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Mayor Buddy's Book Club features guest author Kenneth Oppel, plus other library events

On April 15, the Mayor Buddy's Book Club meets to discuss *Inkling* by Kenneth Oppel. Meet the bestselling author and two-time winner of the Canadian Library Association Book of the Year for Children Award. The event will take place over Zoom, with a book discussion and author talk, followed by a Q&A.

April 4-10, 2021 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. Celebrate with the library as we discover your new favorite book and a delicious treat on April 8 during Books and a Treat.

Save the date! The Summer Reading Program runs from May 30 – August 1 with some fun and educational virtual events for all ages. Registration open on April 1. Visit ocls.info/srp for more details.

These virtual events and more are available to you online for free with your Orange County Library card. If you have any questions about the information shared below, contact us at 407-835-7323. Check us out online at ocls.info for a complete listing of all library events.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Thursday, April 1, 2 p.m.

Have you ever grown your own vegetables? Explore the world of gardening through books, songs and crafts. Recommended for ages 3–5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4906634>

BizKids Club Online

Mondays & Wednesdays, April 5–April 28, 5–6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, April 20–May 13, 5–6:30 p.m.

Ready to become an entrepreneur? Join the BizKids Club, an instructor-led virtual program that introduces students ages 9–14 to the world of business and entrepreneurship. Engage in fun interactive activities to create a business plan, design marketing materials and pitch your business idea.

https://www.ocls.info/classes-events?search_api_views_fulltext=bizkids&sort_by=timestamp&page=1

Countdown to Kindergarten: Play With Your Food

Wednesday, April 7, 11 a.m.

Who says you can't play with your food? Strengthen important early literacy skills through food-themed stories, activities and a craft. Recommended for ages 4–5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4914925>

Growing Up WILD – Who Lives in a Tree?

Thursday, April 8, 11 a.m.

A tree is a busy place! Preschoolers will discover all the amazing animals that make their homes in trees. Recommended for ages 3–5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4879754>

Books and a Treat

Thursday, April 8, 4 p.m.

Discover your new favorite title with a book-tasting to celebrate National Library Week. Find a new book and try a tasty treat. Recommended for ages 13 – 18.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4883157>

Family Zumba

Saturday, April 10, 11 a.m.

Get your family moving with this energizing workout class! Learn basic Zumba moves to help you dance your way to fitness. Zumba uses dance aerobics to create a fun workout.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4798256>

Exploring WILD Careers

Tuesday, April 13, 4 p.m.

Love nature and need help deciding a career? We can help! Learn about rewarding careers in biology, wildlife management, land use and much more. Recommended for ages 13–18.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4879782>

Let's Write

Wednesday, April 14, 3 p.m.

Who wants to write their own short story? Join us as we creatively brainstorm and write a short story together! Recommended for ages 6–8.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4873750>

Mayor Buddy's Book Club End of Book Party

Thursday, April 15, 4 p.m.

Join Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club to celebrate the completion of the book, *Inkling* by Kenneth Oppel! There will be a live Q&A with the author. Recommended for ages 8–12.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4906649>

Earth Day, Hooray!

Tuesday, April 20, 11 a.m.

It's never too early to start learning about protecting our planet! Enjoy nature-friendly stories and crafts with your little one. Recommended for ages 3–5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4852564>

Fairytales STEM – Goats Need a Raft

Tuesday, April 20, 3 p.m.

The goats are ready to make a break for it. The old troll won't let them cross the bridge. Listen to the *Three Billy Goats Gruff* story with a twist and create a solution a raft for them to use.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4920991>

Cuentacuentos Kids: Rapunzel Loves Los Colores

Wednesday, April 21, 4 p.m.

Join us for this bilingual program. Let's learn the colors in Spanish with Rapunzel. Recommended for families with children ages 6–10.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4908524>

How Does a Seed Grow?

Thursday, April 22, 11 a.m.

With our little hands we can make a difference and care for our environment. Let's read, learn and play through a fun celebration for Earth Day. Recommended for ages 3–5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4841501>

Bounce Into Books

Tuesday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.

Introduce your baby to important early literacy skills through movement, music, rhymes and stories.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4908616>

Little Chef: Key Lime Pie Parfait

Friday, April 30, 2 p.m.

Crush and layer ingredients to make one of Florida's famous treats. This no-bake dessert will allow your little one to explore texture and new flavors.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4908105>

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