Rediscover the Library.
Because it costs nothing.
Yet gives you everything you need to Free Yourself.
Are you struggling to make a resolution for the New Year that you can really feel good about and keep up with? Let the Orange County Library System help you!

This month, we invite you to free yourself—for a day, or even just an hour—to explore your local library. Find a new hobby, learn a new skill or carve a little time out of your busy schedule to do something that’s just for you. From knitting to backyard chicken keeping, Latin dance to yoga, we have a variety of unique events planned for January designed to help you find a new passion or rediscover a beloved activity.

See page 16 for a sampling of what we have to offer, or visit ocls.info to find all of our upcoming events, programs and classes.

If you already have a hobby and you’re just looking for a place to explore it or connect with people who have similar interests, we can help you there, too. Check out pages 22-23 to find out what’s happening in the Melrose Center. Sign up for our new Voice of Melrose open mic night on the fourth Thursday of every month, where poets, singers and performers are welcome to share their work, or come out to our new Makerspace Open Lab to get help with soldering, 3D design, woodworking or programming projects. You supply the project and materials, we’ll supply the tools, workspace and expertise!

Stop in and see us soon—we have so much in store for 2017, and we can’t wait to share it all with you. Free yourself is our mantra for the New Year, and we hope you’ll make it yours, too.
**Registration is required for some events. Register online at ocls.info/events or call 407.835.7323.**

**ARMS AND APPETIZERS: A LOOK INTO THE MIND OF NEJETS KILLJOY**
Edgewater Branch
January 12, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Join Steven Lee Hall Jr., artist and star of the hit Discovery Channel show Naked and Afraid, for a night of art and delicious Mediterranean appetizers. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn from Mr. Hall as they create their own work of art! Appetizers provided by Paramount Fine Foods.

**Art 101: The Art of Architecture**
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, January 19, 6:30 p.m.
Many think of architecture as a purely functional craft, however throughout history it has often doubled as an art form. Humankind has long looked to beautify their living spaces by experimenting with unique forms and decoration. Learn about art in architecture and commemorate urban architecture by creating your own work of art inspired by a city skyline. Registration required.

**Art 101: Mexican Talavera**
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 p.m.
Mexican Talavera is a type of glazed pottery commonly known for colorful, decorative tiles. Learn about the fascinating history of this art form and create your own unique Talavera tile. Registration required. Ages 15 and up.

**Hungrytown**
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, January 7, 2 p.m.
Hungrytown is the musical married duo of Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson. They have released two highly acclaimed CDs, Hungrytown (2008) and Any Forgotten Thing (2011), and have toured throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe and New Zealand. Their latest CD, Further West, was released in 2015. For more information about Hungrytown, visit hungrytown.net.

**Shannon Rae**
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, January 21, 11 a.m.
Seasoned vocalist Shannon Rae will perform adored classics from our past. Hear songs every generation will enjoy. Shannon’s repertoire spans multiple genres and decades. To learn more, visit shannonraemusic.com.

**Shaun David Williams Acoustic**
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, January 22, 2 p.m.
Every acoustic performance from Shaun Williams delivers a fun and unique blend of popular cover music and original acoustic songs that everyone is sure to enjoy. Part of the Orlando music scene for over 20 years, Shaun always combines his music with a wonderful display of virtuosity and showmanship that leaves a lasting impression so positive you’ll want to see him again and again.

**NAMING THE TWINS**
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.
Hear Canadian acoustic duo Naming the Twins, the harmonizing guy-gal duo of Robbie Smith and Kathleen. Complimented for transporting their listeners back to the heyday of folk music, their original songs are a blend of Americana & Canadiana styles. For more information about Naming the Twins, visit namingthetwins.com.

**Library University**
Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation & Creativity
Orlando Public Library
101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801

**WHAT**
Library University is an opportunity to learn about Library resources and promote Library services in schools.

**WHO**
Full-time, middle and high school educators in Orange County, Florida School District for the 2017 year with an Orange County library card in good standing.

**WHEN**
Thursday, June 15
8:30 – 4:30 P.M.

**WHERE**
Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation & Creativity
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**WHY**
Libraries are vibrant centers of learning for everyone, including educational instructors. Our resources as providers of informal learning and technology education can assist schools and engage communities.

Learn and earn a $75 honorarium for completing the entire day of activities!
January 20:

January 13:

January 6:

Start the new year off right with these Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Movies to Kick Start Your 2017

Minimalist Meetup

Movies to Kick Start Your 2017

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Saturday, January 7, 1–4 p.m.

The Best Science Fiction & Fantasy Books of 2016

Gaining Financial Control of Your Divorce

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, January 11, 10:30 a.m.

Life got you stressed? Unwind at the Library. Turn off your phone, unplug your computer and join us for an hour of stress-busting coloring for adults. All supplies provided. Ages 18 and up. Some supplies provided by Community School of the Arts program sponsored by Women in the Arts inc. in partnership with the Orange County Library System. womenintheartsinc.org

Financial Workshops Presented by Florida CONSUMER

South Creek Branch

Tuesday, Beginning January 10, 6:30 p.m.

CONSUMER is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing outstanding education and financial counseling services to consumers. Visit consumerpc.org for more information.

January 10: The Importance of Budgeting in Uncertain Times

January 17: The Differences Between Savings and Investing

January 24: Student Loans: Types/ Alternatives and Repayment Options

January 31: The Truth About Credit Repair and How To Increase Your Score

Affordable Care Act Assistance

Alafaya Branch

Monday, January 30, 7 p.m.

Before considering the purchase of a used car, there are some general questions to consider and issues to keep in mind. Don’t let a dealership take advantage of your lack of knowledge. Derwin Small of Enterprise Car Sales will show you how to save time and money to locate, price and negotiate the used car you want.

Legend Tripping in Florida

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Saturday, January 14, 2 p.m.

Join us as a team of paranormal research investigators from Tn! Paranormal investigators take you through a virtual tour of some of the most haunted locations in Florida including haunted gems in Central Florida. For more information, visit tnparanormal.com

Human Trafficking Awareness

Edgewater Branch

Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m.

In observance of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, join us for an informative film and discuss ways we can keep our community safe from human trafficking. We will demonstrate how children become victims of this silent crime, methods used to recruit and keep children trapped in the sex trade.

Learn the FUNdamentals of Improv

Orlando Public Library, Central

Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.

Have you heard about the latest craze? Whether you are new to improv or have some previous performance experience, this eight-week class is about having fun while learning some of the essential skills of improv. Ages 16 and up. To register, call 407.835.7323 or online at ocls.info

Detox, Cleanse & Restore

with Essential Oils

Edgewater Branch

Thursday, January 26, 6:30–8 p.m.

Join us for a discussion on the importance of cleansing and detoxifying our bodies for optimum health and vitality. A systematic plan for feeling and living better will be included in this presentation. Handouts will be provided to those who register in advance at indolou@pureoilsareessential.com.

The Basics Of Training: How to Avoid or Recover from Common Pitfalls in Training Your Dog

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, January 26, 6:30 p.m.

In this presentation, Todd Campbell, owner of South Orlando Dog Training, will educate you on reward-based training methods that will make your furry friend love to be with you and obey you. A well-trained dog is a joy to be with and training is easier than you think.

Pets are not permitted to attend.

Creative Coloring for Adults

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Saturday, January 28, 3 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Saturday, January 21, 11 a.m.

Come celebrate the Chinese New Year and enjoy a few Chinese traditions with a Dragon Dance, folk dances, a musical performance and a demonstration of Chinese calligraphy. Presented by the Chinese School of CAACF Inc.

Available Care Act Information and Assistance

Edgewater Branch

Tuesday, January 3, 4–8 p.m.

Hernando Branch

Saturday, January 7, 1–4 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Tuesday, January 10, 4–8 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, January 13, 2–6 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, January 19, 2–6 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Monday, January 23, 2–6 p.m.

Certified In-Person Assistors will answer your questions regarding the Affordable Care Act and assist with enrolling in the Health Insurance Marketplace. The Open Enrollment Period for 2017 will end January 31, 2017. For more information, please call 407.340.0844 or visit facebook.com/enrollorlando.

Affordable Care Act Information

and Assistance

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Sunday, January 8, 1:30 p.m.

What were the standout science fiction & fantasy books of 2016? Join the Orlando Area Science Fiction Society (OASIS) for their monthly meeting and a discussion of 2016’s best books. OASIS is a fan-run, not-for-profit corporation whose goal is the promotion of Science Fiction in all its forms.

Homegrown Business Fair

Alafaya Branch

Sunday, January 8, 2 p.m.

Join us for Alafaya’s Homegrown Business Fair, where work-from-home business owners will show off their companies and products.

CareerSource Central Florida Presents:

Job Search Assistance

Orlando Public Library

Monday, January 9, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Monday, January 9, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Monday, January 23, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Work with a CareerSource Central Florida professional and learn how to connect with employment opportunities, take advantage of free career counseling, skill development, workshops and more. Learn more about our partner at careersourcecentralflorida.com

How to Buy a Used Car

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, January 14, 2 p.m.

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Avoid Common Pitfalls

The Basics Of Training: How to Avoid

Affordable Care Act Assistance

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, January 11 & 25, 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Don’t miss the 2017 Open Enrollment, when you can enroll in a health insurance plan. Affordable Care Act Navigators will be providing Enrollment Appointments. The Open Enrollment Period for 2017 ends January 31, 2017. Appointments can be made online by visiting CoveringFL.net or calling 877-564-5031.

CoveringFL.net

Professional...
VOLUNTEER FAIR
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, January 29, 2–4 p.m.
Curious about what year-round volunteering opportunities there are in the Central Florida area? Visit your local library to talk with various organizations that offer volunteer services to the community. Attendees can meet with representatives from A Gift for Teaching, Adult Literacy League Inc., Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando, Peace Corps, Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando, Orlando Cares and Orlando VAMC.

Healthy Living for Seniors
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, January 11, 10:30 a.m.
In this seminar, experts will discuss what older adults need to know about healthy living in order to maintain health and thrive. Part of the Smarter Senior Seminar Series sponsored by Mike Flahaven, SRI EPBO. Certified Senior Housing Professional/Keller Williams Realty. Light refreshments will be served. Registration required. yourfloridahaven.com.

Top 10 Tips for Aging Successfully
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, January 19, 12:10 p.m.
Gain an understanding of the health risks from aging and common chronic illnesses as well as the benefits of creating a personal health care team to help you identify areas for improving your personal health and wellness routines. This seminar is part of the LIFE Information for Elders series presented by Orange County’s Commission on Aging. Call 407.836.7446 or email officeonaging@ocfl.net to register. A small lunch is provided to the first 50 people to RSVP.

Southwest Book Club
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.
This month, the Southwest Book Club will discuss Laura Hillenbrand’s Unbroken— the true story of Louis Zamperini, an Olympian and WWII hero who survived the crash of his bomber and endured two years of imprisonment by the Japanese. Come for coffee and conversation as we discuss this month’s book selection, The Boston Girl: A Novel by Anita Diamant, a story about family ties and values, friendship and feminism told through the eyes of a young Jewish woman growing up in Boston in the early 20th century.

Hiawassee Book Club
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, January 23, 6:30–8 p.m.
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Spanish Book Club
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, January 3, 6:30 p.m.
Join this Spanish-language book club to discuss literature, art, music and more. All are welcome.

Books clubs
Book clubs
ocl.info/bookclubs

STORYTIME FOR GROWNUPS!
Washington Park Branch
Monday, January 9 & 23, 2 p.m.

West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, January 10 & 24, 2 p.m.

Southwest Branch
Thursday, January 12 & 26, 2 p.m.

Southeast Branch
Wednesday, January 25, 10:30 a.m.

Why should kids have all the fun? Come to the library and enjoy a story or activity as our talented library storytellers entertain ages 18 and up!

Kidney Smart
North Orange Branch
Monday, January 9, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Certified educators with Kidney Smart will teach you how your kidneys function, how medications, diet and nutrition work together to help keep you healthy and how to manage other related conditions, including diabetes and hypertension.

Introduction to Pilates for Seniors
Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, January 10 and 24, 2 p.m.
Exercise your way to fitness in this introduction to Pilates class. You will learn simple moves that will work your muscles, help alignment and encourage flexibility. Comfortable exercise or loose fitting clothing required, yoga mats encouraged. Registration recommended. Register online at ocls.info/nextchapter or call 407.835.7323.

Laughter Lab’s Senior Chair Fitness
North Orange Branch
Thursday, January 26, 2 p.m.
This fun chair fitness routine consists of deep breathing, gentle stretching, calisthenics and isometrics while listening to music from all of your favorite decades! Attendants are encouraged to dress in comfortable clothing.

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Central Florida Book Club
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday, January 10, 10:15 a.m.–Noon
Join us on the second Tuesday of each month as we discuss a wide range of books. This month we will be discussing My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout.

Hiawassee Book Club
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, January 23, 6:30–8 p.m.
Come for coffee and conversation as we discuss Laura Hillenbrand’s Unbroken—the true story of Louis Zamperini, an Olympian and WWII hero who survived the crash of his bomber and endured two years of imprisonment by the Japanese.

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Flight of Dreams
Ariel Lawhon

Southwest Book Club
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Citizenship Learning

Citizenship Inspired
Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, January 3–24, 3:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, January 7–28, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Saturday, January 21 & 28, 12:30 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Saturday, January 14–28, 12:30 p.m.

During this series, students will meet each week 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 to Orange County district resident cardholders, fee cardholders and Orange County Property Owner cardholders. Registration is required. Register online at ocls.info/citizenship or call 407.835.7323.

Language Learning

Did you know you can take free language learning classes at the library? Attend an ESL workshop or practice learning a new language at one of our Open Language Labs. To view dates, locations and times, please visit ocls.info/events, explore online learning opportunities at ocls.info/language or view our learning English workshops at ocls.info/ESOL.

libguides.ocls.info/language
libguides.ocls.info/englishforkids

Advanced American Sign Language
North Orange Branch
Thursdays, January 5–26, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Mondays, January 23 – February 13, 7 p.m.

Join us for role playing and games designed to teach advanced American Sign Language! Must have prior knowledge of the sign language alphabet and numbers. Presented by ASL Services Inc. Space is limited. Registration is required. Ages 12 and up. Attendees must be able to participate in all four classes.

Open Language Lab

Explore and learn English (ESOL) or another language of your choice via computer based learning in an open language lab. Choose from ELiSS, Mango Languages or Rocket Languages to improve your English, learn French or other languages offered.

Practice Makes Perfect

Various Locations
Beginning Monday, January 9

Join us each week as an Adult Literacy League certified instructor helps you build your confidence. This program is presented through partnerships between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League Inc.

Speaking Clearly: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced
Southeast Branch

ESOL series focusing on listening comprehension, pronunciation and spoken English.

Writing Clearly: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced
Southeast Branch

ESOL series focusing on grammar and written English.

English from Zero
Southeast Branch, Chickasaw Branch and Hiawassee Branch

ESOL workshops vocabulary and basic grammar for English Learners with no English language skills.

English Conversation Hour
Southeast Branch

Practice your English speaking and listening skills.

Spanish Conversation Hour
Chickasaw Branch

Practice your Spanish speaking skills and chat with us.
Develop the skills to take your business to the next level! Whether it is learning the steps to start your first business or creating a Facebook Business page, OCLS can help. ocls.info/mindyourbusiness

QuickBooks
Learn to use QuickBooks to organize your business or personal finances.

Facebook: Create and Manage Your Business Page
Create a Facebook page for your business to engage with customers and promote your products and services. Get tips and tricks to help you get the most out of your page!

Logo Design and Development
Learn the basics of graphic design and build your business logo.

U.S. Small Business Administration and Operation Hope Presents: How to Start a Small Business
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, January 19, 5:30-7:45 p.m.
If you are interested in starting a small business but do not know where to start, meet with a representative from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) who will answer your questions and concerns during this workshop. SBA helps people start, build and grow their businesses. Operation Hope will share information on financial literacy and the resources they have available to establish and rebuild your credit profile. SCORE, one of the SBA’s resource partners, provides mentoring, counseling and training for the agency. Register online at ocls.info/mindyourbusiness or call 407.835.7323.

Genealogy Research Question Workshop
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m.
Interested in furthering your genealogical research skills? Then the NSGQ Study Group is for you! The conversation will focus on research techniques presented in articles as well as logic patterns that were used to find a solution to the genealogical problem. The NSGQ is available in the library’s collection at the West Oaks Branch Library and Genealogy Center. January’s article will be Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Frontier Research Strategies—Weaving a Web to Snare a Birth Family: John Watts (ca. 1749–ca.1822),” National Genealogical Society Quarterly 104 (September 2016): 165–190.

Getting the Most Out of FamilySearch
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, January 21, 2 p.m.
Sharpen your genealogy skills and learn about resources by sharing your research questions. Genealogy researchers, whether beginning or advanced, are invited to submit one specific research question in advance. Participate in our group discussion sharing information on genealogy resources, research and methodology to start finding answers. Genealogy Center staff will lead the discussion and can help direct you to possible answers, resources, types of records, databases and websites. Registration is required. Please email your research question at least seven days in advance of the workshop to genealogy@ocls.info.

RESEARCHING YOUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, January 28, 10:30 a.m.
Have you ever wondered if a Revolutionary War patriot ancestor could be hidden in your family tree? Perhaps you are eligible to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and you don’t even realize it. If you would like to find out, this workshop is for you! Presented by the Orlando Chapter NSDAR.

The Business of Writing
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, January 4, 7 p.m.
Whether you’re traditionally published, self-published or haven’t written a word of your novel yet, there are a variety of business decisions you’ll have to make. Should you incorporate? What about taxes? How to deal with contracts and agents? Which release strategy is best for your book? Discuss these and other questions with J.A. Sutherland, author of the Alex Cross science fiction series.

Author Event: Sharon M. Draper
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, January 26, 6 p.m.
Sharon M. Draper will read from and discuss Out of My Mind, the Sunshine State Young Readers Award winner for 2011 for both elementary and middle grades. On the New York Times bestseller list for two years, Out of My Mind is the story of brilliant and witty 10-year-old Melody Brooks who can’t speak or walk due to severe cerebral palsy. Draper has won numerous awards for her children’s and teen fiction; she is a five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards, the National Teacher of the Year and received the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime literary achievement from the American Library Association. Draper’s latest book is Stella by Starlight. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

Teen Writer’s Workshop with Sharon M. Draper
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, January 27, 3 p.m.
Award-winning writer Sharon M. Draper will lead a writer’s workshop for teens. Draper is the author of Out of My Mind, the Sunshine State Young Readers Award winner for 2011 for middle grades; Tears of a Tiger, an ALA Best Book for Young Adults; Romiette and Julio, listed by the New York Public Library as a best book for the Teen Age; Copper Sun, named one of the Top Ten Historical Fiction Books for Youth; and numerous other books for teens. Ages 11–18. Registration required. Sponsoring in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.
Cuisine Corner Junior is a brand new series of culinary classes just for kids, tweens and teens. In these classes, library staff will show you how to make—and eat—fun holiday themed treats. See pages 28 and 29 for more details.

Registration is required for Cuisine Corner. Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info/cuisinecorner or call 407.835.7323.

Featured Database of the Month:
Standard and Poor’s NetAdvantage
oclslinfo/learning-research
Buy, sell or hold? Acquire authoritative ratings of stocks, mutual funds and ETFs with Standard and Poor’s NetAdvantage. Explore profiles, analysis and predictions about thousands of companies and funds. From basic information for decision making to deep analysis for your strategic financial planning, you will find it all here.

Featured Resource of the Month:
Money Matters
libguides.ocls.info/moneymatters
Looking for investment information? Before you make your final decision to buy or sell, check out our Money Matters Guide! Find valuable databases, resources and websites to help you make sound financial decisions.

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.
Orlando Public Library Pokémon League
Orlando Public Library, Palm Room
Sundays, January 8 and 22, 3 p.m.
Calling all trainers! Join the official Orlando Public Library Pokémon League. Battle for fun or for glory with the Pokémon Trading Card Game, Pokémon video games and even Pokkén Tournament. Earn cool prizes, meet other trainers and have fun. Trainers of all ages and skill levels welcome. For more information, visit ocls.info/pokemon.

Introduction to Latin Dance
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m.
Learn basic Latin dance steps with instructor Ed Soto. From Salsa to the Cha Cha, Soto will show you fun dance steps that will get you moving.

CARING FOR BACKYARD CHICKENS
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, January 7, 3 p.m.
Having a small backyard flock of chickens is a growing trend in metro areas. Getting started with your own backyard chicken coop can be daunting, but the end result is rewarding. Veterinary Professional Laura Helseth will share her experience, offer tips and answer your questions.

Get Organized
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturday, January 14, 11 a.m.
Jane Cole, CPO of Happy Home Organizing Solutions, shares steps to tackle your organizing projects and reduce the clutter, chaos and stress in your life. For more information on Happy Home Organizing Solutions, visit happyhomeorganizing.com.

The Art of Henna
South Creek Branch
Monday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.
Join us as we explore the ancient art of henna with local henna artist, Tejal Patel. For adults 18 and over only. Seats are limited. To register visit ocls.info or call 407.835.7323. For more information, visit tejalhenna.com.

National Puzzle Day
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, January 29, 3–5 p.m.
Studies have shown that when we work on a jigsaw puzzle we use both sides of the brain. Spending time working on puzzles improves memory, cognitive function and problem solving skills. Join us for National Puzzle Day and put together a jigsaw puzzle with library staff and patrons.

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If you’ve ever wanted to try out a 3D printer, sing your heart out in a pro-style sound booth. Learn to take an incredible photo in a photography class. Download a digital page-turner from your comfiest couch. Trace your family roots years back. Treat the little ones to story time. Take a breather in a yoga class. Learn to knit or sew. Navigate tax season like a pro. Build a winning resume and nail an interview. Build a robot. You can. And it’s all free.

The Orange County Library System gives you everything you need to free yourself—to explore, escape the day and find something you love to do. Within 16 locations throughout Orange County, your public library has so much to offer and books are only the beginning. If you haven’t visited in a while, you might be surprised at all we have to offer; from classes, archives and a comprehensive children’s library to the Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation and Creativity at the Orlando Public Library, which boasts virtual reality classes, a recording studio, a fab-lab and more.

One visit and you’ll realize, it’s the same library that has been a pillar of your community for years, but it’s not the same old story.

FREE YOURSELF.
Sign up or renew your card at freeyourself.org/ocls and visit your local library to start using it.
New Year, New Hobby!
Looking to get creative? Check out these New Year, New Hobby! events near you to learn something new!

Sew More Than Basic
It's Sew Easy Camp: Wearable Electronics
Take the fashion world by storm! Learn everything you need to know to start sewing like a pro. Learn to sew your own back pack with LED lights built right in! Each session will be two hours. Students are required to wear closed-toe shoes to this camp. Supported by the City of Orlando Mayor's Matching Grant. Ages 11–17.

Knit It Level 2: Increases and Decreases
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, January 4, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 8, 2 p.m.
Friday, January 13 & 27, 10 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, January 14, 10 a.m.
Increase your knitting skills. Use increases and decreases to add a delicate edge to your work. Learn yarn overs, the knit-two-and decreases to add a delicate edge to your work. Learn yarn overs, the knit-two-and decreases to add a delicate edge to your work.

Knit It Level 3: The Rib Stitch
South Creek Branch
Thursday, January 5–26, 2 p.m.
Join us for our weekly knitting and crocheting club. All ages and levels are welcome. Please bring your own yarn and needles.

Knit It Level 4: The Rib Stitch
Orlando Public Library
Monday, January 23, 10 a.m.
Can you take a ribbing? Create a ribbed bookmark in your favorite colors. Learn the rib stitch to create two by two ribbing and how to block a finished project.

Learning is Fun-amental!
Edit your photos, design a logo and create tunes with Adobe programs. Learn the basics of these timesaving programs.

Adobe InDesign Fundamentals
InDesign is a popular publishing application used for designing print publications, interactive PDF documents, digital magazines and EPUBs. Design professional layouts and create marketing materials that transform your businesses communications. Develop a magazine catalog using frames, images, graphics and type tools.

Adobe Audition Fundamentals
Audition is an audio editing software that supports multi-track editing and is the beginner's choice for speeding up production for video, radio, music, games and much more. Remove unwanted sounds, arrange and mix clips and accomplish other common sound-editing tasks.

Adobe After Effects Fundamentals
After Effects is an industry-leading animation and compositing software used to create motion graphics and visual effects. 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.

Microsoft Excel 2016: Levels 1–4
Browse up on your skills and become familiar with new features in these productivity classes at a branch near you.

Microsoft Word 2016: Levels 1–4
Create polished and professional documents. Navigate the interface and apply basic word-processing techniques to create a formatted letter. Learn how to insert and customize SmartArt graphics, tables, charts and video. Organize information in your documents. Insert and format tables to display and calculate data. Finally, put your skills to the test as you format with themes and shading, organize topics with titles and headers and distribute the finished document through printing and sharing options.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016: Levels 1–3
Wowed by the audience with eye-catching presentations. Become familiar with basic presentation concepts and terminology. Learn how to create and format a basic presentation using templates, text and picture files. Then insert slide transitions, add animations and hyperlinks for a finished look.

Microsoft Project 2016: Levels 1 & 2
Planning your next work venture couldn't be easier with this project-planning software. Create a basic project plan, resource calendar, define resources and task dependencies. Explore the workspace, different views and the processes in planning, tracking and managing a project. Manage and track your project more effectively. Learn to work with different task dependency types and explore different options to resolve resource overallocation. Work with sorting and filtering options to improve the viewing and grouping of tasks and create baselines and milestones.

Tech Talks – Adobe Illustrator Fundamentals
Illustrator is a popular choice for creating logos or graphics that may need to be printed or displayed at different sizes. Create complex and attractive designs using shapes, images and text with special effects. Learn to draw and manipulate simple shapes, custom shapes, brush strokes, and text in unique ways.

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Exploring Electronic Music Production & Performance with DiViNCi
Wednesday, January 11, 5:30 p.m.
Take a dive into the world of beat machines, electronic music production and performance with special guest speaker, DIVING of legendary hip-hop group IssaQua. DiViNCi will discuss and demonstrate what has helped him on his journey from being a small-town bedroom producer to touring the world performing and working with artists such as Ms. Lauryn Hill. We will also open a Q&A on MIDI controllers, samplers and working with live production tools both on stage and in the studio.

Crafting with Electronics
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Sunday, January 8, 3 p.m.
Have you ever wanted to introduce electronics to your craft projects? Explore the possibilities in our Fab Lab with this hands-on introduction. Create a simple 20-minute project that you can take home while learning some of the basics of electronics and maker tools. A $2 materials fee does apply.

Sound Booth Fundamentals
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Monday, January 9, 11 a.m.
Interested in starting your own podcast? Record it right the first time! This class will help you use the acoustically treated Sound Booths and equipment to your advantage. Explore the use of spatial acoustics, microphones and preamps to create great recordings.

Makerspace Open Lab
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Thursday, January 19, 3:30 p.m.
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Interview with Sharon M. Draper

Sharon M. Draper is an award-winning author of more than 30 books for children, young adults and teachers, and winner of the prestigious National Teacher of the Year award.

Lorrie Taylor: Thank you for agreeing to come to Orlando to our libraries and the Zora Festival.

Sharon Draper: I’m really looking forward to this. Zora Neale Hurston is my hero. If not for Zora, I wouldn’t be doing what I do. She paved the way for African-American women writers in her own iconic way. She was brilliant—probably misunderstood by most—but she was powerful, pushy, dominant and excellent.

While I was writing (Stella by Starlight) I went back and read all of Zora’s writings. Her cadence, her dialogue, her way of grabbing a character in a story—the whole essence of Zora is infused into the story.

LT: You dedicated Stella by Starlight to your father.

SD: When my grandmother was little, she used to go outside and write in a notebook. This would have been around 1915, at a time when black people in general and girls in particular were not encouraged to get an education. She was a learner and a writer. Her only means of writing was in this little notebook. This was unusual in 1915. I didn’t know about the journal until after she passed away when my father gave me the remaining pages. My grandmother’s notebook was the inspiration for Stella.

LT: Let’s talk about Out of My Mind which was a Sunshine State Young Readers Award book for both 3-5 and 6-8th graders. I cheered for Melody.

SD: I write about ordinary kids who have trouble in school. This is the reality of the child who goes to school every day—that is Melody. I have known lots and lots of kids with disabilities. The truth is that so many of these kids are ignored, overlooked and underestimated.

LT: What message would you give to a child who says, “I hate to read?”

SD: I would say, “That’s okay, but let me give you this book. You don’t even have to finish it. Just read Chapter 1. You have to find the right book for each child. They need a reason to open the book that will have meaning to them.

LT: What advice would you give to your parents?

SD: If you read a book together, you never ever forget it. There are parents who say, “Your teacher said you have to read 30 minutes, so go upstairs and don’t let me see you again till 30 minutes are over.” It becomes a punishment. But if they turn it around and say, “Wow, it’s over 30-minutes time so let’s sit down and read together,” that becomes a learning experience.

Sunshine State Author: Sharon M. Draper

Author Event: Sharon M. Draper
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, January 26, 6 p.m.
Sharon M. Draper will lead from and discuss Out of My Mind, the Sunshine State Young Readers Award winner for 2011 for both elementary and middle grades. Draper has won numerous awards for her children’s and teen fiction; she is a five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Book Award, has been the National Teacher of the Year and received the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime literary achievement from the American Library Association. Draper’s latest book is Stella by Starlight. Registration recommended.

Teen Writer’s Workshop with Sharon M. Draper
Edgewater Branch
Friday, January 27, 3 p.m.
Award-winning writer Sharon M. Draper will lead a writer’s workshop for teens. Draper is the author of Out of My Mind, the Sunshine State Young Readers Award winner for 2011 for middle grades, Tears of a Tiger, an ALA Best Book for Young Adults, Romiette and Julio, listed by the New York Public Library as a best book for the Teen Age; Copper Sun, named one of the Top Ten Historical Fiction Books for Youth, and numerous other books for teens. Ages 11–18. Registration required.

OCLS Features Sharon M. Draper at the Zora Neale Hurston™ Festival of the Arts and Humanities (ZOAR™ Festival)
Eatonville Branch/ZORA™ Stage Saturday, January 28, 11 a.m.
The Orange County Library System brings author Sharon M. Draper to the ZORA™ Festival stage to read from and discuss her book (Stella by Starlight). Draper is a five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Book Award and the New York Times best-selling author of Out of My Mind. Admission to the ZORA™ Festival is $20 for adults and free for children.

The event takes place on the outdoor ZORA™ Festival stage behind the Eatonville Branch with a book signing to follow at the Eatonville Branch.

CHECK IT OUT: DINO INVASION AT LEU GARDENS!
January 1–29
Check out five items with your library card at any Orange County Library System location, January 1–29, and receive a voucher to admit one child for free with one paying adult for daytime garden admission. This promotion is only for OCLS juvenile cardholders (0–17 years) with a regular, property owner or fee card in good standing. In-person check out only. While supplies last. Vouchers will not be mailed. Not valid for previous checkouts, books by home delivery or e-book downloads. Vouchers are not valid for classes, tours or special events at Leu Gardens. Redeem voucher at Leu Gardens by March 31, 2017.

FESTIVAL STAGE BEHIND EATONVILLE BRANCH
EARLY LEARNING
AGES 0-5

So You Want to Learn a New Language?
North Orange Branch
Tuesdays, January 3–31, 11 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Wednesdays, January 11 & 25, 10:15 a.m.
Join us for a fun-filled language learning experience designed for your preschoolers with hands-on activities, songs and interactive technology using the Little Pim Database powered by Mango Languages. Registration required. Ages 3–5.

SMART Start
Orlando Public Library
Wednesdays, January 4 & 18, 10 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, January 9, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday January 19, 10:15 a.m.

Bible Playtime
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, January 4, 10:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, January 12, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, January 27, 10:30 a.m.
Help your child with their motor-development skills in this interactive bubble class. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers. Limited space available.

Fairytale Adventures
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, January 7, 11 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, January 10, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, January 12, 2 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, January 21, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, January 27, 11 a.m.
Explore the magical and imaginary world of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood through bilingual stories, songs and activities! Ages 3–5.

Book Character Classics
South Creek Branch
Saturday, January 7, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, January 12, 10:15 a.m.

Get Ready for K
Chickasaw Branch
Mondays, January 9, 23 & 30 &
February 6–20, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, January 10 – February 14, 10:15 a.m.
Preschoolers will hear songs and stories to help them begin learning the skills that they will need to start kindergarten. The series of six events will introduce reading, math, basic concepts, basic skills, health and safety and art. Ages 3–5. Registration is required. Call 407.835.7323 to register. Get more ideas for how to prepare your child at ocls.info/kindergarten.

Chinese Tales
Eatonville Branch
Monday, January 9, 10:30 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, January 12, 11 a.m.
Chinese Tales
Saturday, January 28, 11 a.m.
Enjoy animal fables, crafts and activities at this library celebration of Chinese tales. Ages 3–5.

Literacy & locomotion
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, January 11 & 25, 10 a.m.
Help your child learn by playing as we weave early literacy practices into fun interactive stories, songs, rhythm and dance. Ages 2-5. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Tea Party
Edgewater Branch
Friday, January 13, 10:15 a.m.

Toddler Spill & Fill
North Orange Branch
Friday, January 13, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, January 21, 11:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, January 21, 2:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, January 22, 2 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, January 30, 10:30 a.m.
Fill, spill, scoop and pour with your toddler at this event full of funnels, cups, a little mess and more! Ages 18 months to 3 years. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

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Parachute Play
Orlando Public Library
Monday, January 24, 10:30 a.m.
Join us with your toddlers for a special parachute playtime. Enjoy rhymes, songs and tons of parachute fun. Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Ages 18 months to 3 years.

Sunshine Storytime
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, January 28, 11 a.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. Ages 3–8. Registration required.

WAKE UP, BEAR!
Windermere Branch
Monday, January 9, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, January 25, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Friday, January 27, 11 a.m.
Have fun with bears and caves as we explore hibernation with stories, songs, crafts and more! Ages 3–5.

CHILLY CRITTERS
Southwest Branch
Sunday, January 28, 11:30 a.m.
Come play with us. Children of all abilities will have the opportunity to form friendships, develop an appreciation for individual differences and learn through role-playing, problem solving, imagination and exploration. This program is intended for children who prefer small group activities or have sensory, social or developmental challenges. Ages 3–8.

SAFETY SERVING
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, January 25, 11 a.m.
Did you know that monsters love to read? Join us for not-so-scary stories and crafts featuring our favorite monsters. Ages 3–5.

MAT TIME
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, January 18, 11 a.m.
Help your child begin learning the skills that they will need to start kindergarten. The series of six events will introduce reading, math, basic concepts, basic skills, health and safety and art. Ages 3–5. Registration is required. Call 407.835.7323 to register. Get more ideas for how to prepare your child at ocls.info/kindergarten.

baby Bash
Southwest Branch
Friday, January 13, 11:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, January 30, 10:30 a.m.
Bring your baby to our fun series where we will sing, play and work on developing motor skills. Ages 0–2.

Wishing for Winter
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, January 14, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate the season with cool activities. Ages 3–5.

Did you know that monsters love to read? Join us for not-so-scary stories and crafts featuring our favorite monsters. Ages 3–5.

Monsters Read, Too!
Edgewater Branch
Friday, January 13, 10:15 a.m.
Did you know that monsters love to read? Join us for not-so-scary stories and crafts featuring our favorite monsters. Ages 3–5.
Join our professional storytellers for storytimes designed to help your child develop early literacy skills through picture books, songs, finger plays, movement activities and more.

**TINY TALES** (ages birth – 18 months)
- South Creek Branch Mondays & Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
- West Oaks Branch Mondays, 11:15 a.m.
- Chuluota Branch Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
- Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
- North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
- Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.
- Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
- Alafaya Branch: Thursdays, 10:15, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- Southwest Branch: Thursday, 11:45 a.m.
- Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
- Orlando Public Library: Fridays & Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

**TODDLER TIME** (ages 18 months – 3 years)
- South Creek Branch Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- West Oaks Branch Mondays, 10:45 a.m.
- Chickasaw Branch Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- Herndon Branch: Tuesday, 10:45 a.m.
- North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
- Southwest Branch: Thursday, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
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- North Orange Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.

**STORYBOOK FUN** (ages 3 – 5 years)
- South Creek Branch Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- West Oaks Branch Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
- Chickasaw Branch Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
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**SCIENCE TUESDAYS**
- Winter Garden Branch Tuesdays, January 3–31, 6 p.m.
- Join us to make, create and build with hands-on activities. Registration recommended. Ages 6–12.

**KIDS’ CORNER**
- North Orange Branch Wednesdays, January 4–25, 11 a.m.
- Kids can create a fun craft each week! Ages 3–5.

**DROP IN CHESS**
- Orlando Public Library Wednesday, January 4, 2 p.m.
- Drop in for a game of chess at the library on the first Wednesday of each month. Chess sets are available for play and rules sheets are provided. All ages.

**CRAFTERNOONS**
- Winter Garden Branch Wednesdays, January 4–25, 3:30 p.m.
- Stop by the library for an hour of crafting fun with friends. Registration recommended. Ages 6–12.

**AFTERTIME ART**
- Edgewater Branch Wednesdays, January 4 & 18, 4 p.m.
- Alafaya Branch Wednesday, January 18, 3 p.m.
- Join us for an art adventure! Learn about a different artist and artistic style each time and then create your own masterpiece. Registration required. Ages 6–12.

**FAMILY ART NIGHT**
- Alafaya Branch Wednesdays, January 4–25, 6:30 p.m.
- Winter Garden Branch Wednesdays, January 11–25, 6:30 p.m.
- Explore art as a family with books and hands-on activities. In this four-week series, families will learn about a different art style each night and then recreate the art. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

**ARTSY TODDLER**
- Winter Garden Branch Thursday, January 5, 10:30 a.m.
- North Orange Branch Fridays, January 6 & 20, 11 a.m.
- Southwest Branch Monday, January 23, 10:30 a.m.
- Alafaya Branch Monday, January 23, 10:30 a.m.
- Orlando Public Library: Tuesdays & Saturdays, 10 a.m.

**DROP IN MELTED SNOWMAN BARK**
- Orlando Public Library Friday, January 27, 3 p.m.
- Join us for an event that will engage children and their caregivers in the art of yoga. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or towel. No registration required. Ages 4–10.

**VIDEO GAME ELEMENTS: LEVEL DESIGN**
- Alafaya Branch Saturday, January 14, 3 p.m.
- What makes a cool, challenging and interesting level? Learn the elements of level design by playing the classic Super Mario Bros. game! Design and draw your own level to challenge even the greatest gamers. Ages 8–14.

**MAKER MONDAY**
- Orlando Public Library Saturday, January 21, 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.

**GOOD MORNING YOGA**
- Orlando Public Library Saturday, January 21, 11 a.m.
- Join us for an event that will engage children and their caregivers in the art of yoga. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or towel. No registration required. Ages 4–10.

**STORYBOOK FUN** (ages 3 – 5 years)
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- North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- Southwest Branch: Thursday, 10:15 a.m.
- Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- Alafaya Branch Fridays, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.
- Orlando Public Library: Fridays & Saturdays, 10 a.m.

**STORYBOOK YOGA**
- Orlando Public Library Saturday, January 21, 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.

**LEARN TO WALTZ**
- South Creek Branch Tuesday, January 24, 2:30 p.m.
- A children’s introductory class to ballroom dancing and the waltz. Ages 6–12.

**THE GIFT OF MUSIC**
- Orlando Public Library Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.
- Come learn about music theory in a fun and informative way! Hear music, participate in a music-related game and learn about one of the library’s music-related databases. Ages 6–12.
**NEW YEAR'S AROUND THE WORLD**

Join us as we explore different New Year's traditions celebrated around the world! Ages 6–12.

- **Southwest Branch:** Monday, January 9, 5 p.m.
- **Herndon Branch:** Wednesday, January 11, 5:30 p.m.
- **Windermere Branch:** Monday, January 12, 4:30 p.m.
- **South Trail Branch:** Saturday, January 14, 2 p.m.
- **Tuesday, January 17, 3 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, January 18, 5 p.m.**

**A FROZEN SING-ALONG**

- **Chickasaw Branch:** Tuesday, January 3, 4:30 p.m.
- **Hiawassee Branch:** Tuesday, January 3, 3:30 p.m.
- **Windermere Branch:** Tuesday, January 3, 3 p.m.

**A VERY MERRY UNBIRTHDAY!**

- **Herndon Branch:** Tuesday, January 3, 3:30 p.m.
- **Southwest Branch:** Tuesday, January 3, 5 p.m.

**SUPERHERO SCIENCE ABBEY**

- **Hiawassee Branch:** Tuesday, January 3, 3:30 p.m.
- **Herndon Branch:** Tuesday, January 3, 5 p.m.
- **Southwest Branch:** Tuesday, January 3, 3:30 p.m.

**FOOD SCIENCE**

- **Eatonville Branch:** Tuesday, January 3, 3:30 p.m.
- **Herndon Branch:** Tuesday, January 3, 3 p.m.

**BRAIN FIT FOR KIDS**

- **West Oaks Branch:** Tuesday, January 3, 5 p.m.
- **Eatonville Branch:** Wednesday, January 4, 3:30 p.m.
- **Herndon Branch:** Thursday, January 5, 3:30 p.m.

**ABC FLASHcards**

- **Herndon Branch:** Thursday, January 5, 3 p.m.
- **Southwest Branch:** Thursday, January 5, 3:30 p.m.
- **Eatonville Branch:** Thursday, January 5, 2 p.m.
- **West Oaks Branch:** Thursday, January 5, 3 p.m.
- **South Trail Branch:** Thursday, January 5, 3 p.m.

**REACTORY FACTORY SAVES THE PLANET**

- **Healthway Branch:** Saturday, January 28, 2 p.m.

**CHINA AND THE CELEBRATION OF INVENTION**

- **West Oaks Branch:** Saturday, January 28, 2:30 p.m.
- **Winter Garden Branch:** Sunday, January 29, 2 p.m.

**Topsy Turvy Day**

- **Edgewater Branch:** Saturday, January 27, 11 a.m.
- **Alafaya Branch:** Saturday, January 27, 11:30 a.m.

**YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

- **South Creek Branch:** Saturday, January 28, 2:30 p.m.

**ANGEL 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.

**MEET CHIEF MINA OF THE ORLANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Meet Chief Mina of the Orlando Police Department at the Orlando Public Library on January 14!
A Better You
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, January 7, 2 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, January 26, 3 p.m.
Start the new year off right! Hang out and make a plan to build better self-esteem, a better future and a better you!

Keep Calm: It’s a New Year!
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, January 12, 3 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, January 14, 11 a.m.
Start the new year right! Learn tips for a better and healthier lifestyle and challenge friends to a mini-fitness contest.

DIY | 365
Windermere Branch
Thursday, January 19, 4 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, January 21, 2 p.m.
Create your own personal calendar with 365 ideas to keep you happy, healthy and active the entire year.

Nail Polish Art
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, January 25, 3 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, January 26, 6 p.m.
Experiment with colors on and off your nails as we craft and create with nail polish.

Duct Tape-tastic
South Trail Branch
Thursday, January 26, 4:30 p.m.
What can you do with duct tape? Explore with us and create your own unique pieces.

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Gross Out!
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, January 19, 3 p.m.
Is there a fungus among us? What goes in must come out! You can pick your nose, but we are going to pick your brain with trivia and activities all about gross-out science.

Nail Polish Party
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, January 18, 5:30 p.m.
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Save the Date

SUNDAY 12
FEBRUARY
2 - 4 P.M.

ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrate African-American literature in poetry, story and song, performed by local luminaries in conjunction with the 27th Annual National African-American Read-In. For more information, visit ocls.info/read-in.

STEP OFF

Break the Stage!
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, February 4, 2:30 p.m.
Step up your game for the 12th Annual Step Off competition! Local teams will put their best foot forward in a battle to be crowned the top step team around. Cash prizes sponsored by McCoy Federal Credit Union. Seating is limited.

ocls.info/stepoff
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

Hernndon 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
Sunday 1 pm - 6 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 & 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

Sunday Hours:

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.

ocls.info
407.835.7323

CLOSURES

Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday
The Orange County Library System will be closed Sunday, January 15 and Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday. All locations will resume normal hours on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

Cumpleaños de Martin Luther King Jr.
El sistema de bibliotecas del condado de Orange estará cerrado el domingo 15 de enero y el lunes 16 de enero debido a la conmemoración del Cumpleaños de Martin Luther King Jr. Todas las localidades abrirán a sus horas regulares el martes 17 de enero, 2017.

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