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History Center Extends Orlando Exhibition Through January 19

Visitors can also experience new animation exhibition during Martin Luther King Jr. weekend

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dec. 30, 2025 — The Orange County Regional History Center has extended its popular special exhibition about Orlando through Jan. 19, 2026, giving visitors additional time to explore *Orlando Collected* alongside the opening weekend of the History Center’s new interactive exhibition, *Animationland*.

Originally scheduled to close January 11, *Orlando Collected* will now remain on view through Monday, January 19. The extension coincides with the opening of *Animationland* on January 17, offering visitors the opportunity to experience both exhibitions during the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend.

Presented in honor of Orlando’s 150th anniversary, *Orlando Collected* brings together 150 objects selected from the archives of the Historical Society of Central Florida as well as loans from partners. Developed in collaboration with local historians, community organizations, and individuals, the exhibition highlights the many voices and stories that have shaped Orlando’s history. *Orlando Collected* was dubbed one the “101 Things to Love about Central Florida (2025)” by the *Orlando Sentinel*.

Opening January 17, *Animationland* invites visitors of all ages to explore how animated stories are created through hands-on activities in drawing, sound, storyboarding, and stop-motion filmmaking. The exhibition is complemented by a section celebrating a remarkable chapter in Central Florida’s animation history. Titled *Drawing Magic: Walt Disney Feature Animation Florida*, this companion exhibition to *Animationland* explores how the Orlando-based studio contributed to iconic films such as *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Lion King*, *Mulan*, and *Lilo & Stitch*, and how its artists helped shape Disney’s animation renaissance.

Together, the extended run of *Orlando Collected* and the debut of *Animationland* offer visitors multiple ways to engage with Central Florida’s history, creativity, and shared cultural heritage.

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.