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Fun for kids at the library: Celebrate Earth Day, learn to make fluffy bunny cakes and more

National Library week takes place April 8 through April 14. To celebrate, the library is giving away one free ticket to WonderWorks to everyone who signs up in person for a new library card during those dates. Stop by any Orange County Library branch to sign up for a card – it only takes a few minutes and all you need is a driver’s license showing that you live in the library’s service area. This offer is not valid for library card renewals.

Join us from April 16-24 as various library branches celebrate Earth Day with nature-friendly stories, crafts and activities. Learn about all the ways we can help save our planet while having fun. On April 18, Cuisine Corner Junior presents Fluffy Bunny Cakes at the Orlando Public Library. The Publix Aprons Cooking School will create spring magic for teens and demonstrate how to turn ordinary cupcakes into a spring-inspired work of art. See below for more details.

Don’t forget: registration for our annual Summer Reading Program begins on April 2. This year’s theme is Libraries Rock. Beginning on April 2, families can visit the Summer Reading Program website at ocls.info/srp for details on all of the exciting events planned for the summer at the library. Highlights include concerts from Recess Monkey, FREE DAPS and Mr. Steve, as well as Potterversary, where we turn the Orlando Public Library into scenes from the Harry Potter books and movies.

If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, please feel free to contact us at 407-835-7323. You can also check for more library events online at www.ocls.info.

Celebrate National Library Week With WonderWorks!

All Locations: April 8–14

Celebrate National Library Card week with a free ticket to WonderWorks. Any Orange County resident who signs up for a new library card during National Library Week (April 8–14, 2018) will receive a ticket for free admission to WonderWorks. *This promotion is open to all ages during the week of April 8–14, 2018. While supplies last. Offer valid for in-person, new card registration only. Offer is not valid for library card renewal. Tickets are not valid for Saturday admission to WonderWorks. Tickets expire April 2019.*

Extreme BINGO

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

Monday, April 2, 4:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Thursday, April 5, 4 p.m.

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

Saturday, April 7, 2 p.m.

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

Thursday, April 12, 4 p.m.

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Thursday, April 19, 4:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Thursday, April 26, 3:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Monday, April 28, 2 p.m.

Bingo isn't just for our grandparents anymore! Test your skills and play for a chance to be crowned Bingo Master. Ages 11–18.

Peter Rabbit's Garden Party

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Tuesday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Friday, April 6, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Friday, April 6, 1:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Tuesday, April 10, 10:15 a.m.

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

Thursday, April 12, 11 a.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Friday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Wednesday, April 25, 11 a.m.

Peter Rabbit loves Mr. McGregor's garden and you will too at this wonderful garden party. Hop into the library for stories, crafts and a bunny good time! Ages 3–5.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Mug Recipes

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

Tuesday, April 3, 5 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Tuesday, April 10, 3:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden

Saturday, April 14, 2:30 p.m.

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

Wednesday, April 18, 4:30 p.m.

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

Wednesday, April 18, 5:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Monday, April 23, 3:15 p.m.

Prepare for a mini-meal lesson in adulting. Quick fix recipes, all in a mug! Ages 8–18.

One Book, One Community: *A Wrinkle in Time*

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

Wednesday, April 4, 4:30 p.m.

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

Wednesday, April 4, 5:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Thursday, April 5, 3:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Thursday, April 12, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Friday, April 13, 3 p.m.

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, April 14, 2 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden

Saturday, April 28, 2:30 p.m.

Take a trip with a timeless classic. Adventure through space and time with unearthly activities and challenges. Ages 6–12.

FIRST LEGO League Jr. Aqua Adventure Expo

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, April 7, 2 p.m.

Get pumped for the FIRST LEGO League Jr. Aqua Adventure Expo. See what students have learned about the important resource of water through LEGO building. Where does the water you use in your daily life come from and what happens on its way to you? Finish out the fun with simple science experiments and brick building.

Each year, FIRST LEGO League Jr. presents a new and exciting Challenge to ignite the creativity of children age 6 to 10. While exploring the real-world theme, teams use basic engineering concepts to build a model made of LEGO elements. For more information, visit ExplodingBacon.com/fljr.

The Central Florida Ballet Presents: *Alice in Wonderland*

Orlando Public Library, Library Central, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Sunday, April 8, 2 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Join Alice on a nonsensical adventure. The Central Florida Ballet will perform scenes from their presentation of *Alice in Wonderland*. This performance was created through a joint collaboration between former Cirque du Soleil artists and choreographers of the Central Florida Ballet. To learn more about the Central Florida Ballet, visit centralfloridaballet.com.

LEGO Block Party

Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden

Saturdays, April 14 & 28, 10:30 a.m.

Is there anything you can't build with LEGO? Let's find out! Join us for lots of building fun. We provide the LEGO, you provide the creativity. Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you. Registration required. Ages 6–12.

Earth Day, Hooray!

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Monday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden

Tuesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesday, April 18, 10 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Wednesday, April 18, 11 a.m.

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

Thursday, April 19, 11 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

Sunday, April 22, 2:30 p.m.

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Tuesday, April 24, 10:15 a.m.

Celebrate Earth Day with your little one with nature-friendly stories, crafts and activities. After all, it's never too early to start learning about protecting our planet! Ages 2–4.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Fluffy Bunny Cakes

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesday, April 18, 2:15 p.m.

As we hop into spring, what better way to welcome in the sunshine than with a bunnyrific cupcake! Come join Publix Aprons Cooking School as we show you how to turn a plain ol' cupcake into an animal work of art that you can eat too! Ages 8–18.

Central Florida Zoo presents ZOOper Heroes

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Thursday, April 26, 10:15 a.m.

Investigate the world of super heroes who have special animal abilities. From fact to fiction, we'll discover what kind of amazing adaptations it takes to be Spider-Man, Batman, Catwoman and more! Ages 6–12.

Seuss-a-bration

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturday, April 28, 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate the spectacular works of Dr. Seuss with this unique event, combining the various stories of Seuss through song and performance. Presented by Actors Reaching Out. Ages 2–6.

Sesame Street Storytime

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Monday, April 30, 10:30 a.m.

Come for a sunny day and join us as we enjoy stories, games and crafts from *Sesame Street!* Ages 2–5.

Small World: Afghanistan!

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

Monday, April 30, 4:30 p.m.

Travel with us as we explore our planet and discover unique cultures through activities, food, language and music. This month, discover Afghanistan! Ages 5–14.

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