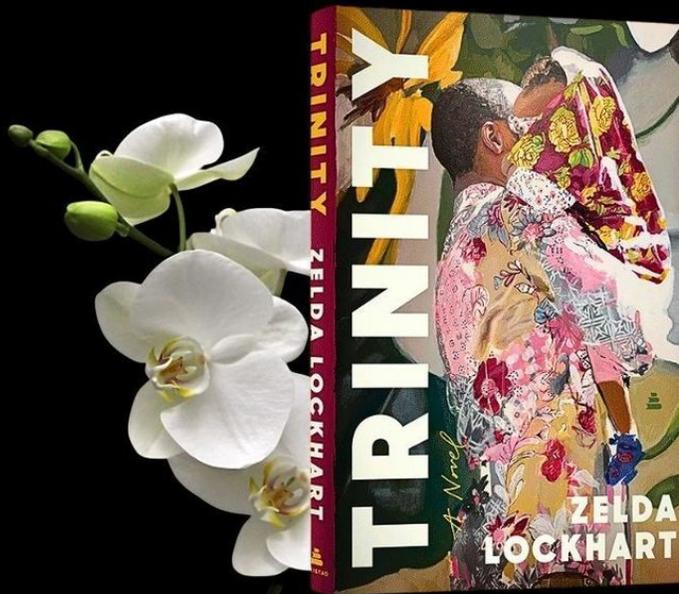
## We're closed May 27

In observance of Memorial Day, the Orange County Public Library will be closed Monday, May 27.

## Adults

### COMMUNITY READ

Join OCPL's Community Read of *Trinity* by local author, Zelda Lockhart! The discussion, hosted by the Tuesday Evening Book Club, will take place in early June. This event is part of the library's Black Literature & Arts Celebration which takes place during the week leading up to Juneteenth. Visit the library's event calendar for more information.



**BLACK  
LITERATURE &  
ARTS  
CELEBRATION**

**JUNE 11-19**



[OrangeCountyLibrary.org](http://OrangeCountyLibrary.org)

More events to be announced soon!  
Register for the Community Read to  
receive email updates about events  
as they are added.



Join OCPL's Community Read of *Trinity* by local author, Zelda Lockhart. *Trinity* is available in print at the library and on Hoopla in both an e-book and audiobook formats. This discussion is hosted by the Tuesday Evening Book Club.

This Community Read & Discussion are part of Orange County Public Library's Black Literature & Arts Celebration (BLAC), an annual celebration that takes place during the week leading up to Juneteenth. Register for the Community Read in order to receive email updates about events as they are added.

**Tuesday, June 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Main Meeting Room**

Read with your community

# Silent Book Club

## The Book Club for Introverts!

A companionable hour of silent, sustained reading followed by thirty minutes of optional discussion time.

Any book of your choice, all genres and formats welcomed.  
No registration required.

*Coffee, tea, and other light refreshments will be served.*



**Wednesday, May 15 • 12:00-1:30pm**

**Main Library meeting room, 137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, NC**



[orangecountync.gov/LibraryEvents](http://orangecountync.gov/LibraryEvents)

The Silent Book Club is designed for introverts! You are invited to read any book of your choice in companionable silence, followed by 30 minutes of optional discussion time. Coffee, tea, and other light refreshments will be served. Registration is not required.

**Wednesday, May 15 | 12-1:30 p.m. | Main Meeting Room**

**MAY 18**

# HISTORIC HILLSBOROUGH EXCURSION DAY

**10AM - 4PM**

Experience Hillsborough, the small town with big history, through a day of FREE activities at our local sites!



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**HILLSBOROUGH**

**BURWELL  
SCHOOL**  
*Historic Site*



Historic Hillsborough Excursion Day is organized by Alliance for Historic Hillsborough. Get a complete listing of event locations and offerings, free tours, and other special events [here](#).

On Historic Hillsborough Excursion Day, visit the library and explore the Rebecca B. Wall Local History Collection with its genealogical records, locally published books, and News of Orange archives. Delve into town history through the models, maps, and photographs on display as part of the collection. Enjoy complimentary access to [Ancestry.com](#) as well as one of the few publicly accessible microfilm readers in the County, making Main Library a perfect destination for tracing your family tree or community heritage research.

**Saturday, May 18 | 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. | Main library location in Hillsborough**

# BOARD GAME SUNDAYS

Last Sundays of the month beginning in May | 2-4:30pm

For ages 18+. Registration is encouraged but not required.  
For more information, visit the event calendar.



Orange County Public Library

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

This spring and summer, join other adults on the last Sunday of the month for board games at the Main Library in Hillsborough. Choose a game from the [library's selection of board games, card games, and tabletop RPGs](#), or bring your own. Play with friends or join the fun and meet new people. **This series is for ages 18+**. Registration is encouraged but not required.

**Sunday, May 26 | 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Main Meeting Room**

I'm ready to play!

# WELCOME TO MEDICARE



## FREE MEDICARE SEMINAR

**Wed., May 29, 2024, 5-6:30pm**

**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  
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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.

**Please register by calling 919.245.2015.**

**Wednesday, May 29 | 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Main Meeting Room**

## Children and Teens

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# Teen Poetry Contest



Grades 6-12

May 2024

Contest submission dates: May 1- 26



The Orange County Public Library's Teen Advisory Group is happy to announce the 2024 Teen Poetry Contest. Submissions are due by Monday May 26th. Submissions are open to all teens in 6th – 12th grade.

**For more information on the Teen Poetry Contest and for poem criteria, click on the button below.**

[I want to learn more!](#)

# Create Your Own **PLANTS** Grades 6-12

Wednesday May 8  
4:30 - 5:45 pm

Join us as we create our own  
everlasting DIY gardens.

Located in the Main Meeting Room



Join us as we create our own everlasting DIY gardens. Green thumbs are not needed! **For patrons in grades 6-12.** Registration is encouraged, but not required.

**Wednesday, May 8 | 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. | Main Meeting Room**

[I want to make my own plant!](#)

SUMMER DREAMS

# Vision Boards

Grades 6-12

Wednesday May 22  
4:30 - 5:45 pm

Join us for this relaxing program where we will create vision boards to use and motivate us throughout the summer.

Located in the Main Meeting Room



Join us for this relaxing program where we will create vision boards to use and motivate us throughout the summer. **For patrons in grades 6-12.** Registration is encouraged, but not required.

**Wednesday, May 22 | 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. | Main Meeting Room**

[I'm interested in attending!](#)

The Orange County Public Library Presents

# SENSORY FRIENDLY BROWSING HOUR

4th Wednesday of  
Each Month  
9:00 - 10:00 AM

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](http://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, May 22 | 9-10 a.m. | Main Library in Hillsborough**

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



# STORYUP!

## AERIAL THEATER SHOW



June 8th, 10:30am

### Embark on a Summer Reading adventure!

Watch performers soar to new heights in a 30 minute aerial show, and afterwards take your reading to the next level by registering for Summer Reading with Orange County Public Library!

### FREE BOOK

for every child aged birth to 18 years old who registers for Summer Reading with the library!



### River Park Grounds

Meadow area past the woven arch across the street from Weaver Street Co-Op.

### Get ready for Summer Reading!

The Orange County Public Library Summer Reading Program is just around the corner! Are you ready to embark on your next adventure?

Watch Storyup! Aerial Theater soar to new heights performing their Aerial Aesop's show, and afterwards take your reading to the next level by registering for Summer Reading. Every child aged birth to 18 years old will receive a free book for registering!

All are welcome to join us for this 30 minute aerial show in the meadow area past the woven arch across the street from Weaver Street Co-Op.

**Saturday, June 8 | 10:30 a.m. | River Park Grounds**

## Upcoming Events at the Cybrary in Carrboro

### Adults

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# CALLING ALL POETS!

Join **Pen & Poem** at the Carrboro Civic Club for an open mic on May 25. Spoken word begins at 2pm.

Bring some poems of your own to share, or sit back and soak in the craft of other local poets. All styles and themes are welcome! Please be aware that some poems may contain sensitive content. No registration is required.

## MAY 25, 2024 • 2PM

**Carrboro Civic Club, 108 Bim St, Carrboro, NC**

For poets interested in receiving feedback on their work, there will be a short workshop session beginning at 1:30pm.

*This event is a partnership between the Orange County Public Library and Pen & Poem.*



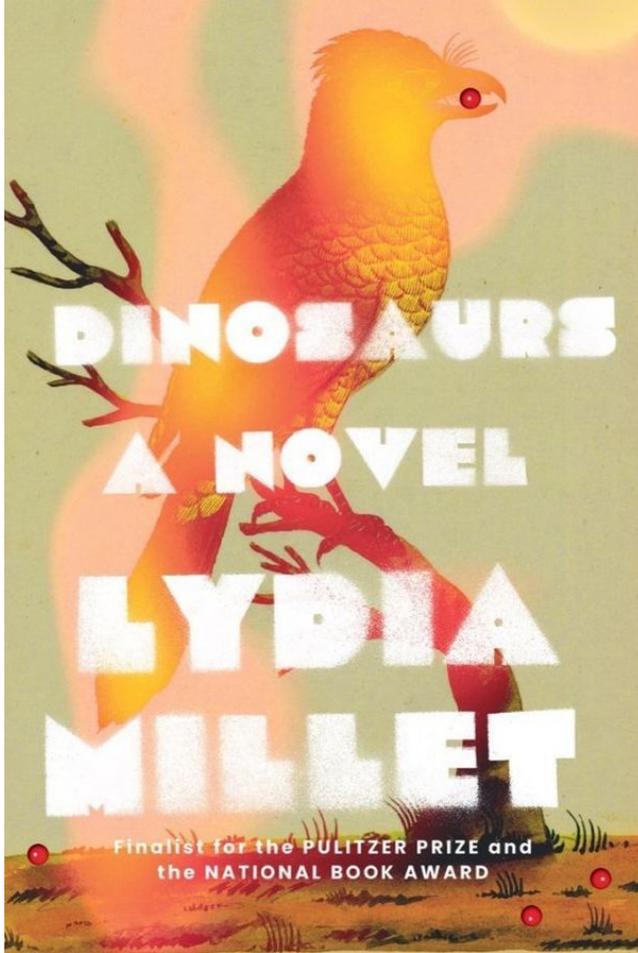
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**Saturday, May 25 | Workshop 1:30 p.m., Open Mic 2:00 p.m. | Carrboro Civic Club**



4th Tuesday

# CARRBORO

## Book Club

May 28  
6:30 p.m.

Register online or call  
919-918-7387



Join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month on Teams or attend in-person at the Century Center to discuss a book selected by our Carrboro librarians. You will receive the Teams code the day of the book club. You can pick up this month's book at the Cybrary in Carrboro. Register for book club below, in person at the Cybrary, or by calling 919.918.7387.

**Tuesday, May 28 | 6:30 p.m. | In-Person at Century Center or virtually via Teams**

[I'm interested in joining!](#)

## Children

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# CARRBORO EXPLORERS CLUB

FOR GRADES  
K-2

THIRD THURSDAYS @ 4PM

CARRBORO CIVIC CLUB

108 BIM ST

THIS MONTH:  
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



Join us at the Carrboro Civic Club (108 Bim St) for our 1st monthly Explorers Club for grades K-2! This month, we'll celebrate Mother's Day and make cards for our moms! Registration encouraged, but not required.

Thursday, May 16 | 4:00 p.m. | Carrboro Civic Club

I can't wait to celebrate Mother's Day!

## 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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