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This April at the History Center, We'll Roar Back to the 1920s, Be Dazzled by the Total Eclipse, Explore Elegant Architecture, and More!

In April 2024, visitors to the Orange County Regional History Center can time-travel back to the sunshine and shenanigans of Florida's roaring 1920s, examine a slice of Orlando's elegant architectural heritage, and experience the total eclipse on April 8 at a Solar Celebration presented with the Orlando Public Library. Our monthly Hint of History Workshop, geared toward families, explores a "Wings & Wheels" theme, and our annual *Highwaymen Kids* exhibition shows off the talents of young artists. As usual, the History Center is open free in the evening of the third Thursday of the month.

This month, too, registration is going strong for our Adventures in History Summer Camp (May 22-August 2). It's sure to be a summer filled with fun and learning. Here's a brief look at what's happening at the History Center in April. Learn more at TheHistoryCenter.org/Events.

Lunch & Learn: Gators, Glitz, and Gatsby: Florida's Roaring 1920s

Friday, April 5, 2024, Noon – 1 p.m.

Discover a world where palm trees swayed to the rhythm of jazz and flappers danced like there was no tomorrow. We'll take a romp through an era full of sunshine and shenanigans, as we discuss the 1920s Florida land boom, Gatsby at the Beacham, and more.

Cost: Free for History Center Members; General Public \$5. Cost with lunch: \$9 for History Center Members; General Public \$14. (Lunch must be ordered by 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 4.)

More information: TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Gators-Glitz-and-Gatsby/

History Alive: Echoes of Elegance

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Explore the stories of Orlando buildings we see every day and those that graced the streets of our city's past. We'll offer guided tours of the museum and exhibitions at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Activities at History Alive are included with museum admission.

More information: TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/History-Alive-Echoes-of-Elegance/

Solar Celebration

Monday, April 8, 2024, starting at 9 a.m.

The History Center and the Orlando Public Library are hosting a "sun"-sational gathering! Participate in this spectacular solar eclipse viewing party featuring themed games, activities, and hands-on crafts to facilitate a fascinating celestial discovery. Solar-safe sunglasses and a solar telescope for viewing will be available. Admission to this event is free. More information and schedule:

TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Solar-Celebration/

Hint of History Workshop: Wings & Wheels of Florida

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 1 – 4 p.m.

These monthly drop-in sessions allow families to customize their learning experience and participate in activities at their own pace. Our program is geared towards children ages 5 to 11 years old and is ideal for homeschool students and nontraditional classrooms, but all ages and families are welcome. In April, we'll highlight some of the modes of transportation that helped Florida thrive throughout history. Every family member will receive an activity guidebook and a collectable bracelet that allows you to access all that our Hint of History program has to offer. Register online for a discounted price or pay upon arrival.

More information: TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Hint-of-History-Workshop-Wings-Wheels-of-Florida

Third Thursday @ The Museum

Thursday, April 18, 2024, 5 – 8 p.m.

The History Center is open late on the third Thursday of each month with three hours of free admission. Third Thursday @ The Museum is part of a wider event at various downtown Orlando venues organized by the Downtown Arts District celebrating arts, culture, and history through art exhibitions, live performances, drink specials, and more.

More information: TheHistoryCenter.org/Event/Third-Thursday-The-Museum

Highwaymen Kids Opens April 20

This exhibition presents vivid Florida landscapes painted by middle school students from the Orange County Public School's Academic Center for Excellence, College Park Middle School, and Howard Middle School Academy of Arts. Select art students from Osceola County are also included. More than 400 young artists participated in our seventh annual competition, taking their inspiration from the paintings of the legendary Florida Highwaymen.

Adventures in History Summer Camp, May 28 – August 2

Registration is underway and places are going fast for our weekly camps for ages 6-8 and 9-11. Camps feature a variety of activity-packed themes such as Moon Walkers & Ocean Trekkers and Globetrotting History. History Center members at the family level save 10 percent on camp registration. The Adventures in History Summer Camp 2024 is supported by GreenbergTraurig. For details, visit TheHistoryCenter.org/Education/Summer-Camp-2024.

The Orange County Regional History Center, housed in a historic courthouse at 65 E. Central Blvd. in downtown Orlando, features four floors of permanent and special exhibitions. The museum is a Smithsonian Institution affiliate and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. It is funded in part by Orange County Government through the Community & Family Services Department under Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings and the Board of County Commissioners. The Historical Society of Central Florida Inc. is supported by United Arts of Central Florida and sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture, and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. For more information, visit TheHistoryCenter.org.

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