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SPRING BOOK SALE
MAY 18-21

Get ready for the most anticipated annual event of the year! The Orange County Library System’s Spring Book Sale returns on May 18-21, offering a wide selection of books, music, and more. Visit your nearest library branch to peruse the latest releases, find hidden gems, or simply enjoy the ambiance of a good book.

Library Locations
- Eatonville Branch
- South Trail Branch
- Central Library
- All branch libraries

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Thank you to our generous supporters and volunteers who make this event possible. We can’t wait to see you at the sale!
Shirley Wang, Vocalist/Pianist and Mark Looney, Pianist/Composer
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Friday, April 28, 12 p.m.
Ms. Shirley Wang and Mr. Mark Looney will perform folk songs and gospel music arrangements for the classical soprano voice, piano solos and duos of familiar tunes and original compositions arranged by Mr. Looney.

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Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m.
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Orlando Public Library, Library Central
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Celebrating the Genius of Women in the Arts Exhibition
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Through Sunday, April 23
The annual Celebrating the Genius of Women art exhibition features the finalists of the Women in the Arts Inc. Art Competition for local female artists. ocls.info/womeninthearts

Attention Middle and High School Educators- Learn and Earn $75 at Library U!
To learn more and apply, visit ocls.info/libraryu
Applications must be received by Saturday, April 15.

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 the 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
Orlando Public Library
101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801

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.
opportunities using career counseling, to explore the services they provide from CareerSource Central Florida Monday, April 24, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Monday, April 17, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Monday, April 10, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Chickasaw Branch Orlando Public Library, Learning Central Monday, April 3, 10 & 17, 10 a.m. Southeast Branch Mondays, April 3, 10 & 17, 10 a.m. Fridays, April 7 & 14, 10 a.m. South Creek Branch Thursdays, April 6 & 13, 10 a.m. West Oaks Branch Fridays, April 7 & 14, 10 a.m. AARP Volunteers will provide free income tax assistance. Attendees will need to have a valid ID, Social Security card, any tax forms and Annual Benefits Statements (if necessary). Attendees will be seen on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please visit aarp.org/taxaide Career Academy: Job Smart USA Orlando Public Library, Learning Central Tuesday, April 4–25, 2 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2 p.m. Join us in Learning Central for these recurring job and career-assistance events on the following topics: First Tuesday: Searching for Jobs Second Tuesday: Resume Writing Assistance Third Tuesday: Cover and Thank You Letters Fourth Tuesday: Interviewing Skills Second Friday: Q&A sessions on general job and career topics

AARP Income Tax Assistance Herndon Branch Mondays, April 3, 10 & 17, 10 a.m. Thursdays, April 6 & 13, 10 a.m. Southeast Branch Mondays, April 3, 10 & 17, 10 a.m. Fridays, April 7 & 14, 10 a.m. South Creek Branch Thursdays, April 6 & 13, 10 a.m. West Oaks Branch Fridays, April 7 & 14, 10 a.m. AARP Volunteers will provide free income tax assistance. Attendees will need to have a valid ID, Social Security card, any tax forms and Annual Benefits Statements (if necessary). Attendees will be seen on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please visit aarp.org/taxaide Career Academy: Job Smart USA Orlando Public Library, Learning Central Tuesday, April 4–25, 2 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2 p.m. Join us in Learning Central for these recurring job and career-assistance events on the following topics: First Tuesday: Searching for Jobs Second Tuesday: Resume Writing Assistance Third Tuesday: Cover and Thank You Letters Fourth Tuesday: Interviewing Skills Second Friday: Q&A sessions on general job and career topics

Laughter Lab: Laughter Yoga Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m. With the use of laughter, rhythm and light exercise, participants will learn to ignite endorphins and receive the positive physical and emotional-wellness benefits of laughter. The addition of simple improvisation exercises help build confidence and add a fun element to this class!

Recollections of a Cartoonist: Creating in Different Worlds Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m. Join us for a talk with cartoonist Glenn “Marty” Stein. Stein began creating editorial cartoons for the student newspaper The Independent Florida Alligator while attending the University of Florida in the 1980s. Through the 90s he was the editorial cartoonist for The Orlando Business Journal and The Apopka Chief. But in January 2000 Stein took a profound change in direction. For the next eight and a half years he drew cartoons for the Central Florida Spanish-language newspaper La Prensa, even creating an original comic strip. The subjects for his editorial cartoons were not restricted to Hispanic-related topics, but also dealt with events that affected all people at the state, national and international levels.

Invasive Plants & Wildlife Winter Garden Branch Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m. Invasive species have the ability to thrive and spread aggressively, choking out native plants and animals. Karianne Rivera of the Florida Conservation Corps, a division of the Florida Park Service, will discuss how invasive species end up in our environment and how they can negatively affect our entire ecosystem.

Wilderness Safety and First Aid North Orange Branch Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m. Karianne Rivera of the Florida Conservation Corps, a division of the Florida Park Service, will discuss how to stay safe while hiking or participating in water activities around the state. Know what to do if an injury occurs while you’re enjoying all the natural beauty our state has to offer.

Book a Pro: Digital Downloading Orlando Public Library, Learning Central Saturday, April 8, 8–22, 2 p.m. Learn how to add the OverDrive app to your device and use it to check out, download and enjoy an e-book or audiobook.

Community Yoga West Oaks Branch Sunday, April 9, 3 p.m. Step out of your comfort zone and join us for an experience you won’t forget! Studies show that regular yoga practice can strengthen muscles, improve bone density, increase cardiovascular health and reduce stress. All levels and body types are welcome. Bring comfy clothes, water and an open mind. Yoga mats will be provided. Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

The Basics of Training: How To Avoid or Recover From Common Piddles in Training Your Dog South Creek Branch Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m. Many behavioral problems in dogs can be prevented with proper care and training. Todd Campbell, owner of South Orlando Dog Training, would like to inspire you to train your rescue the right way with no force and no pain. Learn reward-based training methods that will make your new furry friend love to be with you and obey you. Please note pets are not permitted to attend.

Puzzle Party Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Wednesday, April 12, 6 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 to put together a jigsaw puzzle and flex your mental muscles.


Film Festival: The Fight for Earth Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Fridays, April 7–28, 11 a.m. Enjoy these Earth-friendly movies full of beautiful images and powerful themes about nature and the environment. 4/7: Wall-E 4/14: Chinatown 4/21: Gorillas in the Mist 4/28: A Civil Action

Florida Flora & Fauna Orlando Public Library, Library Central Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m. Discover the native wildlife and plants that Florida has to offer! Karianne Rivera of the Florida Conservation Corps will discuss how to stay safe while hiking or participating in water activities around the state. Know what to do if an injury occurs while you’re enjoying all the natural beauty our state has to offer.

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First Time Home Buyer Workshop
Hiaassee Branch
Saturday, April 15, 10:15 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
Learn about the home-buying process from start to finish in this first time home buyer class presented by Operation Home. Attendee will receive a certificate that meets the requirements for both Orange County and State of Florida Down Payment Assistance Programs. Operation Home Inc. is a nonprofit HUD certified Housing Counseling Agency. To learn more about Operation Home Inc. visit operationhope.org. Call or text Porsha Porter at 407.446.1931 or e-mail Porsha.Porter@OperationHOPE.org to register.

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Probiotics 101: Pickling your Veggies!
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, April 30, 1 p.m.
Known as fermenting, pickling or culturing the health benefits are immense. Probiotics are a necessity for keeping your gut healthy and pickling your veggies is one of the best, and yummiest, ways to achieve this. Presented by Trish Deer, trishdeer.eventbrite.com

Caring for Backyard Chickens
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, April 30, 2 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. Pet Care Professional Laura Helseth will share her experience, offer tips and answer your questions.

LIBRARY EVENTS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

Get Organized
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m.
Jane Cole, CFO 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

National Coin Week
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturday, April 22, 2 p.m.
This year marks the 100th anniversary of U.S. involvement in World War I. To honor the connection between numismatics and the military, “Conflict and Courage: Money and the Military” has been selected as this year’s theme for National Coin Week. The 94th annual event will focus on everything from ancient coins celebrating battles, to siege money of the Renaissance, to scrip, MPCs and commemorative coins around the world. Presented by the Central Florida Coin Club.

Plan(ing) Your Life: Habit Tracking
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, April 25, 6:15 p.m.
Using just a few tricks, you can use your paper planner to keep track of habits, household chores and more! Bring your planner and your favorite pens to learn how to create habit trackers using hand lettering and doodles to personalize your goals.

World Tai Chi and Qigong Day
Southwest Branch
Saturday, April 29, 10:15–11:30 A.M.
Celebrate World Tai Chi and Qigong Day! Join Sifu Alaki on this special day. Mr. Aki has over 10 years of experience in Tai Chi and Aikido. He is certified in the Yang Long form and teaches Tai Chi at the Lotus Yoga Center, Art of Fitness, Bay Hill Country Club and St. Luke’s United Methodist Church. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Reservation required. Ages 13 and up.

Comprendiendo los beneficios del Seguro Social
Southwest Branch
Marta, 4 de abril, 6 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Marta, 18 de abril, 6 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
miércoles, 19 de abril, 3 p.m.
El Seguro Social toca la vida de cada persona en América. El Seguro Social ayuda a las personas mayores, a los trabajadores incapacitados, a las familias en que un cónyuge o padre ha fallecido. Con beneficios de jubilación, incapacidad, y veudez, ayudamos a mejorar la vida de millones de personas. Obtener el sueño de una jubilación confortable es más fácil cuando se planifican asuntos financieros. Descubre tus beneficios en SeguroSocial.gov.

Understanding your Social Security Benefits
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, April 4, 3 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, April 10, 5 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, April 11, 5 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, April 18, 5 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, April 19, 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, April 25, 5 p.m.
Social Security touches the lives of every American. With retirement, disability and survivors benefits, Social Security improves the quality of life for millions, keeps the elderly out of poverty, and provides vital aid to our wounded warriors. Achieving the dream of a secure, comfortable retirement is much easier when you plan your finances. Topics covered in this seminar include retirement benefits, survivor benefits, disability and survivors benefits, Medicare. Discover your benefits at SocialSecurity.gov.

How Technology can Help Frail Elders Stay Safe in their Homes
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, April 4, 5 p.m.
Explore different technologies that are available to help you stay safe in your own home. This seminar is part of the LIFE Information for Seniors Seminar Series. Sponsored by Mike Flahaven, Certified Senior Housing Professional, Keller Williams Realty. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required. To register, call Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291. yourfloridahaven.com

Introduction to Pilates for Seniors
Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, April 11 & 25, 5 p.m.
Learn simple moves that will work your muscles, help alignment and encourage flexibility. Comfortable exercise or loose-fitting clothing required. Yoga mats are encouraged. Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info/nextchapter or call 407.835.7323.

Getting Started with Your Chickens: a Growing Trend in Metro Areas
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m.
Sarah Redd, eventbrite.com

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Preserving & Canning
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, April 30, 1–4 p.m.
Embrace the simple lifestyle and learn to become more self-sufficient at our homesteading workshops. Learn skills such as urban farming, organic gardening, food preservation and more. Visit with community organizations and participate in activities to help you get started.

Vegetable Gardening in Central Florida
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, April 30, 4 p.m.
Join Master Gardener Dena Wild from UF/IFAS Extension Orange County to learn the basics of growing vegetables in Central Florida.

About Senior Living Options
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, April 5, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Presenters from local communities will discuss senior and active adult lifestyles. It is an opportunity to understand what each living option offers and what type of community may best fit your needs as you grow older. Part of the Smarter Senior Seminar Series. Sponsored by Mike Flahaven, Certified Senior Housing Professional, Keller Williams Realty. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required. To register, call Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291. yourfloridahaven.com

What You Should Know About Senior Living Options
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Storytime for Grownups!
North Orange Branch
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Chickasaw Branch
West Oaks Branch
Mondays, April 3 & 17, 2 p.m.
Wednesdays, April 5 & 19, 2 p.m.
Wednesdays, April 10 & 24, 2 p.m.
Tuesdays, April 11 & 25, 2 p.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! Each branch will have a unique storytime. Be sure to check out your local branch for event details.
Visit ocls.info/latinoliterature to 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.

Did you know you can take free language learning classes at the library? Attend an ESOL 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.

Open Language Lab including ESOL
Various Locations
Explore and learn English or another language of your choice via computer-based learning in an open language lab. Choose from ELLIS, Mango Languages or Rocket Languages. Please check the calendar for language-learning opportunities, dates and time, at your local branch.

North Orange Branch
South Creek Branch
Southeast Branch

Practice Makes Perfect
Various Locations
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.

North Orange Branch
South Creek Branch
Southeast Branch

Soy Culto y Soy Bilingüe
Southeast Branch
Six-week English language workshops for intermediate to advanced speakers. The workshops focus on building practical English that you can use every day. Classes meet once a week for six weeks. Facilitated by University of Central Florida School of Teaching, Learning and Leadership.

Improve Your English Conversational Skills
Southeast Branch & Hiawassee Branch
Improve your English conversational skills, vocabulary, pronunciation and comprehension by reading a book. This event is presented through a partnership between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League. Walk-ins welcome. For more information, call 407.422.1540 or visit adultliteracyleague.org.

Improve Your Reading and Writing Skills
Hiawassee Branch
Improve your English reading and writing skills. Job searching and interviewing requires strong English language skills. Come with us to practice and chat with others.

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Read and Learn Italian
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Mondays, April 3–24, 5 p.m.
Improve your Italian with this free series focusing on articles and express yourself about the vibrant life and culture of Italy as read aloud and explained by native speaker and Professor Donatella via i-italianizeyou.com. This series is geared towards intermediate and advanced level students.

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Southeast Book Club
Southeast Branch
Monday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.
This month we will discuss Girl Waits with Gun. Author Amy Stewart entertains us with a novel based on the true story of Constance Kopp, one of our country’s first female deputy sheriffs.

Hiawassee Book Club
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, April 11, 6:30–8 p.m.
In April we will discuss The Couple Next Door by Shari Lapena. Anne and Marco Conti seem to have it all—a loving relationship, a wonderful home and their beautiful baby, Cora. But one night while attending a dinner party next door, a terrible crime is committed. Suspicion immediately focuses on the parents. But the truth is a much more complicated story.

Southwest Book Club
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Tuesday, April 25, 7–8:45 p.m.
Join the Southwest Book Club to discuss this month’s selection, A Mother’s Reckoning: Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy by Sue Klebold. Klebold recounts her daily journals and the difficult writings and video recordings left behind by her son, Dylan, leading up to the tragic shooting at Columbine High School. Her candid narrative explores how potential warning signs were missed and shares insight into how other families might recognize them. Ages 18 and up.

12th Annual Southwest Author Series
Southwest Branch
Friday, April 7, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for the 12th Annual Southwest Author Series, presented in partnership with The Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips. International bestselling novelist Kristin Harmel will speak as the event’s featured author. Books will be sold by Bookmark It and a signing will follow the program. Light refreshments will be served.

Love Across Sub-Genres
Aafaya Branch
Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for an evening with Ellia Hyder, author of the contemporary romance series set in Whipping Bay. The authors will share insights and experiences as writers and readers of the romance genre. Whether your reading preference is grounded in reality or you prefer otherworldly experiences, romance novels are the place where happily ever after is guaranteed. Enjoy a Q&A, giveaways, book sale and signing. Hosted by Loreleis Lit Lair.

National Poetry Month
Chickasaw Branch
Sunday, April 9, 1:30–3 p.m.
Celebrate National Poetry Month—in the year of the fabled franchise has not only been a force at the box office, but also a healing force for its legion of fans throughout the years. Join Allen Callaci, author of Heart Like a Starfish, and most recently in the journey of cancer patient Daniel Fleetwood’s family’s quest for an advanced screening of The Force Awakens late last year. Join Allen Callaci, author of Heart Like a Starfish and recent heart transplant patient, for a look at the healing power of The Force.

12th Annual Southwest Author Series
Southwest Branch
Saturday, April 29, 3–4:30 p.m.
“Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words”— Robert Frost Celebrate National Poetry Month with local poets who will read selections of their work.

Crafting Strong Characters
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.
Behind every good book is a good protagonist—but where would even the best main character be without a solid supporting cast? Author Heather Startup will teach you how to craft strong characters that leave an impression on your readers and stay with them for years to come.

Facebook Ads for Authors
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturday, April 22, 4 p.m.
Facebook advertisements are a powerful marketing tool used by authors to sell books and build their readerships. Authors H. D. Smith and Violet Howe will provide a step-by-step guide to creating a Facebook ad, including how to select a budget and target an audience.

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Vegetarian Foods for Energy
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Monday, April 17, 5:15 p.m.
Join Anna Marie at beautyandthebeets.com as she discusses easy vegetarian recipes to spark your energy. Space is limited. Registration required.

Table for Two
Windermere Branch
Thursday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.
Award-winning cookbook author, Warren Caterson, shares dozens of kitchen tips, cooking hints and humorous anecdotes about the joys and challenges of cooking. Chef Warren will demonstrate how easy it can be to cook for two, using fresh and readily available ingredients. A book sale and signing will follow the event. For more information, visit tablefortwocookbooks.com.

Food 101: Herbs & Spices
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.
The Food 101 series introduces you to a new topic every month, examining the historical and social significance of what we eat. In April, learn about spices and herbs used the world over. Samples limited. Registration required.

Cooking with the Family
Herndon Branch
Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m.
Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will prepare an easy recipe that you can fit into your family’s busy schedule by preparing ahead of time. Yamira will share tips on how to involve the family in planning and making this delicious meal. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit bbwmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

One Pot Stir Fried Rice
South Trail Branch
Monday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.
Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will demonstrate how to create delicious meals using a wok. Learn to make stir-fried rice, a simple but tasty dish you can even make with leftovers. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit bbwmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

Springtime Rice Krispies Treats
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, April 1, 2:30 p.m.
Learn to turn a classic delight into your next springtime treat! Ages 8–18. Registration required.

Cupcake Decorating
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, April 20, 3 p.m.
Decorate your very own treat as we explore the delicious world of cupcakes! Ages 8–18. Space is limited. Registration required.

Registration is required for Cuisine Corner. Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info/cuisinecorner or call 407.835.7323.
Using Gedmatch.com to Further Explore Your DNA Test Results
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, April 05, 6:30 p.m.
Gedmatch.com is a free website for people who have tested their autosomal DNA for genealogical purposes. Learn to navigate the website and see how their tools can help you further analyze your DNA and connect with your match results.

NGSQ Study Group
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.
Interested in furthering your genealogical research skills? Then the NGSQ Study Group is for you! The conversation will focus on research techniques presented in the article as well as the logic patterns used to find a solution to the genealogical problem. The NGSQ is available in the library’s collection at the West Oaks Branch. April’s article will be Laurel T. Bay’s, “Aaron Strickland’s North Carolina Origins” National Genealogical Society Quarterly 104 (March 2016): 21–37.

Connecting with Cousins: Exploring Your atDNA Test Results
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, April 20, 11 a.m.
If you have received your autosomal DNA test results and are wondering what to do next, this program is exactly what you need. Explore the best way to begin analyzing and working with your DNA matches. Learn pitfalls to watch out for and discover how to make your DNA work for you.

Diggin’ It!: A Genealogy Research Open Forum & Book Club
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, April 22, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Join us for monthly club meetings where we support and encourage each other for continued progress in our genealogy research, enjoy guest speakers, discuss assigned readings and progress toward publication of your genealogy. Our club motto “Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.”

Maximizing Your Ancestry Search Results
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.
Feeling frustrated because you can’t find what you need on Ancestry? Come learn how to navigate Ancestry in a whole new way that will have you discovering all kinds of information on your family!

Researching Your Revolutionary War Patriot
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, April 29, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
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.

Baby Relaxation
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.
Local doula team, Mommy’s Wombmate LLC, will teach basic relaxation techniques to help soothe your baby into a more peaceful state. Topics will include baby relaxation, aromatherapy and other methods to help you and baby achieve a calm balance.

Featured Database of the Month: Gale Literary Sources
ocls.info/learning-research
Get an “A” on your English paper with Gale Literary Sources! Explore novels, short stories and poetry with full text articles. Use tools to help you find a topic to interpret and discuss themes, plot, characters and more by using the best source around.

Featured Resource of the Month: The Arts
libguides.ocls.info/arts
Inspired by the creative expression of music, theater, dance, poetry and art? Visit the Arts Resource Guide to find musical performances and cultural events taking place at the library. Discover local music venues, theaters, art exhibits and museums and check out library materials about performing, literary and visual arts for your enjoyment and enrichment.

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.

Featured Video: LEGO Contest 2016
ocls.info/videos
Our annual LEGO Contest was a huge success! 48 very talented kids showcased their LEGO creations at the Orlando Public Library. Thanks to our partners: LEGOLAND, iBrick Academy, WonderWorks, K&H Brick Supply, Exploding Bacon, NAWC and the Central Florida Fair. Save the date for next year’s contest: December 2, 2017! Visit kids.ocls.info for more kids’ events at the Orange County Library System.
Southwest Art Club: Collage Workshop
Southwest Branch
Saturday, April 1, 1:00–3:30 p.m.
Create a beautiful drawing and collage following step-by-step instructions. Learn to combine textures and colors to create a balanced design based on the instructor’s art samples. Materials provided. Registration required. Ages 18 and up. Suggested donation $15. Cash or check only. Checks made to Women in the Arts Inc. To learn more about Women in the Arts Inc, visit womenintheartsinc.org.

Stress Buster Coloring
Southwest Branch
Monday, April 3, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 12, 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

Family Coloring
Washington Park Branch
Tuesday, April 4, 6–7:45 p.m.
Gather the family and join us for some coloring fun. All supplies provided. All ages are welcome.

Creative Coloring for Adults
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturday, April 8, 3 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, April 24, 6–8 p.m.
Coloring is a great way to relax and unwind while channeling your inner child. Join us for a fun time of creating and coloring. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite colored pencils or markers. Ages 18 and up.

Pizza and Painting
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, April 13, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Join us for a night of whimsical painting and scrumptious pizza! Orlando artist Megan Steward will lead an instructional painting class that will allow you to explore your creativity. All supplies will be provided. Pizza courtesy of Julia’s Pizza, juliaspizza.net.

DIY Glass Painting
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, April 20, 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy your favorite summertime beverage in a glass hand-painted by you! Paint and glassware will be provided, all you need to bring is your creativity. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Making a Word Collage
Southwest Branch Library
Wednesday, April 26, 10:15–11:45 a.m.
Choose words and phrases from old magazines to create a word collage with a colored background using pastels and watercolor paint. Reveal a part of yourself that wants to be known and accepted! All supplies provided. Ages 18 and up. Limited supplies. Registration required. Part of the Healing Arts Series at Southwest Library.

OCLS Loves Orlando Instagram Challenge
April 1–30
Get out and explore Orlando! Snap photos throughout April and tag them with #ocslovesorlando. We will repost our favorite submissions on our Instagram account, @ocls.

1. Weird Florida
2. Your Happy Place
3. Find a Rainbow Day
4. Favorite Lunch Spot
5. Your Current View
6. Giving Back to Orlando
7. Your Favorite Building
8. Orlando Hidden Gem
9. Bookshelfie
10. Your Library Card
11. Your Local Library
12. A Colorful Character
13. Favorite Reading Spot
14. What I’m Reading
15. Local Shopping
16. Local History
17. Favorite Coffee Shop
18. Favorite Local Team
19. Orlando Runfiltered
20. Local Art Scene
21. #bookfacefriday
22. Local Park
23. Orlando Love
24. Local Cuisine
25. Your Neighborhood
26. Street Art
27. Favorite Bakery
28. Downtown Orlando
29. Local Activity
30. Library Magazine Creation
Join the Krew!
Check out exciting events, hands-on classes and fun activities. Become a part of the Krew today to see how you can create something new. Registration for June classes begins Saturday, April 1. Visit ocls.info/techkrew to discover how you can plug in.

Write a Business Letter
The few letters that you will write will probably be very important ones. Take the opportunity to equip yourself with an important life skill by learning acceptable ways to write a business letter. Learn the best practices for using Microsoft Word to format and edit your letter. Ages 13-17.

Web Design Camp

Improve Your Job Interview Skills
Learn about the interview process and what you can do to better prepare yourself for the big day! Become familiar with popular websites that provide supporting information. Ages 13-17.

It's Sew Easy: Tote Bags
Want to take the fashion world by storm? We will teach you everything you need to know to start sewing like a pro. Learn to sew your own tote bag from start to finish using patterns, fabric of your choice and professional sewing machines in this five-day camp. Each session will be two hours. Students are required to wear closed-toe shoes to this camp. Ages 6-8 and 9-12.

Launch Orlando
Launch Orlando provides a place for professionals to meet, network and grow together. Our monthly meetups include informative presentations and hands-on practice with topics ranging from writing business plans, developing budgets, creating presentation materials, practicing elevator pitches and even launching websites. Visit meetup.com/LaunchORL for more information.

Your New Site
Learn how to build your own website. Start with the Create Websites Using WordPress class. WordPress.com offers many options for customizing your site. Already know your way around WordPress, but you have a question about the class? Register for the WordPress Open Lab to continue to work on your site.

Learn on the Go
Want to brush up on your Excel skills, but can’t find the time? Check out our live online classes available during your lunch from the comfort of your own desk. An instructor will guide you through the lesson and answer your questions. Just mind the crumbs in the keyboard!

Improve Your Image
Register for Photoshop Levels 1-5 at a library near you to learn the functionality of Photoshop. Become familiar with using selection and editing tools. Learn how to use layers, layer masks, free transform tools and text tools. Add layer styles, custom shapes, gradients and photo filters in this exciting series of classes.

NEW! Crochet It Level 1
Start crocheting today! Create a unique coaster in your choice of color. Learn to chain, single crochet and fasten off your work. No experience necessary.

NEW! Crochet It Level 2
Add new stitches to your repertoire! The double and half double crochet stitches are great for blankets, hats, scarves and sweaters. Create a mug rug using these two new stitches.
Melrose in the Mix: Live Recording Session
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, April 1, 3:30 p.m.
Join us for the first in a series of intimate, live, in-studio recording performances as Orlando singer-songwriter Beth McKee brings her assembled Swamp Sistas Songwriter Circle to the Melrose Center Audio Studio for a special afternoon session. Beth will be joined by Hanna Harber, Renee Arozqueta and Ka Mallinalli, as the Circle takes turns performing original material and accompanying one another before a small studio audience—all while being recorded.
For more information on Swamp Sistas Songwriter Circle visit SwampSistas.com.

Tech ‘N Color
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Sunday, April 2 & 16, 4 p.m.
Relax while coloring stunning digital paintings using pen and tablet technology! Join our fun and casual atmosphere with instructor assistance.

WhizKids: Saturday in the Fab Lab
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturdays, April 8–29, 9:30 a.m.
Each Saturday morning in April, the Fab Lab hosts a different WhizKids class. Learn to build electronic models that recreate space technology, explore the basics of electromagnetism and radio electronics and create simple machines that move. It’s fun with engineering! Ages 9–12.

DIY Submersible Camp
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturdays, April 8–22, 11 a.m.
Build a remote-controlled submersible using simple electronics, PVC piping and connectors. Learn a brief history of submersibles, what buoyancy is and how ballast affects underwater vehicles in this three-day camp. Test your submersible controls and ballast in an aquatic environment. Space is limited. Registration required. Ages 11–13.

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Beth McKee, Orlando singer, songwriter and pianist, brings a crew of dazzling talent, assembled as The Swamp Sistas Songwriter Circle, to the Melrose Center on Saturday, April 1. Their unique, in-the-round, acoustic performance (see page 22 for event details) is part of her original series of regional tour stops, introducing a cream of the crop collective of Southern female singers and songwriters.

“The Swamp Sistas Songwriter Circle provides a showcase for each musician’s repertoire, but we like to occasionally chime in,” Beth explains. The result is an intimate platform for collaborative female entertainers of the South.

Sitting in the Circle with McKee for the recording session, which will be in front of a live audience, are Hannah Harber, Renee Arozqueta and Ka Mallinalli. The recorded song will be offered for download as a “thank you” to donors of the upcoming La La Summer Hope drive, hosted by the Swamp Sistas, to raise money for Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. Funds raised will help feed hungry local kids over the summer, when no school breakfast or lunch for many.

La La Summer Hope will launch in April and culminate on Saturday, May 20 at the Swamp Sistas La La at Orlando’s legendary Fringe Theatre Festival, in Loch Haven Park.

With Swamp Sistas Songwriter Circle performances in four Southern states so far, McKee is proud of the momentum. “The Swamp Sistas Songwriter Circle is a powerful vehicle for Southern female songwriters to gig, collaborate and share our projects and followers. We are developing a regional, original-music enclave, a shot in the arm, for songwriting women of various ages, stages and musical styles, and collaborating along the way.”

Thus kicks-off the seventh year of the Swamp Sistas, a grassroots social movement, begun by Beth McKee in 2010. “You could say we’re activists,” Beth notes, “but more accurately, in this arts and culture era, characterized by independent strength and surgical communication skills, I’d say we’re inter-activists.”
CELEBRATE SPRING WITH FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.
Visit ocls.info/Family-Fun for upcoming events. Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Call 407.835.7323 to register.

YOUTH EVENTS

ArtReach
Windermere Branch
Saturday, April 1, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, April 8, 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, April 8, 3 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Monday, April 10, 10:15 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, April 15, 1 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, April 22, 2:30 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, April 28, 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate with local artists as they lead workshops that foster creativity and empower children to use art as a way to make positive change! Ages 6–12.

Center Ring Spectacle
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, April 6, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m.

It is part show, part instruction and all fun! Begin with a mini performance followed by training for all in juggling and plate spinning. Presented by Orlando Youth Circus. Ages 6–12.

Healthy Herb
Washington Park Branch
Friday, April 7, 10:15 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m.

Join us for singing, dancing and fitness fun with Healthy Herb! Ages 6–12.

Mad Science Live Fire & Ice
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, April 11, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m.

Everyone will be dazzled and entertained as they interact with Mad Scientists! Be amazed as you learn about chemical reactions, dry ice and the states of matter. Ages 6–12.

Dramatic Disney
North Orange Branch
Friday, April 28, 11 a.m.

Students will learn choreography to Disney songs all accompanying a scripted musical to be performed at the end of the session. Presented by Dramatic Education. Grades K–3.

Central Florida Zoo presents Best Bet for Pets
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, April 1, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, April 14, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Saturday, April 22, 2 p.m.

What kind of pet would you like? Maybe a tiger or a really big snake? What’s wrong with having a wild animal as a pet? It’s “wild vs. domestic” in this up-close look at the best bet for a great pet. Ages 6–12.

YOUTH EVENTS

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Celebrate Your World with Poetry: Kids’ Poetry Contest
All Locations: April 1–29
Celebrate your world with poetry! Write a poem about anything in the world or out of it and enter to win! Pick up an entry form at any Orange County Library System location or print one from kids.ocls.info. Deadline for entries is April 29. Winners will be notified by phone no later than May 6. Winners must have a juvenile Orange County regular, property owner or fee card in good standing to be eligible to win. Ages 6–12.

Our Summer Reading Program is coming soon!
Sign up for technology camps and classes to create video games, mix music, build robots, harness solar power and much more. Attend special events at all library locations featuring live performances, science, engineering, animals, arts and storytelling. Log reading days, track library activities and submit book reviews online to earn virtual badges. Enter our Grand Prize Drawing at the end of summer to win bicycles, attraction tickets and more!

SUMMER REGISTRATION
ocls.info/srp

April 1
Kids and Teen Summer Reading Program website goes live. Registration opens for all Summer Reading Program events. Registration opens for Melrose Camps and Technology Classes taking place in June.

May 1
Registration opens for Melrose Camps and Technology Classes taking place in July and August.
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.
Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
Alafaya Branch: Thursdays, 10:15, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 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: Tuesdays, 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.
Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Alafaya Branch: Fridays, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library: Fridays & Saturdays, 10 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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**STORYTIME**
Join us for storytimes designed to help your child develop early literacy skills through picture books, songs, finger plays, movement activities and more.

**EARLY LEARNING**

### Blinking Lights
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, April 1, 7 a.m.

### Fun & Easy Spanish for Kids
Orlando Public Library
Monday, April 3, 3–24, 10:30 a.m.
Join us for a fun-filled language learning experience designed for your preschooler with hands-on activities, songs and interactive technology using our Little Pim Database (Powered by Mango Languages). Registration required.

### BAKE ME A CAKE
Orlando Public Library
Monday, April 24, 10:30 a.m.
This interactive storytime features a storytime, craft, and a sweet treat! Ages 3–5.

### Get Ready for K
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, April 4 – May 2, 10:15 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, April 4 – May 9, 10:15 a.m.
Washington Park Branch
Mondays, April 17 – May 22, 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 required.

### Bubble Playtime
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, April 5, 10:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, April 7, 10:30 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, April 7, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, April 20, 11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Help your child with their motor-development skills in this interactive bubble class. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers. Limited space available.

### Feelings Faces
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, April 5, 10:30 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Thursday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, April 26, 10 a.m.
Have a great time exploring feelings and emotions with your preschooler. Ages 18 months – 5 years.

### Do You Suppose She’s a Wildflower?
Orlando Public Library
Monday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.

### SMART Start
Alafaya Branch
Monday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, April 5, 10 a.m.

### Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.

### Cardboard World
Alafaya Branch
Monday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.
Play in our cardboard city! Crawl through tunnels, interact with sensory boards, zoom in cardboard cars and climb into our cardboard houses. Ages 1–3.

### Puppet Show & Craft
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.
Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create then enjoy a puppet show and a craft! Ages 2–6.

### Mad Hatter Tea Party
North Orange Branch
Thursday, April 13, 11 a.m.
It’s time for a wacky tea party fit for the Mad Hatter himself! We’ll have stories, games, crafts and refreshments. Ages 3–5. Registration recommended.

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### Literacy & Locomotion
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, April 12, 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.

### Book to Boogie
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Friday, April 14, 11 a.m.
Shake, rattle and roll as we dive into picture books and engage in dance and movement activities. Ages 2–5.
**EARLY LEARNING continued**

**Earth Day Birthday**
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m.
Celebrate Earth’s birthday with stories, games and activities to honor our planet on her special day! Ages 3–5.

**Earth Day, Hooray!**
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, April 22, 11:30 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.

**Help the Earth**
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, April 18, 11 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Friday, April 21, 10:30 a.m.
You’re not too little to help the Earth! Let’s celebrate Earth Day with stories and crafts that honor our planet. Ages 3–5.

**Mommy & Me Playtime**
Chicksaw Branch
Thursdays, April 13 & 27, 11 a.m.
Parents get to meet other parents with young children while playing at the library. Ages 0–5.

**Baby Bash**
Southwest Branch
Friday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, April 17, 11:15 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, April 24, 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.

**Be My Neighbor?**
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m.

**Storybook Yoga**
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, April 15, 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.

**Parachute Play**
Southwest Branch
Monday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.
Chicksaw Branch
Monday, April 24, 10:30 a.m.
Childcare Play
Wednesday, April 19, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.
You and your toddler are invited to a special parachute playtime. Enjoy rhymes, songs and tons of parachute fun. Ages 18 months – 3 years. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

**Toddler Playground**
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.
Toddlers use unstructured play to advance their physical and cognitive development and to have FUN! This drop-in event will feature age-appropriate toys for children and their caregivers to use for play and learning. Ages 1–3.

**Pretend You’re a Cat and Other Tales**
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, April 21, 11 a.m.
Enjoy some cat-tastic stories about our furry feline friends. Ages 2–5. Registration recommended.

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**Painting with Scissors**
Chicksaw Branch
Saturday, April 1, 11 a.m.
Learn about famous artist Henri Matisse and create your own bold and colorful work of art inspired by his cut-paper technique. Ages 6–12.

**American Girl Party**
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m.
You and your doll are invited to a party celebrating Gabriela, the newest American Girl doll! Create crafts, play games and learn about Gabriela’s passions: poetry and the arts. Ages 6–12.

**Follow That Turtle**
Chicksaw Branch
Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m.
Sea turtles are survivors of the great age of dinosaurs. Yet today they are threatened with extinction. Learn about these ancient reptiles and what you can do to protect them. Ages 6–12.

**Robots Remixed**
North Orange Branch
Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m.
Tinker with different robots, games and toys both on and off the screen to learn the basics of writing code. Ages 4–12.

**Robot Party**
South Creek Branch
Saturday, April 1, 2–4 p.m.
This four-week series will help kids learn or improve their Spanish skills through music and games focusing on listening comprehension, pronunciation and spoken Spanish. Ages 6–12. Registration required.

**Stem For Kids!**
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, April 8, 4–25, 4 p.m.
Learn about the water cycle and properties of water with fun science experiments and demonstrations. Ages 6–12.

**It Came From an Egg**
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, April 18, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
Join us to make, create and build with hands-on activities. Ages 6–12.

**Science Tuesdays**
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, April 4–25, 6 p.m.
Join us to make, create and build with hands-on activities. Ages 6–12.

**Drop In Chess**
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, April 5, 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 rule sheets are provided. All ages.

**Crafternoons**
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesdays, April 5–26, 3:30 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, April 13, 3:30 p.m.
Stop by the library for an hour of crafting fun with friends. Ages 6–12.

**It Came From an Egg**
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, April 5, 5 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, April 8, 2:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, April 11, 5 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, April 18, 4:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursday, April 20, 3:30 p.m.
Learn about the water cycle and properties of water with fun science experiments and demonstrations. Ages 6–12.

**Pinkylicious Storytime with the Orlando Shakespeare Theater**
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m.
Join us for a special interactive storytime with the Orlando Shakespeare Theatre’s cast of Pinkylicious: The Musical. To see the entire production of Pinkylicious: The Musical playing at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater through May 7, visit OrlandoShakes.org for show times and tickets.
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**Tree Huggers**
- Windermere Branch
- Eatonville Branch
- Edgewater Branch
- Orlando Public Library

Breathe in, breathe out and now thank a tree! Discover a whole new appreciation for trees and their importance to the world. Ages 6–12.

**Spring Eggstravaganza**
- North Orange Branch
- Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m.
- Bring your basket and a friend to the egg-optional spring Egg Hunt! Find eggs, eggs and more eggs.

**Sensory-Friendly Family Film**
- Orlando Public Library
- Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m.
- Celebrate National Autism Awareness Month with an inclusive screening of a family favorite movie! Ages 6–12.

**Moana**
- South Creek Branch
- Friday, April 28, 3 p.m.
- Family favorite movie! Ages 6–12.

**DIY Egg Terrarium**
- Southwest Branch
- Saturday, April 22, 2 p.m.
- Drop in and have fun celebrating the Earth Day today and every day! Ages 6–12.

**Earth Day Celebration: The Lorax**
- Herndon Branch
- Thursday, April 20, 3:30 p.m.
- Join us for crafts and a showing of The Lorax. Ages 6–12.

**DIY Egg Terrarium**
- Herndon Branch
- Thursday, April 20, 3:30 p.m.
- Find out how you can save the planet and help us celebrate Earth Day with nature. Ages 6–12.

**Easter Storytelling**
- Windermere Branch
- Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m.
- Join us as we chart our way through the night sky, discovering spring’s constellations with crafts and activities for the young astronaut. Ages 6–12.

**Good Morning Yoga!**
- South Creek Branch
- Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m.
- Engage in the art of yoga! Bring a yoga mat or towel and wear comfortable clothing. Ages 4–10.

**Cuisines Corner Junior: The Lorax**
- Eatonville Branch
- Monday, April 24, 3 p.m.
- Celebrate Earth Day and learn the secret of the Lorax. Join us for crafts and a showing of The Lorax. Ages 6–12.

**Sensory-Friendly Family Film**
- Orlando Public Library
- Saturday, April 22, 3 p.m.
- Decorate your very own treat as we explore the delicious world of cupcakes! Ages 8–18. Space is limited. Registration required.

**Fairy-tales from Around the World**
- North Orange Branch
- Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m.
- Experience the magic of fairy-tales from around the world. Ages 6–12.

**STEM Club**
- Herndon Branch
- Thursday, April 20, 3:30 p.m.
- Explore science as a family with books and hands-on activities. Registration required. Ages 6–12.

**Painting with Georgia O’Keeffe**
- South Trail Branch
- Saturday, April 29, 3 p.m.
- Discover the art style of Georgia O’Keeffe and paint your own larger than life work of art. Ages 6–12.

**Family Science Night**
- Chickasaw Branch
- Thursday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.
- Explore science as a family with books and hands-on activities. Registration required. Ages 6–12.

**FIRST LEGO League Jr. CREATURE CRAZE Expo**
- Orlando Public Library
- Saturday, April 8, 8 a.m.
- Join us as we celebrate with a dance party. Ages 6–12.

**American Girl Dance Jam**
- Alafaya Branch
- Tuesday, April 25, 2 p.m.
- Learn about aerodynamic concepts such as lift, thrust, drag and gravity! Let your mind fly free as you experiment with various paper airplane designs! Once you’ve perfected your design, challenge your friends to take the competition sky high! Can you create the ultimate flying phenomenon? Ages 8–14.

**Angel Paws to Read**
- Sign up to practice your reading skills in a fun and safe environment. Be An Angel Therapy Dog 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.

**FIRST LEGO League Jr. CREATURE CRAZE Expo**
- Orlando Public Library
- Saturday, April 8, 8 a.m.
- Swing like a monkey, fly like a bat or hop like a frog at the first annual Lego Jr. EXPO Expo! See what students have learned about fur, feathers and friends through LEGO building. 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 ages 6–10. While exploring the real-world theme, teams use basic engineering concepts to build a model of LEGO elements. For more information visit ExplodingBacon.com/flip.

**Cuisine Corner Junior: Moana**
- Eatonville Branch
- Monday, April 24, 3 p.m.
- Join us for storytime, activities and crafts inspired by the best-selling novel Moana by Carl Hiaasen. Ages 6–12.

**Hoot**
- North Orange Branch
- Monday, April 24, 3 p.m.
- Read to a live animal! Meet the family of our feathered friend, the Barred Owl. Ages 6 and up. Registration required.
Painting and Poems
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m.
Express yourself by making words into a work of art. Ages 11–18.

Game Changer
Afterschool Adventures
Orlando Public Library
Mondays – Thursdays, April 3–27, 4–6 p.m.
Gaming and homework help collide at the Orlando Public Library. Complete your homework with the help of a tutor, and then join your peers for an awesome adventure playing Dungeons and Dragons. So sharpen your pencils and swords, because you’ve never had homework and writing help like this before!

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Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, April 4, 4:30 p.m.
Want to go viral? Learn some post-worthy practical jokes and memorable pranks. Be ready, watch your back as the unexpected bound to happen. Ages 11–18.

The Gift of Art
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of drawing people, landscapes and everyday objects. Materials will be provided. Ages 11–18. Registration recommended.

Speed Date with a Book
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, April 6, 3 p.m.
Come along for the ride as 12 farm fresh eggs go boldly where no egg has gone before. Think you can crush an egg with your bare hands? Are you a master of the egg spoon race? Show off your egg-cellent skills as we experiment with the egg. Ages 11–18.

DIY String Egg Art
Windermere Branch
Thursday, April 6, 4 p.m.
Get creative this spring using embroidery thread to make colorful eggs to gift or decorate! Ages 11–18.

Save the Planet, Save your Skin
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.
Would you eat your face cream? Well, you might want to eat this one! In celebration of Earth Day, learn natural beauty secrets and recipes to save the planet and your skin. Ages 11–18.

Books and a Treat
Orlando Public Library
Monday, April 17, 3:15 p.m.

Aromatherapy
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.
A smell can recall a memory, influence your mood and even affect your academic performance. Learn about the power of smell and make your own scented bath and beauty products. Ages 11–18.

Vape Contests
All Locations: April 1–21
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Princess, Peacemaker, and Paragon: Wonder Woman and the American Experience
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m.
As the most recognizable female superhero in the United States, Wonder Woman has always had a powerful impact on the American psyche. Dr. Julian Chambliss, author of Ages of Heroes, Eras of Men: Superheroes and the American Experience, will explore the origins, evolutions and impact of the heroic icon from her comics pages to the big screen.

The Basics of Training: How To Avoid or Recover From Common Pitfalls in Training Your Dog
Herndon Branch
Thursday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.
Many behavioral problems in dogs can be prevented with proper care and training. Todd Campbell, owner of South Orlando Dog Training, would like to inspire you to train your rescue the right way with no force and no pain. Learn new reward-based training methods that will make your new furry friend love to be with you and obey you. Please note pets are not permitted to attend.

Local Author Festival
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, May 21, 2–4 p.m.
Meet and greet local authors at our Local Author’s Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.
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

Hernando 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 & 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:

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