



February 2018

---

## **Celebrate Florida's Place in Black History at the Lake Wales Public Library & the Lake Wales Museum**

### ***Two Outstanding Black History Month Programs***

*The Lake Wales Museum & Cultural Center will host Dr. Anthony Dixon on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 6 p.m. Join us in the Lake Wales Museum's beautiful 1938 Freight Room for this incredible talk. Learn about the journey of the African American people in Florida.*

Florida has a relationship with African descendants unlike any other state, which has had a direct impact on the growth of Florida. Professor Anthony Dixon of Bethune-Cookman University will present a talk and discussion about Florida's relationship with the African American people.

Topics will range from 1513 to present including Florida Maroons, Black Seminoles, slavery in Florida, African Americans and Florida reconstruction, tourism, in the citrus industry and the civil rights movement in Florida.

Anthony Dixon is the Founder and President of Archival and Historical Research Associates, LLC (AHRA), a public history company. He is also the Archivist and Assistant Professor of History at Bethune - Cookman University and Chairman of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission (the only national heritage area under the Department of Interior/National Parks Service in the United States).



This program is sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the Florida Department State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture and Visit Central Florida. The program is free to the public and will include light refreshments. Please RSVP to the Lake Wales Museum at 863.676.1759.



The civil rights movement in St. Augustine received national attention when Martin Luther King, Jr. visited the city in 1964. Why did he come to St. Augustine, what were his goals, and how did his two appearances impact an already-vibrant local struggle?

The *Lake Wales Public Library* is honored to host Dr. J. Michael Butler, Associate Professor of History at Flagler College as he presents *The Magnificent Drama: Martin Luther King in St. Augustine*.

Dr. Butler's program begins at 6:00 p.m., February 15 in the *Library's Schoenoff Meeting Room*.

This presentation places what Dr. King called "the magnificent drama" within context of a movement where local and national objectives both complemented and contradicted each other in ways that continue to impact contemporary race relations.

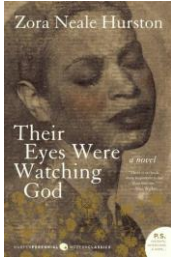
Dr. J. Michael Butler is the Kenan Distinguished Professor of History at Flagler College in St. Augustine. He received both his Masters and Doctorate in History from the University of Mississippi, where he specialized in 20<sup>th</sup> century Southern history, with an emphasis on the Civil Rights Movement.

This program is sponsored by the Lake Wales Library Association - Friends of the Library and is free and open to all.

For details call, 863-678-4005 or email [library@cityoflakewales.com](mailto:library@cityoflakewales.com).



## February 2018 Book Discussions



### **Night Owls Book Discussion**

Tuesday, February 27, 6 p.m.

Lake Wales Public Library

### ***Their Eyes Were Watching God***

by Zora Neale Hurston

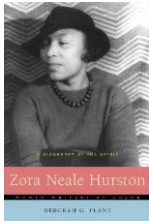
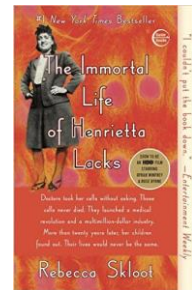
### **Thursday Morning Book Discussion**

Thursday, February 22, 11 a.m.

Lake Wales Public Library

### ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks***

by Rebecca Skloot



### **Truth is Stranger Than - Non-Fiction Book Discussion**

Wednesday, February 28, 12 p.m.

Lake Wales Museum & Cultural Center

### ***Zora Neale Hurston: A Biography of the Spirit***

by Deborah G. Plant

### **Books with Friends**

Latt Maxcy Memorial Library - Frostproof

### ***Underground Railroad*** by Colson Whitehead

Thursday, February 1 - 3 pm

### **Bartow Book Discussion**

Bartow Public Library

### ***Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend*** by Katrina Bivald

Wednesday, February 7 - 3 pm

LWPL & LW Museum Book Discussion Groups are sponsored by the Lake Wales Library Association - Friends of the Library.

***Follow Our Book Discussions and other 'book' news on the LWPL GoodReads site.***



---

## Lake Wales Library Association - Friends of the Library *Love Your Library Membership Drive*



*Love Your Library Month* is a February celebration of school, public, and private libraries.

This is a time for everyone, especially library support groups, to recognize the value of libraries.

The Lake Wales Library Association - Friends of the Library will host our *Love Your Library* membership drive February 12 - 17. Memberships provide funding for library programs, library materials and special events. Membership levels begin at \$10 a year.

During *Love Your Library* week volunteers will host two membership tables at the library. Sign up or renew an existing membership during this week and you will be eligible for a drawing for one of three gift baskets. Baskets are donated by Crazy Fish Restaurant, Norby's Steaks & Seafood Restaurant and L'Incontro Italian

Restaurant. Each basket includes gift certificates from the sponsoring businesses.

Your support is vital. Visit the library during our *Love Your Library Week* celebration. Show your love, or donate at [LW Library Association - GiveWell](#).



---



## February Classes & Programs

- **Yoga** - Mondays & Wednesdays - 5:30 - 7 pm - Class Fee applies, pay at class - [Yoga Class Info](#)
  - **Coloring for Adults** - Wednesdays - 11:30 am - 1 pm (No registration & Free)
  - **Knitting & Crochet** - Fridays - 5:30 pm - (No registration & Free. One on One instruction available in the 5:30 p.m. group. Call Dawn, 678-4004 for information.)
  - **Needlework Group** - Fridays - 9 am - All forms of needlework & fiber art welcome. Bring your projects and work along with like minded people. (No registration & Free)
  - **Lunch Hour Spanish - Level 1** - Tuesdays - 12 Noon - 6-weeks - *Jan. 16 through Feb. 20* - Class limited to 20 students, **must** register in advance - \$5 for entire series. Class registration is closed.
  - **Genealogy at the Library** - Friday, Feb. 2 - 11:30 a.m. (No registration & free) Please bring your personal laptop or tablet if available
  - **CREATE! Crafting Circle** - Saturday, Feb. 3 - 3 p.m. - February Craft - Create Valentine's Day Cards (Sign Up in advance, Free. Limited to 10 people - *Two Seats Available*)
  - **Lunch 'n Learn Gardening Class - Rose Gardening in Florida** - Thursday, Feb. 8 - 12 noon - *Class limited to 20 pre-registered participants.* You **must** register in advance by calling 678-4005 or visit [Eventbrite.com](#), and search events in Lake Wales. Presented by UF/IFIS Polk County Gardening & Landscaping - CLASS IS FULL - Registration Closed.
  - **Lunch 'n Learn Gardening Class - Worm Farming** - Thursday, March 29 - 12 noon - *Class limited to 20 pre-registered participants.* You **must** register in advance by calling 678-4005 or visit [Eventbrite.com](#), and search events in Lake Wales. Presented by UF/IFIS Polk County Gardening & Landscaping -
- Online Classes - Anytime, Day or Night -**
- **Lynda.com** - Learn a new skill online FREE! (requires a library card from LWPL) [Lynda.com](#) and click on the same.
  - **Gale Courses** - Free, online Adult Continuing Education classes, certificate at completion (requires a PCLC card) [Gale Courses](#) and click on the same.

Classes & Online Learning made possible by the generous support of -  
Lake Wales Library Association - Friends of the Library ~  
Florida's Natural Growers Foundation ~ The Jahna Foundation  
Mountain Lake Community Service, Inc.  
Register by Calling 678-4005 or email [LW Public Library](#)

---

## What's Happening At the Library ~ Information & Assistance~

- *Friday, Feb. 2 - **Blood Bank of MidFlorida Bloodmobile** - 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - LW City Administration Building - 1 - 4 p.m. - Lake Wales Public Library*
- *1st Wednesday monthly, Feb. 7 , 2 to 4 p.m. - **Grief Support** - Schoenoff Meeting Room*
- *Monday, Feb. 5, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - **Central Florida Speech & Hearing Amplified Phone Distribution** - Schoenoff Meeting Room*
- *Wednesday, Feb. 21 - 7:30 a.m. - **Family Literacy Academy Community Meeting** - Schoenoff Meeting Room*

Meetings subject to cancellation or rescheduling.  
For a complete Library calendar of events [Click Here](#)

---

## What the Library & Museum Staff are Reading ...

- How to Find Love in a Bookshop by Victoria Henry, *Marilyn, Reference Services*
  - The Savage Garden: Cultivating Carnivorous Plants by Peter D'Amato, *Bart, Museum*
  - The Good Thief's Guide to Venice by Chris Ewan, *Lisa, Books by Mail*
  - Words Spoken True by Ann Gabhart, *Carolyn, Circulation Services*
  - Angels Flight by Michael Connelly, *Lynn, Reference Services*
  - Snow Day by Billy Coffey, *Melissa, Circulation Services*
  - The Clockwork Dynasty by Daniel H. Wilson, *Carol, Reference Service*
  - Like a River Glorious by Rae Carson, *Angie, Books by Mail*
  - Crime Scene by Johnathan Kellerman, *Christy, Books by Mail*
  - 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen Covey, *Marie, Cataloging*
-

## February Local Artist Gallery

In February the Lake Wales Public Library is honored to host the 2018 Lake Wales Arts Council's Student Art Show.

The amazing talents of students from across the Ridge - Lake Wales, Frostproof, Dundee and home and private schoolers, kindergarten through 12th Grade will be displayed throughout the Lake Wales Public Library.



This is the second year the Lake Wales Public Library has hosted this wonderful art show. We invite you to visit this exhibition. There are many talented young artists on the Ridge.

The awards ceremony will be held at 10 a.m., February 17 at the Lake Wales Woman's Club, adjacent to the Lake Wales Public Library.

The Lake Wales Student Art Show will remain on display in the LW Public Library through Feb. 28.



## Holiday Food for Fines

The 2017 Food for Fines drive was a huge success. The LWPL collects non-perishable food each holiday season in "payment" for overdue fines and fees. All food collected benefits the Lake Wales Care Center's Food

Pantry. The two month Food for Fines drive was a record breaker this year. 2,152 pounds of food and household items were donated by our wonderful library patrons. Thank you for pitching in for those in need.

## Virginia Lassiter Leadership Luncheon Scheduled

The 2nd Annual Virginia Lassiter Leadership Luncheon begins at 12:30 p.m., April 14 at the Episcopal Church Parrish Hall, 221 S. 4th Street, Lake Wales.

This luncheon honors the late Virginia Lassiter's lifelong dedication to the Lake Wales Public Library. As one of the founders of the Lake Wales Library Association in 1954, Jita spearheaded the effort to provide publicly funded library services to residents of Lake Wales. Jita's advocacy for the LW Public Library continued throughout her life.

The 2018 Virginia Lassiter Leadership Luncheon will feature a panel discussion with three local leaders in the Lake Wales agri-business field, Ellis Hunt, Jr., Cary Lightsey and Emil Jahna. The three Lake Waleans will discuss the history and economic impact of their businesses on our city. Polk County's Historic Preservation Manager, Myrtice Young will serve as moderator for the program.

Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at the Lake Wales Public Library. All proceeds from this luncheon will benefit the Lake Wales Library Association - Friends of the Library. For information call 678-4005.

---

## Library & Museum February Closures

Saturday, Feb. 10 - *Mardi Gras Parade* - Closing at 12 noon - Library & Museum

Monday, Feb. 19 - *Polk Co. Library Cooperative In-Service Training Day* - Library Closed



### Library Hours -

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday - 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Museum Hours -

Tuesday - Saturday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

---

Lake Wales Public Library | [library@cityoflakewales.com](mailto:library@cityoflakewales.com) | 863-678-4005 | [www.cityoflakewales.com/library/](http://www.cityoflakewales.com/library/)

---

Donate to the LW Library Association at [LWLA GiveWell Foundation](http://www.givewell.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/LakeWalesPublicLibrary>

See what's happening on our Facebook pages:



View our videos on 

View our photos on 