Holiday Happenings!

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Where has 2015 gone? The New Year will be here before we know it! We had some great highlights this year including the opening of our new Chickasaw Branch, the First Anniversary of the Melrose Center, and the Books & Beyond magazine recently won two awards for its design and style. Plus, a highlight that was near and dear to me was our free summer lunch program called BreakSpot that served more than 12,000 local students. This program was presented in partnership with Orange County Public Schools. We look forward to expanding our participation in the program for 2016.

During this holiday season, we take time to be thankful, to give and receive gifts, and to cherish our families and friends. You will find many events, classes and resources at your library to help you with the stresses of this season. For example, learn how to combat holiday stress with Natural Solutions Educator Stephanie Jorian. For more details, see page 17.

Also, save the date for two big events coming in January. The Friends of the Library will host the annual Winter Book Sale where you can save 50% off our discounted books, DVDs, CDs and more. Also, get the kids ready to participate in the annual Kids’ Talent Show on Saturday, January 30. We know Orlando has “talent” to give “voice” to the next “Idol.”

Our library locations will be closed for the Christmas Holiday and New Year’s Day, providing our staff time with their families, but we will be open between the holidays if you are looking for someplace for family without the holiday hustle and bustle.

We hope your 2016 will be a great year for you and your family. We hope we have made an impact to enlighten, enrich and entertain your life.

Mary Anne Hodel
Library Director/CEO
WINTER BOOK SALE

THURSDAY JAN. 21, 5-7 P.M.*
FRIDAY & SATURDAY JAN. 22-23, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.
SUNDAY JAN. 24, 1:30-4:30 P.M.

EVERYTHING 50% OFF

Mark your calendars for the big, annual Winter Book Sale. Save 50% on a great selection of already discounted fiction and non-fiction, recorded books, DVDs, CDs, and more.

*Friends of the Library-Only Sale
Become a Friend of the Library to receive additional discounts and access to a special pre-sale on Thursday, January 21. Memberships will be available for purchase at the door.

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World AIDS Day:
Rapid HIV/Hepatitis C Testing
Orlando Public Library, Palm Room  Tuesday, December 1, 12 – 4 p.m.
World AIDS Day is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV. No cost, rapid result HIV and Hepatitis C tests will be offered by The Center in conjunction with the Department of Health. For more information, visit thecenterorlando.org.

Honoring Worlds AIDS Day Through Films
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room  Tuesday, December 1, 12 p.m.
World AIDS Day is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV. We will screen Hollywood blockbusters, Rent and Philadelphia.
Art 101: The Art of Engraving
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Wednesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.
For centuries, artists have used the engraving technique to enhance the visual appeal of objects and to create beautiful printed illustrations. Learn about the engraving process and how to create your own engraved designs with paper and a ballpoint pen. Space is limited. Registration required. Register online at ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.
This event is intended for those ages 15 and older.

Call to Artists
Women in the Arts, Inc. and the Orange County Library System invite professional, female artists to submit their work to be exhibited during Women’s History Month. Five finalists will be chosen from the entries submitted. Selected art will be featured in the upcoming 5th Annual Celebrating the Genius of Women exhibition at the Orlando Public Library in March and April 2016. Finalists will be eligible for $1500 in cash awards. Apply online at womeninthearts.org. The deadline for submissions is Saturday, January 23. For more information, please call 407.835.7481. This event is sponsored by Women in the Arts, corporate and private donors, and Studio T Photography.

Pine Castle Pioneer Days
Orlando Public Library, First Floor Through December
Currently in its 42nd year, Pine Castle Pioneer Days is a folk festival aimed at preserving the rich history and folk traditions of both Pine Castle and Orange County. On display are select promotional posters of the event dating back to 1973. The next Pioneer Days Festival will begin on February 27 in Cypress Grove Park. More information about Pioneer Days and the Pine Castle area, can be found at pinecastlepioneerdays.org.

Pete’sBlues
Eatonville Branch Thursday, December 10, 6 p.m.
Enjoy a live performance by Pete’sBlues featuring an electric blues and Latin-influenced guitarist/vocalist. Pete’sBlues has performed around the U.S. for fans of the Blues musical genre!

Evan Taylor Jones
Chickasaw Branch Saturday, December 12, 3 p.m.
Evan Taylor Jones is a singer, songwriter and performer from Orlando. In just three short years, Jones has made a name for himself around Florida as one of the top soul performers.

The Beautiful Harp with Christine MacPhail
South Trail Branch Monday, December 14, 4 p.m.
Enjoy the soothing sounds of the harp with Orlando Harpist Christine MacPhail. For more information, please visit orlandoharpist.com.
Practice Makes Perfect*
Southeast Branch  Mondays and
Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
South Creek Branch  Tuesdays, noon
South Trail Branch  Fridays, 11 a.m.
If English is your second language, you are invited to
improve your conversational English-speaking skills
and comfort level. Join us each week as an Adult
Literacy League-certified instructor helps you build confidence.
This event is presented through a partnership between the
Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League.
*All classes will end for the calendar year on Friday, December 11
and will resume on Monday, January 11.

Citizenship Inspired
Chickasaw Branch  Wednesdays, December 2 – 23, 10:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch  Saturdays, December 5 – 19, 10:15 a.m.
Students will meet to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship)
Test and Interview. To be eligible for U.S. Naturalization, you must be
able to read, write and speak basic English. This series is for adult
learners and is free. Registration required. Register online at ocls.info
or call 407.835.7323.

Genealogy: The Very Basics
West Oaks Branch  Thursday, December 10, 6 p.m.
This event will introduce you to genealogical terms
and techniques. Learn how to complete an ancestor chart
and how to garner information from living relatives and
household sources. A brief discussion of sources that
can be used for family history research will also be covered.

Genealogy Myths and Legends: Fact, Fiction or a Little
Bit of Both?
West Oaks Branch  Wednesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.
Family stories that are handed down from generation to generation
are a wonderful thing but beware! While some stories may have
truth in them, others are actually more myth than reality. Join us as
we explore several common family legends and the nuggets of truth
behind them.
Discount Diva’s Coupon Club
Edgewater Branch        Friday, December 11, 2 p.m.
Learn the basics of using coupons to get maximum savings on your everyday purchases. You will gain insider tips on discounts and freebies at your favorite shopping places. We will also touch on eating right and oil-inspired supplements. Handouts will be provided for those who register in advance. There will also be a drawing for free samples.

Savvy Savers
West Oaks Branch        Saturday, December 12, 1:30 p.m.
Save money for the holidays! Become a savvy saver by sharing coupons and savings tips at this monthly meeting.

Cooking with Essential Oils
North Orange Branch      Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.
We will introduce the nature of oils vs. herbs, discuss how to use them in food preparation and highlight oils to use in cooking. We will also touch on eating right and oil-inspired supplements. Handouts will be provided for those who register in advance. There will also be a drawing for free samples.

Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment and Patient Protection Information Sessions
Chickasaw Branch        Wednesday, December 9, 3 – 6 p.m.
Hemdon Branch        Saturday, December 12, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch        Monday, December 14, 3 – 6 p.m.
Edgewater Branch        Tuesday, December 29, 3 – 6 p.m.
Certified Assisters will answer questions regarding the Affordable Care Act and help with enrolling in the Health Insurance Marketplace. Health Insurance Basics will introduce you to the Affordable Care Act. Patient Protection will discuss patient rights once you have health insurance coverage. Presented by SRA International, Inc. For more information, please call 407.340.0844 or visit facebook.com/enrollorlando.
Voting Rights
Hiawassee Branch Thursday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.
The Voting Rights Act is a historic and hard-won victory of the Civil Rights Movement that protects the voices of all Americans at the ballot box. Join the Florida Institute for Reform and Empowerment and the Central Florida American Civil Liberties Union Chapter to learn about voting rights so you can avoid discrimination and exercise your right to vote. Food and light refreshments will be provided!

Simply Organized
Herndon Branch Saturday, December 5, 2 p.m.
Alafaya Branch Thursday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.
Retrain your routine for 2016! This is the year to finally get organized with tips from Buffy Werle, professional organizer with B Organized Today. Learn how to set your organizing goals and stick with them. See how small changes in habits can lead to big transformations.

Tiny House Of Hope
Southwest Branch Saturday, December 5, 2:30 p.m.
Join Tiny House Builder Robin Butler of Tiny House Of Hope for a talk on tiny houses, the building process and his nonprofit organization. Stop by for a special tour of a tiny house!

CareerSource Job Search Assistance
Alafaya Branch Monday, December 7, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Orlando Public Library, Reference Central Monday, December 14, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Orange Branch Monday, December 21, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch Monday, December 28, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Spend time with experts from CareerSource Central Florida. Explore the services they provide and learn how to connect with employment opportunities using career counseling, skill development workshops and more.

Stress Buster Coloring Hour
Edgewater Branch Monday, December 7, 6 p.m.
Southwest Branch Wednesday, December 9, 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday, December 22, 7 p.m.
Windermere Branch Saturday, December 12, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch Thursday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.
Turn off your phone, unplug your computer and join us for an hour of adult coloring. Not only is coloring calming and good for your health, it’s fun! Supplies provided but you are welcome to bring your own. Ages 18 and up.

Peace Corps: Friends and Family Panel Discussion
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Tuesday, December 8, 5 p.m.
Invite your family to a special presentation designed to address the questions and concerns of family and friends. This event will feature family members of currently serving Peace Corps Volunteers who will discuss topics such as safety, health, staying in contact and how volunteers evolve as a result of their experience. Please contact Chad Chernet at vcchernet@peacecorps.gov or call 407.450.8840 for more information.

BOOK SIGNING WITH LOCAL AUTHOR: DR. SAMADHI ARTEMISA
Edgewater Branch Saturday, December 5, 12:30 p.m.
Celebrate the release of Dr. Samadhi Artemisa’s first book, Healthy Eating, Healthy Living, Healthy YOU. Dr. Artemisa writes a nutrition and wellness column in the Orlando Sentinel and her new book compiles some of her published articles covering a variety of topics including holistic home remedies and tips for cleansing, weight loss, local food, recipes and more. Come for a discussion and book signing.
Money Talks for Women
Orlando Public Library,
Melrose Center Tuesday, December 8, 6 p.m.
Learn about library services such as Morningstar Investment Research Center—an online database for saving, investing and more. Discuss what works for achieving financial confidence for women and share money management best practices across the financial spectrum.

Stretching for Chronic Pain Management
Edgewater Branch Wednesday, December 9, 10:30 a.m.
Oxygen plays an important role in pain relief. Learn how to improve all types of pain by using more oxygen while stretching. Diana Jo Rossano, Ph.D. is a ballet and ballroom dance instructor with a degree in holistic nutrition. Registration recommended.

Maximizing Your Social Security
Edgewater Branch Thursday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.
Millions of Americans depend on Social Security as their primary source of retirement income, which can be taxed. This class will assist you in deciding when and how to take Social Security benefits, how to avoid being taxed and how to maximize your benefits. To register, please call 407.504.0711. For more information, please visit coffeusa.org.

Breastfeeding 101
Windermere Branch Friday, December 11, 11:15 a.m.
Learn the benefits of breastfeeding for mom and baby. This class will address questions about how often a newborn should eat, positions, latching, feeding cues and more!

Star Wars Strikes Back Party
Edgewater Branch Friday, December 18, 2 p.m.
Celebrate the release of Star Wars Episode VII with our Jedi friends, Anakin Skywalker and Ahsoka Tano, as we watch their exciting adventure in the film Star Wars: The Clone Wars. Afterward, test your Star Wars knowledge in a fun trivia game and create a Jedi craft. Wear your favorite Star Wars costumes! Bring your lightsabers for some Jedi training.

The Ghost Society
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Sunday, December 20, 2 p.m.
The Ghost Society is an open forum hosted by The Beyond Investigators paranormal team. Share your personal experiences, learn what’s new in the field, and discuss books and shows in a casual, fun atmosphere. Join us every third Sunday of the month as we explore this interesting field.

CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Sunday, December 13, 2 p.m.
Alafaya Branch Monday, December 28, 7 p.m.
Have you heard about the latest craze? Adults are coloring again! Coloring is a great way to relax and unwind while channeling your inner child. All supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your favorite colored pencils or markers.

TABLETOP TUESDAYS
Orlando Public Library, Palm Room Tuesday, December 15, 6:15 p.m.
Experience the fun of coordinating with teammates in cooperative gaming or enjoy the satisfaction of winning against opponents in games of strategy and skill. This month we will play Catan™, Forbidden Desert™ and Once Upon a Time™. Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info or call 407.835.7323. This event is intended for those ages 18 and older.
STRESS BUSTING WITH TAI CHI
South Trail Branch   Tuesday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.
Herndon Branch     Tuesday, December 22, 6:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch    Tuesday, December 29, 6:30 p.m.

Tai Chi Chuan is an internal martial art that places emphasis on breathing. Its movements consist of fluid, gentle, graceful and circular movements that are relaxed and slow in tempo. Learn the basics of this ancient technique. Attendees are encouraged to dress in loose, comfortable clothing.

The Conversation Project
Edgewater Branch    Tuesday, December 1, 6:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch Wednesday, December 9, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Thursday, December 10, 12:10 p.m.

The Conversation Project in Central Florida presents an interactive workshop that will give you and your loved ones the tools to have important discussions about your last wishes. Learn about the three-step “Get Ready, Get Set and Go” plan to help make sure that your wishes are expressed and respected.

Estate Planning
Chickasaw Branch     Thursday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch    Monday, December 7, 6 p.m.

No matter what your age or net worth, you need an estate plan to protect yourself, your loved ones and your assets during your lifetime as well as after your death. Learn about important estate planning documents and 10 things everyone should know about beneficiary designations. Presented by Sherlyn Keegan of Keegan Wealth Management & Retirement Strategies, LLC.

LIFE Information for Elders
West Oaks Branch       Tuesday, December 8, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Thursday, December 17, 12:10 p.m.

Let us lend you a helping hand in aging well. This series is presented by OCLS and Orange County’s Commission on Aging. Registration required. Call 407.836.7446 to register or e-mail officeonaging@ocfl.net. Refreshments will be provided to the first 50 attendees.

Memory Testing
Eatonville Branch                  Tuesday, December 8, 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Compass Research representatives will administer memory tests free of charge to anyone seeking information for themselves or someone they love. In addition to the test, information regarding current research and care options will be provided. Testing is by appointment only. Please call Liz Gorman at 407.210.1160 to make an appointment.

Hearing Screening
West Oaks Branch               Friday, December 11, 2 p.m.
Hearing loss is gradual but can be treated with amplification from hearing aids. Connect Hearing helps people stay connected by offering premium, complimentary testing, servicing and after-care rehabilitation. For more information, visit ConnectHearing.com or call 407.351.9679.
MEET THE CHEF
Warren Caterson

Chef Warren Caterson is the award-winning author of *Table for Two – The Cookbook for Couples*, *Table for Two – Back for Seconds* and the upcoming *Cooking Outside the Lines – Musings of an Extemporaneous Chef*. In addition to writing, Chef Warren travels extensively presenting his informative and entertaining cooking demonstrations at Food & Wine Festivals, Home and Garden Shows, conventions and other events.

STRESS-LESS HOLIDAY COOKING
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Thursday, December 3, 6:15 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 p.m.
Learn tips and tricks from Chef Warren Caterson on how to enjoy entertaining during the holidays without spending all of your time in the kitchen. A book sale and signing will follow the event. For more information, visit tablefortwocookbooks.com.

Holiday Party Treats
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Saturday, December 5, 2:30 p.m.
Join Farah from The Purple Platter for a demonstration of a few simple, quick yet tasty items that are easy to make for any of your holiday party gatherings.

Beekeeper’s Best Kept Secrets
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Monday, December 7, 6:15 p.m.
Jean the Beekeeper with Winter Park Honey will share the buzz on beekeeping and health benefits of honey. Learn a quick and easy honey recipe and enjoy a sample.

Vegan Comfort Food
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Saturday, December 12, 2 p.m.
Join chef, personal trainer and cookbook author Ellen Jaffe Jones to learn how to put a plant-based spin on winter comfort foods.

Vegan for the Holidays
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, December 13, 2 p.m.
Join chef, personal trainer and cookbook author Ellen Jaffe Jones to learn how to make plant-based holiday meals. She is the author of *Eat Vegan on $4 a Day*, *Paleo Vegan* and *Kitchen Divided*.

Holiday Party Meals
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Monday, December 14, 6:15 p.m.
Chef Kevin Marshall of apamperedpalate.com will show you how to jazz up your next holiday party with festive meals that are sure to be the talk of the town.

Cookbook Club
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Tuesday, December 29, 6:30 p.m.
Looking for cooking inspiration? Join the Cookbook Club to explore new recipes and cookbooks. This month, we will spotlight the best cookbooks of 2015 and discuss food trend predictions for 2016!

Registration is required for Cuisine Corner. Space is limited. Please call 407.835.7323 or register online at ocls.info/cuisinecorner.
Submitting Fiction & Poetry
Herndon Branch Wednesday, December 2, 7 p.m.
Learn how to finish and format your stories, find markets that want to read them and send them out in ways that make you look and feel professional. Poet and Author J. Bradley will provide guidance for anyone who has stories or poetry they would like to see published.

How to Find a Literary Agent
South Creek Branch Saturday, December 5, 2 p.m.
If you have a book-length work of fiction or creative nonfiction that you’d like to sell to a commercial publisher, an agent is crucial. Literary representation will increase your chances with editors—who rely on agents to present manuscripts that are polished and marketable. Join authors Jose Iriarte and Elle E. Ire to learn how to research and query literary agents.

Choosing a Publishing Path
Chickasaw Branch Tuesday, December 8, 7 p.m.
Changes and new opportunities in the publishing industry have made it an exciting time to be an author as well as one of the most confusing. Author Sarah Nicolas will present the different publishing paths available and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Crafting Romantic Tension
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Thursday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.
Students will learn what creates romantic tension and how to build it in their own stories for maximum impact. Award-winning author Jeffe Kennedy will share her secrets for drawing out the suspense, building expectations and finally delivering those crucial climactic moments.

Writers Group
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room Sunday, December 13, 4 p.m.
Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

Signed books make the best gifts! Meet and greet local authors at our Local Authors Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.
Latino Literature: Enjoy more than 450 plays, poems, short fiction and novels representing the various ethnicities of Latin American writers. The majority of Latino Literature is in English with 25 percent presented in Spanish. Visit ocls.info/latinolit.

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Radio universo
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El amante japonés
Isabel Allende
SP 863 ALL

El legado
Danielle Steel
[traducción de Laura Rins Calahorra]
SP 863 STE

Los Litigants
John Grisham
[traducción de Fernando Gari Puig]
SP 863 GRI

La maestra y el Nobel:
Gabriel García Márquez y su descubrimiento del maravilloso mundo de las letras
Beatriz Parga
SP 863 PAR

Noches de tormenta
Nicholas Sparks
[traducción de Isabel Margelí]
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EVENTOS EN ESPAÑOL

Música y Poesía
Chickasaw Branch  sábado, 5 de diciembre, 1 p.m.
Acompañenos en una tarde llena de música y poesía, con el cantautor Colombiano Leo Aether. Leo compartirá el escenario con talentosos músicos locales, tales como la cantautora Mejicana Kattya Graham y el percusionista Mark DeMaio, y presentará música de su extensa discografía y lecturas de su libro de poemas Gaviotas de Papel. Para más información, visite ocls.info o leoaether.com.

Latino Literature: Enjoy more than 450 plays, poems, short fiction and novels representing the various ethnicities of Latin American writers. The majority of Latino Literature is in English with 25 percent presented in Spanish. Visit ocls.info/latinolit.
FEATURED DATABASE OF THE MONTH
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Value Line Research Center
Looking for timely and unbiased investment information? From researching stocks, bonds and mutual funds to SWOT analyses and more, Value Line should be your first stop. Value Line has been one of the most respected sources of quantitative financial data since 1931.

FEATURED RESOURCE OF THE MONTH
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Do-It-Yourself
Tired of paying professionals to fix, make or create things you could do yourself? Join the D.I.Y. movement! Check out the library’s guide to learn about tips, tricks and resources that can get you started.

ORLANDO MEMORY
orlandomemory.info
Orlando Memory is a community-based, digital collection of local heritage and traditions. Be a part of Central Florida’s history by adding your memories, photos, documents, videos and more to the Orlando Memory site. It’s free and easy to register.

EPOCH
epochlegacies.org
EPOCH (Electronically Preserving Obituaries as Cultural Heritage) is a project created by the Orange County Library System for the community to save local history and memories. By engaging community members to memorialize the lives of those they have lost, the fullness of the legacies of the deceased can be preserved for family, researchers and genealogists.

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Access the library from your mobile device using OCLS Mobile. Search the catalog, access your account, find library locations and driving directions, learn about upcoming events, watch videos and more!

BUBBLE PLAYTIME
ocls.info/videos
Help your child with their motor development skills in this interactive bubble class presented by the UCF Sports & Exercise Science Club. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.
THE LIBRARY OFFERS MANY FREE SERVICES THAT PROVIDE ACCESS TO CURRENT BOOKS, MUSIC, MAGAZINES, TELEVISION SHOWS AND MORE! CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR POPULAR SERVICES:

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**ZINIO**
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**HOOPLA**
This cloud-based web service allows you to seamlessly enjoy e-books, movies, and TV shows on any web browser, or iOS or Android device.

Plus, be the first to check out the library’s latest, homegrown digital platform called e-PULP! This new e-book lending platform was developed by the Orange County Library System and holds a small collection of items owned and managed by the library. E-books can be borrowed and viewed using the Adobe Digital Editions software. Stay tuned for details on how self-published authors will soon be able to use this new service to share their work! Visit ocls.info/epulp to view the collection.

Get a full listing of what’s available at ocls.info/downloadables.
Looking for the perfect holiday gift? Check out Gifts & Greetings to find creative and affordable gift ideas for everyone on your list.

Best of all, our holiday gifts give back! Proceeds from sales benefit the Friends of the Orange County Library System, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization working hard to enhance the innovative events and resources that the library brings to the community.

*Please note the library will be closed for the Christmas Holiday and New Years Eve Holiday. Please see our back cover for more details.

GIFT SHOP HOURS & LOCATION:

Sunday 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. /4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Downtown Orlando Public Library
101 E. Central Blvd.
Orlando, FL  32801
Winter Holiday Film Festival
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesdays, December 2, 9 and 16, 11 a.m.
Join us to watch a few of your favorite festive films celebrating winter holidays! We will screen *Elf* (12/2), *The Muppet Christmas Carol* (12/9) and *Tyler Perry’s A Madea Christmas* (12/16).

Meditation for a Stress Free Holiday and Beyond
Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room Saturday, December 5, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch Thursday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.
Join Doug Kruger, longtime meditator, for a discussion on the extraordinary effects of meditation. It can reduce stress-related responses, improve concentration and enhance clarity of thought and mental equilibrium. Kruger will also present a simple, yet powerful meditation technique that can enrich one’s life and help with seasonal stress.

Journey Into The Performing Arts of Kids Helping Kids: The Spirit of the Holidays
Orlando Public Library,
Library Central Sunday, December 6, 2 p.m.
Students from Journey Into the Performing Arts of Kids Helping Kids will perform at your local library. This music and dance school teaches the value of learning, sharing and giving back to the community at an early age.
Natural Ways to Combat Holiday Stress
Winter Garden Branch Thursday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch Monday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.
The holiday season can be one of the most stressful and overwhelming times of the year. To help manage the stress of the holidays, join Natural Solutions Educator Stephanie Jorian to learn simple ways to incorporate essential oils into your daily routine. Stay relaxed, grounded and healthy this holiday season. Ideas for easy D.I.Y. gift ideas will also be presented.

Dickens Holiday Celebration
Orlando Public Library, Library Central Saturday, December 12, 11 a.m.
Enjoy fun and festive holiday songs performed by the Orlando Dickens Carolers.

Holiday Showcase: Accordion Craze
South Trail Branch Saturday, December 12, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch Saturday, December 19, 11 a.m.
Get in the holiday spirit with this lively showcase of holiday music by the Central Florida Accordion Club.

Step By Step Dance Studio
Orlando Public Library, Library Central Sunday, December 13, 2 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.
Join Step By Step Musical Theater students as they present stories, music and dance that will get you into the holiday spirit! Join us for the first show at 2 p.m. which features “Snow,” “Rudolph to the Rescue” and “The Miracle on Elf Street.” The final performance at 3:30 p.m. will feature “Santa, You’ve Got Mail” and the holiday classic “How the Grinch Stole Christmas.”

Movement Arts Studio
Orlando Public Library, Library Central Monday, December 14, 4:30 p.m.
The students from Movement Arts Studio will perform a range of holiday classics. This show is great for children of all ages!

Classic Holiday Movies
Edgewater Branch Monday through Wednesday, December 21 – December 23, 6 p.m.
Plan to sit back and enjoy some treats as we screen seasonal favorites and help you get in the holiday spirit!

D.I.Y. Holiday Ornament Hour
Winter Garden Branch Thursday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for an hour of holiday ornament crafting. These handcrafted pieces make a great holiday gift.

Decorating Holiday Cookies
Southwest Branch Monday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.
Decorate cookies to dazzle everyone! Learn easy ways to dress up holiday cookies for the season. Space is limited. Registration required.
Improve your technology skills at the library by attending hands-on technology classes available at select locations. Below you will find the different ways you can plug-in, get connected and learn!

Be enlightened, enriched and educated. ocls.info/classes 407.835.7323

CLOTHING DESIGN

- Introduction to Basic Sewing
- Introduction to Patterns and Fabric
- D.I.Y.: Wearable Electronic Fashion

PROGRAMMING

- Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming
- Python Programming
- Processing: Creative Programming for Digital Media

VIDEO EDITING

- Adobe Premiere Levels 1-4
- Adobe After Effects Levels 1 and 2

Our tech classes are designed to meet your needs and to help you achieve your goals through hands-on training and expert instruction.

SEE WHAT YOU’LL LEARN

Before you attend a class, get a sneak peek at the topics that will be taught and the recommended prerequisites. A full list of class descriptions can be found at ocls.info/classes

ON-DEMAND CLASSES

If you don’t have time to attend a class, brush up on your computer skills at your own pace at any time or any place. Find a list at ocls.info/ondemandclasses

NEED A PLACE FOR TRAINING?

Our classrooms at the Orlando Public Library offer modern, comfortable and attractive training centers for business and civic groups. Available for daily rental. For more information, please call 407.835.7323. ocls.info/classrentals
FEATURED CLASSES

Add pizzazz to your holiday cards and insert animations in your family videos. Register for one of the Adobe Fundamentals classes available at a location near you. Learn more below about how these programs can help you get creative.

CREATIVITY FUNDAMENTALS

ADOBE PREMIERE FUNDAMENTALS
Edit your video faster and more accurately with Adobe Premiere Pro CC. Split and trim video clips with precision directly in the timeline using keyboard shortcuts. Make your video look more professional by adding a wide range of pre-built effects, transitions, titles and more.

ADOBE AFTER EFFECTS FUNDAMENTALS
Design cinematic visual effects and sophisticated motion graphics using shapes, layers, type tools and more. Learn the essentials of advanced animation and compositing using this professional-grade software.

ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR FUNDAMENTALS
Create complex and attractive designs using shapes, images and text with special effects. Build logos, advertisements, marketing flyers and other illustrations with ease using the vector tools. Draw and manipulate simple and even custom shapes, brush strokes and text in unique ways.

GET CRAFTY

MINECRAFT: MAKE MODS CAMP FOR TWEENS AND TEENS
Explore the world of computer programming in a hands-on development environment that is easy to master. Be the ruler of your Minecraft world: strike lightning at opponents, spawn mods to battle or harvest, and build complex structures with a single click.

WHIZKIDS: CUSTOM PAPER AIRPLANES FOR KIDS WITH MICROSOFT PUBLISHER
Add custom graphics and text to create a one-of-a-kind paper airplane design. Students learn Publisher and have fun testing and comparing airplane design.

CREATE LED GREETING CARDS
Create a personalized greeting card with a flashing LED! Use electronic components and conductive paint to construct a simple circuit. Learn basic electronics concepts like polarity, switches, conductivity and LEDs.
MAKING SOUND DECISIONS

Logic Pro Level 1: Fundamentals
Is music production your passion? Harness the power of Logic Pro X to create amazing music. Explore the interface, learn how to create audio tracks with key preferences and save your project.

Audio Equipment Training: Microphone Theory Level 1
Explore the difference between condenser and dynamic microphones. Apply phantom power and learn essential practices for microphone use and care.

Audio Equipment Training: Microphone Theory Level 2
Take your understanding of microphones to the next level! Learn how to set up and breakdown microphones and explore how to protect microphones. Discover how to use the polar patterns, proximity effect and phase to get the best sound.

IMPROVE YOUR PHOTO WORKFLOW

Adobe Lightroom for Photographers
Get the most out of your digital photography and photo-editing experience! Organize, sort and search large collections of your photographs. Develop and edit your digital photos with a fast and easy workflow. Create books, slideshows and upload directly to cloud-based and social media services like Facebook and Flickr.

HELPFUL LINKS

technology classes
ocls.info/classes

microsoft office
ocls.info/microsoft

adobe suite
ocls.info/adobe

apple macintosh
ocls.info/maclab

digital media
ocls.info/digitalmedia

online classes
ocls.info/online
Holiday Family Photos
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, December 5, 1:30 p.m.
The holiday season is here! Melrose Center staff invite families to have their holiday-themed portraits taken in the Photo Studio. Come photo-ready and we will have the studio available for your family photos.

The Basics of e-Publishing
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, December 19, 1:30 p.m.
Today’s self-publishing market has been transformed by new distribution tools that are free and easy to use. Numerous bestselling authors have supplemented traditional books with e-books or even launched their careers by publishing e-books alone. Join author Tawdra Kandle to learn about the basics of electronic book publishing.

Trainer Tip of the Month
Use Format Painter to copy formatting in a document
The Format Painter in Microsoft Office is useful when you want to quickly apply the formatting of text such as font size, spacing and other formatting features throughout a document. Follow these steps to apply consistent formatting throughout your document.

• Select the text with the formatting you wish to copy.
• With the text still highlighted, select the Home tab on the ribbon.
• Click on the Format Painter in the clipboard group. A paint brush icon will appear to the left of your cursor when you move the mouse over the text. You can double click on Format Painter if you wish to change multiple selections.
• Hold down the left mouse button while moving the mouse to select the text you wish to reformat and marvel at your newly reformatted document.

For more information, visit ocls.info/melrose or call 407.835.7323
Southwest Book Club
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, December 15, 7 p.m.
Celebrate with us at our annual “Joy of Reading” event. Share a favorite read with others and learn about new books and authors. Relax and enjoy light refreshments!

Alafaya Book Club
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, December 16, 7 p.m.
Our December selection is *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple. When her notorious, hilarious, volatile, talented, troubled and agoraphobic mother goes missing, teenage Bee begins a trip that takes her to the ends of the earth to find her.

Hiawassee Book Club
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.
Come for conversation on “The Boys in the Boat” by Daniel Brown. The story of the University of Washington’s 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal—a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans.

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos*
(Spanish Book Club)
South Creek Branch
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Thursdays, December 3 and 17, 6:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.

Join this Spanish-language book club to discuss literature, art, music and more. All are welcome.

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos*
South Creek Branch
miércoles, 6:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
jueves, 6:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
miércoles, 2 de diciembre, 6:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
jueves 3 y 17 de diciembre, 6:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
martes, 8 de diciembre, 6:30 p.m.

Ven y asiste a la sucursal más cercana a ti para que compartas y discutas poesías, literatura, arte o historia! Todos son bienvenidos.

*Please note meetings will not be held on Thursday, December 24 and Thursday, December 31.
*Por favor tenga una cuenta, no vamos a tener reuniones el jueves 24 de diciembre y el jueves 31 de diciembre.
Ages 3 - 7
Ages 3 - 9
Ages 6 - 12
Ages 8 - 12
Ages 6 - 18
Ages 3 - 12
All Ages

Registration is required for some events. Register online at ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

CHECK IT OUT: READING WITH RINGLING
All Locations  December 1-29
Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® Circus wants you to check it out! Check out five or more items to receive a voucher exchangeable for one complimentary ticket (while supplies last) to performances of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® Presents LEGENDS, stopping in Orlando at the Amway Center January 14-18! Orange County juvenile regular, property owner or fee card in good standing is required. In-person check out only. Tickets will not be mailed. Not valid for previous checkouts, books-by-mail or e-book downloads. For more information, call 407.835.7323.

Prepare to witness circus feats you thought were so amazing that they would be impossible, and spectacles of strength so grand you once thought them to be unbelievable. LEGENDS is going to take you on an adventure that will dazzle your senses, and redefine your sense of possibility!

LEGO® CONTEST
Orlando Public Library  Saturday, December 5, 2-4 p.m.
Enter the 4th annual OCLS LEGO® Contest and show off your LEGO® creation. Join us for fun demonstrations and vote in the People’s Choice Award! Visit ocls.info/legocontest for complete rules and guidelines. Pre-registration is required. Call 407.835.7323 to sign up to participate by Thursday, December 3, 6 p.m. Sponsored by iBrickAcademy, LEGOLAND, the Central Florida Fair, K & H Brick Supply, NAWIC and Exploding Bacon Robotics Club.

KIDS’ TALENT SHOW
Orlando Public Library  Saturday, January 30, 3 p.m.
Calling all talented kids! Start getting ready to show off your stuff at the Kids’ Talent Show! Prepare your skits, music, dance and everything in between. Please call 407.835.7323 to register to perform. Ages 6-12.
Science Tuesday
Winter Garden Branch Tuesday, December 1, 6 p.m.
Join us to make, create and build hands-on activities.

Hour of Code
Winter Garden Branch Tuesday, December 8, 6 p.m.
The Hour of Code is a one-hour, unplugged hands-on introduction to computer science—designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics. Registration recommended.

Crazy 8s Math Club
South Trail Branch Thursday, December 10, 4:30 p.m.
Join Bedtime Math’s Crazy 8s where you’ll build, run and jump, make music and a mess. It’s a totally new kind of math club!

Art Bots
Winter Garden Branch Saturday, December 12, 2:30 p.m.
Create your own wiggling, scribbling, art-making robot from common materials. All supplies will be provided. No previous robotics experience needed. Registration required.

Ooey, Gooey, Grimy and Slimy
Chickasaw Branch Tuesday, December 15, 4:30 p.m.
Enjoy a fun-filled event of silly science. Make the ooiest and gooiest of the goos and get grimy and slimy with us. Expect stories, activities and crafts with a science twist!

Let It Snow
West Oaks Branch Tuesday, December 15, 5 p.m.
Edgewater Branch Wednesday, December 16, 2:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch Tuesday, December 22, 5:30 p.m.
It doesn’t snow in Florida but we have some winter activities to brighten the season and keep you cool.

Stinky Science
Winter Garden Branch Tuesday, December 15, 6 p.m.
Explore the sense of smell and discover bizarre and gross facts about some of the world’s smelliest stuff!

Construction Toys for Kids
Herndon Branch Wednesday, December 16, 3:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of building and learning with Snap Circuits®, K’NEX® and Magformers®. All ages welcome.
EARLY LEARNING EVENTS

So, You Want To Learn a New Language? ●
North Orange Branch Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15 and 22, 11 a.m.
This fun-filled language learning experience is designed for you and your preschooler with hands-on activities, songs and interactive technology to learn basic Sign Language. Registration recommended.

SMART Start
Orlando Public Library Wednesdays, December 2 and 16, 10 a.m.
North Orange Branch Fridays, December 4 and 18, 11 a.m.

Bilingual Tablet Tales ●
Chickasaw Branch Thursday, December 3, 11 a.m.
Enjoy a digitally enhanced storytime experience! Let’s explore another way to learn and read by using apps and digital media!

What’s in that Cave? ●
Washington Park Branch Friday, December 4, 10:15 a.m.
Windermere Branch Friday, December 4, 11 a.m.
Edgewater Branch Friday, December 11, 11 a.m.
Let’s explore together and discover what’s in that cave through stories, songs and a craft!

Bubble Playtime ●
Southwest Branch Friday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.
Have fun helping your child improve their motor development skills in this interactive bubble class. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Countdown to Winter ●
Edgewater Branch Friday, December 4, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch Friday, December 11, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch Thursday, December 17, 11 a.m.
Winter is coming. Help us get ready for winter with fun stories, activities and crafts starring some of our favorite cold weather friends.

Salute to Dr. Seuss
Hiwassee Branch Friday, December 4, 11:15 a.m.
Learn to rhyme and have a good time! Enjoy stories, fun games and interactive activities with Dr. Seuss’ books! Build vocabulary and promote learning to read! Ages 3 and up.

Puffins Climb, Penguins Rhyme ●
South Creek Branch Saturday, December 5, 11 a.m.
Hiwassee Branch Friday, December 11, 11 a.m.
Preschoolers, waddle with us to Antarctica for penguin-themed stories, activities and cool crafts.

FLYING OFF TO NEVERLAND ●
Chickasaw Branch Saturday, December 5, 2 p.m.
Windermere Branch Tuesday, December 15, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch Thursday, December 17, 2 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch Monday, December 28, 11 a.m.
Show off your favorite Neverland costume and fly to the library for a swashbuckling adventure full of stories, crafts and activities.

Artys Toddler
Southwest Branch Monday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch Monday, December 7, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch Monday, December 7, 11 a.m.
Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create! Kids will enjoy stories, songs and explore age-appropriate art experiences. Ages 1-3. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Button Up ●
Chickasaw Branch Thursday, December 10, 11 a.m.
Brr… it’s cold outside so be sure to button up before coming to the library. Join us for stories, crafts and activities all about buttons.

Holiday Cookie Craze
North Orange Branch Thursday, December 10, 11 a.m.
Preschoolers and caregivers are invited to frost and sprinkle cookies just in time for the holidays. Space is limited. Registration required.

Baby Bash
Southwest Branch Friday, December 11, 11:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch Monday, December 28, 10:30 a.m.
We will sing, play and work on motor development skills. This month we’re exploring language using sign language and basic words! Ages 0-2.

Science Tots ●
Southwest Branch Monday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.
Science Tots introduces basic science concepts while having fun and making exciting discoveries! Registration recommended.

Wonder Works ●
Winter Garden Branch Monday, December 14, 11 a.m.
Explore science, technology, engineering and math through play and books! Seating is limited. Registration required.

Reindeer Games ●
North Orange Branch Thursday, December 17, 11 a.m.
Put on your antlers and come for reindeer games, stories and crafts with your preschooler.

Wild Polar Bear Tails ●
Windermere Branch Thursday, December 17, 3:30 p.m.
Calling all curious kids! It’s time to go wild at the library with stories, arts and crafts about polar bears.

Book to Boogie ●
Winter Garden Branch Monday, December 21, 11 a.m.
Shake, rattle and roll as we dive into picture books and engage in dance and movement activities.
**CHILDREN’S EVENTS**

**Crafternoons**
- Chickasaw Branch  Tuesday, December 1, 4:30 p.m.
- Winter Garden Branch  Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 3:30 p.m.
- Herndon Branch  Wednesdays, December 23 and 30, 3:30 p.m.
- North Orange Branch  Mondays, December 7 and 21, 4 p.m.
Stop by the library for an hour of crafting fun with friends.

**Sunshine Storytime for Children of All Abilities**
- Southwest Branch  Wednesday, December 2, 10:30 a.m.
- Chickasaw Branch  Mondays, December 7 and 21, 4 p.m.
Join us for a welcoming storytime with songs, stories and interactive play. This storytime is designed for children who prefer small group activities or have sensory, social or developmental challenges. Registration required.

**It Doesn’t Snow in Florida**
- Herndon Branch  Wednesday, December 2, 3:30 p.m.
Celebrate snow at your library with cool stories and crafts!

**Frosty Florida Crafts**
- Eatonville Branch  Thursday, December 3, 3:45 p.m.
- Chickasaw Branch  Saturday, December 19, 2 p.m.
- Edgewater Branch  Saturday, December 19, 2 p.m.
- Orlando Public Library  Saturday, December 19, 3 p.m.
- Winter Garden Branch  Monday, December 21, 3:30 p.m.
Get crafty for the holidays! Drop in to celebrate the season with easy projects to gift or keep.

**STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Series**
- Edgewater Branch  Thursdays, December 3 and 17, 4 p.m.
Join us for hands-on science experiments! Learn the theories behind scientific phenomenon, create electronic gadgets and engineer your own doohickey and more in this fun series of science projects. Ages 9-18.

**Cuéntame un Cuento: Tell Me a Story Bilingual Stories and Fun**
- Orlando Public Library  Saturday, December 5, 11 a.m.
Enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either or both languages. The whole family is welcome.

**Dead City Flatline Party**
- Alafaya Branch  Saturday, December 5, 2 p.m.
Meet James Ponti, author of the Sunshine State book, *Dead City*, and join us for a Flatline Party with zombie defense training, scavenger hunts and zombie face painting. A book sale and signing will follow the event.

**Weaving a Story**
- Winter Garden Branch  Saturday, December 5, 2:30 p.m.
- Edgewater Branch  Wednesday, December 9, 2:30 p.m.
- Southwest Branch  Tuesday, December 22, 3 p.m.
Design and experiment with fun and easy weaving techniques. Weave a story with us while you craft.

**Drop In Chess**
- Orlando Public Library  Mondays, December 7 - 28, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Drop in for a game of chess at the library. Chess sets are available for play and rule sheets are provided. Chess has been shown to have many educational benefits including teaching foresight, planning, patience and the ability to seek alternative solutions.

**Bee-Do! Bee-Do!**
- Eatonville Branch  Wednesday, December 9, 2:45 p.m.
- Herndon Branch  Wednesday, December 9, 3:30 p.m.
- Edgewater Branch  Saturday, December 12, 2 p.m.
- Winter Garden Branch  Saturday, December 19, 2:30 p.m.
- Chickasaw Branch  Monday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.
- Orlando Public Library  Saturday, December 26, 3 p.m.
Rush down to the library and join us for a viewing of the hot new movie, *Minions*, and enjoy some minion crafting.

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**HELP MR. FOX UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS**

- RNTIEW
- NAEIGRD
- WMNNASO
- RBLAYRI
- EDEREMCB
- NLNGREAL
**Family Storytime**
Orlando Public Library Saturdays, December 12 and 26, 11 a.m.
Join us for a fun-filled event for the little ones in your life!
Our event gives caregivers and children the opportunity to share, listen and enjoy stories and other activities together.
Recommended for ages birth to 5.

**Musical Adventures**
Edgewater Branch Saturday, December 12, 11 a.m.
Eatonville Branch Wednesday, December 16, 2:45 p.m.
Set sail on a musical journey with songs, stories and musical instrument crafts!

**Queen Elsa’s Royal Tea Party**
Alafaya Branch Saturday, December 12, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.*
By royal invitation, all princes and princesses are invited to join us for a royal tea party. Feel free to dress in your royal best. *Ages 3-6 at 1 p.m. and ages 7-12 at 2 p.m.

**All Aboard The Polar Express**
Hiawassee Branch Monday, December 14, 6 p.m.
Celebrate the holidays with the beloved family classic The Polar Express. Join us for a fun-filled evening as we read the story and watch the film.

**Star Wars – The Fun Awakens**
Herndon Branch Saturday, December 19, 11 a.m.
Visit the library to celebrate all things Star Wars and the release of Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Come dressed as your favorite Star Wars character!

**Storybook Yoga**
Orlando Public Library Saturday, December 19, 11 a.m.
Join us for an introduction to yoga with Maggie Mathwich. Learn poses inspired by your favorite picture books. Ages 3-6. Registration required.

**Bugs and Other Creepy Crawlies**
Edgewater Branch Saturday, December 19, 1 p.m.
Explore the world of creepy crawlies and find out why they are not so creepy after all. Learn why insects are our important friends while looking at insect specimens up-close under microscopes—all courtesy of the University of Central Florida’s "Bug Closet." You will never look at insects the same way again!

**Gingerbread House**
Washington Park Branch Saturday, December 12, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch Saturday, December 12, 2 p.m.
Orlando Public Library Saturday, December 12, 3 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch Wednesday, December 16, 3:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch Friday, December 18, 3 p.m.
Alafaya Branch Saturday, December 19, 11 a.m.
Edgewater Branch Saturday, December 19, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch Tuesday, December 22, 4:30 p.m.
Looking for something sweet and tasty to do this winter? Bring your building skills and join us for a Gingerbread House decorating event. Ages 5-12. Registration required.

**Minecraf Madness**
North Orange Branch Saturday, December 19, 2 p.m.
Blast, creep or dig your way to the library and celebrate the world of Minecraft with games, crafts and activities. Bring your laptop or mobile device to play with friends. The whole family is welcome.

**Winter Movieland**
South Creek Branch Saturday, December 19, 2:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library Mon. – Wed., December 21-23, 10:30 a.m. and Mon. – Thurs., December 28-31, 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville Branch Mon. – Wed., December 21-23, 1 p.m.
Mon. – Wed., December 21-23, 2 p.m.
and Mon. – Thurs., December 28-31, 2 p.m.
Southwest Branch Tuesdays, December 22 and 29, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 29, 6 p.m.
South Trail Branch Tuesdays, December 22 and 29, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 29, 6 p.m.
Southwest Branch Tuesdays, December 22 and 29, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 29, 6 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch Tuesday, December 29, 6 p.m.
Spend your winter break at the library and watch a classic animated movie with the whole family!

**Skills Challenge**
Winter Garden Branch Mon.– Wed., December 21-23, 1 p.m.
Mon.– Wed., December 28-30, 1 p.m.
Are you up for the challenge? Join us for activities that will get you thinking and energized about computer programs like Microsoft Excel and Google Earth.

**Happy Noon Year’s Eve**
Southwest Branch Thursday, December 31, 11:30 a.m.
Celebrate with us by making crafts, playing games and ringing in the New Year at noon! Registration recommended.

**Hanging Out at the Porch**
Orlando Public Library Fridays, 3 p.m.
Hang out in the Children’s Library for games, crafts, movies or other activities. Ages 6-18.

**Paws to Read**
Sign up to practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a lovable, furry listener. Be An Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry presents this reading program for children with certified therapy dogs. Meet these pups at multiple locations. Visit ocls.info/paws for dates, times and locations.
STORYTIME

TINY TALES - rhyme time for you and your baby (birth to 18 months)
Orlando Public Library
Alafaya Branch
Chickasaw Branch
Herndon Branch
North Orange Branch
South Creek Branch
Southeast Branch
Southwest Branch
West Oaks Branch
Winter Garden Branch
Windermere Branch
Fridays & Saturdays 9:30 a.m.
Thursdays 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 a.m.
Tuesdays 11:15 a.m.
Tuesdays 11:15 a.m.
Wednesdays 11:15 a.m.
Mondays 11:45 a.m.
Wednesdays 11:45 a.m.
Thursdays 11:45 a.m.
Mondays 11:15 a.m.
Wednesdays 11:15 a.m.
Thursdays 11:15 a.m.

TODDLER TIME - stories/activities (18 to 36 months)
Orlando Public Library
Alafaya Branch
Chickasaw Branch
Herndon Branch
North Orange Branch
South Creek Branch
Southeast Branch
Southwest Branch
West Oaks Branch
Winter Garden Branch
Windermere Branch
Fridays & Saturdays 10 a.m.
Fridays 10:15, 11:15 a.m.
Tuesdays 10:45 a.m.
Tuesdays 10:45 a.m.
Wednesdays 10:45 a.m.
Mondays 10:45, 11:15 a.m.
Wednesdays 10:45, 11:15 a.m.
Thursdays 10:45, 11:15 a.m.
Mondays 10:45 a.m.
Wednesdays 10:45 a.m.
Thursdays 10:45 a.m.

STORYBOOK FUN - for your little ones (ages 3-5)
Orlando Public Library
Alafaya Branch
Chickasaw Branch
Herndon Branch
North Orange Branch
South Creek Branch
Southeast Branch
Southwest Branch
West Oaks Branch
Winter Garden Branch
Windermere Branch
Fridays & Saturdays 10:30 a.m.
Fridays 10:45, 11:45 a.m.
Tuesdays 10:15 am.
Tuesdays 10:15 a.m.
Wednesdays 10:15 a.m.
Mondays 10:15 a.m.
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Wednesdays 10:15 a.m.
Thursdays 10:15 a.m.

SMARTY PANTS! - Recommended for ages 0-5
Eatonville Branch
Edgewater Branch
Hiawassee Branch
South Trail Branch
Washington Park Branch
Thursdays 10:15 a.m.
Mondays 10:15 a.m.
Fridays 10:15 a.m.
Fridays 10:15 a.m.
Tuesdays 10:15 a.m.
Enjoy a fun-filled story program with a learning twist that teaches, motivates, entertains and educates all the Smarty Pants in your life!

CHILDREN’S GROUP PROGRAMS
Orlando Public Library
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Every half hour, starting at 9:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.
For groups of 10 or more children only.
Advance registration required.
Cocoa and a Craft ✶
Orlando Public Library
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, December 2, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 10, 3:45 p.m.
Join us for a little cocoa, a little movie and a little craft.
Test your doodling skills and indulge in a creative cup of cocoa.

Green Teen ✶
North Orange Branch
Thursday, December 10, 5 p.m.
Teens, you think you’re green? Learn tips and tricks to
green up your life and save the planet.

Coloring Time! ✶
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 5, 2 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, December 8, 3:45 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 23, 3:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, December 30, 4 p.m.
Dust off the crayons and markers and see if you can stay within
the lines as we channel our childhood and color!

Teen Tango ✶
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 12, 3 p.m.
Local Argentine Tango Instructors Richard and Melina Lucia
will teach an introductory Argentine Tango class for
tweens and teens.

It’s a Wrap! ✶
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, December 15, 3:45 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 16, 3:30 p.m.
Join us as we unwrap your knowledge in a competitive episode
of holiday trivia and games that will make you want to spread
the holiday cheer!

Youth Art Contest ✶
Get creative! Show off your work
and enter for a chance to win the
Youth Art Contest. Entry forms with
complete rules and guidelines will be
available Saturday, January 2 at all
Orange County Library System locations
or can be printed from ocls.info/teens.
Awards to the top artists will be presented
at the Youth Art Show held Thursday,
February 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Orlando
Public Library. All submissions will be on
display February 2-27. Grades 6-12.
Beyond Tomorrow
Eatonville Branch  Thursday, December 17, 3:45 p.m.
Edgewater Branch  Saturday, December 26, 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch  Tuesday, December 29, 5 p.m.
Orlando Public Library  Wednesday, December 30, 3:30 p.m.
Can teleportation, rocket science and audio-animatronic robots save the world? Join us for a viewing of the movie, Tomorrowland, to find out.

Gaming Day
Washington Park Branch Wednesday, December 30, 3 p.m.
Mama mia! Let's-a-go! Hang out, play video games and create video game-inspired crafts.

Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Discussion Group
Southeast Branch  Wednesday, December 2, 3:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library  Thursday, December 3, 4:30 p.m.
Join Mayor Buddy's Book Club to talk, meet other book club members, share experiences and have fun.
See what we are reading and sign up for the club at mayor.ocls.info.

Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Celebration
Orlando Public Library  Wednesday, December 9, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch  Thursday, December 10, 3:30 p.m.
Join Mayor Buddy’s Book Club to celebrate the completion of our latest book, win prizes and hear the announcement of our next book club title.
For more information and to sign up, visit mayor.ocls.info.

Teen Voices
Orlando Public Library  Thursday, December 10, 6 p.m.
Join our Teen Advisory Board to meet new people and develop teen library events and services while earning community service hours.

Animanga
Orlando Public Library  Thursday, December 17, 6 p.m.
Are you an anime and manga fan? If so, join us to interact with other teens who love Japanese entertainment. Chat about your favorite manga and watch anime while meeting new friends!
The club meets the third Thursday of every month.

Teen Library Corps
All Locations
Volunteer with the Teen Library Corps and give back a little “TLC” to your library and your community.
Plan and help out at events, give suggestions for teen services, meet new people and earn community service hours for school. If you are between the ages of 13-18 and love to have fun, join TLC today!
For more information, please call 407.835.7323 or go online at ocls.info/TLC.

Gaming at the Library!
If you love gaming like we love gaming, get your game on at the library! Join us for action-packed fun at multiple locations. Visit ocls.info/GamingEvents for dates, times and locations.
OCLS Renewal Line
Take advantage of renewing your items and checking your account information via the 24/7 Renewal Line at 407.316.0021. Using your bar code number on your library card and on checked out items you can renew all items, or check on holds and fines.

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*Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in any class or program due to a disability may arrange for accommodations by contacting the location where the event is held at least seven days prior to the program.

Books & Beyond is a monthly library events and information publication sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Closures

Christmas Holiday
The Orange County Library System will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas Holiday. All locations will resume normal hours on Saturday, December 26. Happy Holidays!

Día de Navidad
El sistema de bibliotecas del condado de Orange estará cerrado el jueves 24 de diciembre y el viernes 25 de diciembre debido a la conmemoración del Día de Navidad. Todas las localidades abrirán sus horas regulares el sábado 26 de diciembre. ¡Feliz Día de Navidad!

New Year’s Holiday
The Orange County Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 31 and will be closed Friday, January 1 in observance of the New Year’s Holiday. All locations will resume normal hours on Saturday, January 2. Happy New Year!

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!
El sistema de bibliotecas del condado de Orange va a cerrar a las 6 p.m. el jueves 31 de diciembre y permanecerá cerrado el viernes 1 de enero debido a la conmemoración del Año Nuevo. Todas las localidades abrirán de nuevo a las sus horas regulares el sábado 2 de enero. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Locations

Orlando Public Library
101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 am - 8 pm
     Friday & Saturday 9 am - 6 pm
     Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

Alafaya Branch
12000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32826
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
     Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
     Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

Chickasaw Branch
870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
     Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Eatonville Branch
200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751
Hours: Monday - Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
     Friday and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Edgewater Branch
5049 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32810
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
     Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Herndon Branch
4324 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32803
Hours: Monday - Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
     Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Hiawassee Branch
7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32818
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
     Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

North Orange Branch
1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
     Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
     Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

South Creek Branch
1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
     Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
     Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

South Trail Branch
4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr., Orlando, FL 32839
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
     Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Southeast Branch
5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
     Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Southwest Branch
7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL 32819
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
     Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Washington Park Branch
5151 Raleigh St., Suite A, Orlando, FL 32811
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
     Friday and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center
1821 E. Silver Star Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
     Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
     Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

Windermere Branch
530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
     Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Winter Garden Branch
805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
     Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm