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**Sharpen your skills and carve a path to success with these back-to-school and jobseeker events at the library**

It's time for school to start again! The Orlando Public Library hosts Get Organized on August 18 where Jane Cole of Happy Home Organizing Solutions will share techniques and tools that will help students feel less stressed and more successful. As a professional organizer, Jane Cole will show special principles on how to get and stay organized throughout the year.

Every Tuesday from August 7 to 28, join us at the downtown library for Career Academy: Jobsmart USA. Library staff share their knowledge and help those who need job and career assistance, including searching for a job, interview skills and more. See below for more details.

Calling business professionals! The library is looking for staff from local businesses to discuss employment opportunities at our Career Fair scheduled for September 25 from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. at the downtown library. Contact us at [events@ocls.info](mailto:events@ocls.info). Deadline for submissions is August 1.

If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, feel free to contact us as 407-835-7323. Check us out online at [www.ocls.info](http://www.ocls.info) for a complete listing of library events.

**The Great American Read: *Alice in Wonderland***

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

*Wednesday, August 1, 10 a.m.*

Join us for this book to big screen film featuring Lewis Carroll's little heroine, Alice (Natalie Gregory) as she explores a musical fantasy land of strange notions and characters.

**Cuisine Corner: Summer Salads**

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Thursday, August 2, 6:30 p.m.*

Join Chef Karen Ross of Karen's Creative Cuisines as she demonstrates how to make a black-eyed pea salad and a carrot and cranberry salad with a ginger dressing that are sure to wow your guests at your next cookout. For more information about Karen, visit [mychefkaren.com](http://mychefkaren.com). Space is limited. Registration required.

***War Cry for the Oppressed* by Shayna "Simba" Castano: Spoken Word Album Release Celebration**

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

*Saturday, August 4, 1–4 p.m.*

Join Shayna "Simba" Castano for the release of her debut spoken word album *War Cry for the Oppressed*, which addresses social issues in Central Florida. Simba is the founder of Exodus United Inc., which serves at-risk youth in Central Florida by empowering them through creative expression and encouraging civic engagement. After the presentation, join some of those youths, Simba, local poets and Central Florida civic organizations in a forum discussion of the topics addressed by the album.

**Melrose in the Mix: Terri Binion**

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

*Sunday, August 5, 3:30 p.m.*

With famous admirers from Jimmy Webb to Lucinda Williams, North Carolina-born singer-songwriter Terri Binion has long been a beloved fixture in the Orlando music community. Her critically-acclaimed 2016 album *The Day After the Night Before* was hailed as a collection immensely personal songs that spoke of inspiration and heartache, delivered with beauty and honesty. Terri brings her captivating style to the Melrose Audio Studio for our August Melrose in the Mix live recording session. Seating is limited. Register at [ocls.info/melroseinthemix](http://ocls.info/melroseinthemix).

**An Introduction to the Fashion of India**

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

*Sunday, August 5, 4 p.m.*

Vibrant! Dazzling! Classy! Enjoy an Indian fashion show at the West Oaks Branch! Learn about the use of rich and bold colors, jewelry and fabric trends, including the customs and styles of India!

**Access to Art!**

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

*Tuesday, August 7, 10:30 a.m.–Noon*

If there is an aspiring artist in you, join us and learn the basics of pencil sketching objects. Delores Williams, who leads this session, is a self-taught artist and loves to paint portraits, still life and seascapes using mostly oil, watercolor and pencil sketches. Supplies are limited, attendees are encouraged to bring their own #2 pencils or colored pencils and a sketch pad.

**Career Academy: JobSmart USA**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Tuesdays, August 7–28, 2 p.m.*

*Friday, August 10, 2 p.m.*

Join us in Learning Central for these recurring job and career-assistance events on the following topics:

8/7 – Searching for Jobs

8/10 – Q&A Session (create and print business contact cards for only \$1.25)

8/14 – Resume Writing

8/21 – Cover and Thank You Letters

8/28 – Interviewing Skills

### **Introduction to Pilates for Adults**

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

*Tuesdays, August 7 & 28, 2 p.m.*

Exercise your way to fitness in this introduction to Pilates class. 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](http://ocls.info/nextchapter) or call 407.835.7323. You are welcome to attend multiple classes.

### **Back to School Lunch Ideas**

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Tuesday, August 7, 4 p.m.*

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

*Monday, August 13, 6 p.m.*

School is back in session! Take a seat with Chef Farah Davids for easy kid and adult friendly lunches like spaghetti salad, which can double as dinner. Wow the little ones with themed lunches like the Butterfly Basket and the Tuna Tackle Box that are sure to leave your little scholars happy, healthy and ahead of the class! Space is limited. Registration required. To register, visit [ocls.info](http://ocls.info) or call 407.835.7323.

### **Race: The Power of an Illusion – PBS Documentary Screening and Discussion**

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

*Mondays, August 13–27, 5:30–7:30 p.m.*

*Race: The Power of an Illusion* is a three-part PBS documentary series that investigates and challenges the concept of race in society, science and history. Following each screening, join the discussion with Dr. Ada Crosby and Deacon Tommy Tate as they confront myths associated with race as well as deconstruct the word “race” which created and continues to foster social inequalities. We invite you to attend this informative PBS screening and participate in the discussion that will provide answers to the question: How valid are your beliefs about the human species?

8/13 – Episode 1: *The Difference Between Us*

8/20 – Episode 2: *The Story We Tell*

8/27 – Episode 3: *The House We Live In*

### **Choosing a Publishing Path**

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Monday, August 13, 7 p.m.*

Changes and new opportunities in the publishing industry have made it an exciting time to be an author, but have also made it one of the most confusing. Hybrid author Sarah Nicolas a.k.a. Aria Kane will present the different publishing paths available and openly discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each.

### **Yarnfit Community Art Project**

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Mondays, 6:45 p.m.*

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Tuesday, August 14, 4:30 p.m.*

*Tuesday, August 21, 10:30 a.m.*

*Wednesday, August 29, 4 p.m.*

Contribute your talents to the annual Yarnfit Community Art Project. Join us in crafting a fantastical garden out of yarn. The Yarnfit Community Arts Project is a collaborative event where individuals

contribute pieces to the overall project. This year's installation will be unveiled at the Fall Fiber Festival on Sunday, September 30 at 2 p.m.

### **VR: Design a First-Person Game**

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

Level 1 – *Thursday, August 16, 4 p.m.*

Level 2 – *Thursday, August 16, 6 p.m.*

Make a first-person perspective virtual reality game using the Unity game engine and head-mounted displays. Create game objects and mechanics for navigation and interaction. Learn the principles of designing for virtual reality to improve usability and avoid common pitfalls in VR design.

### **Get Organized**

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

*Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m.*

Get organized as you get ready for back to school! Join Jane Cole, CPO of Happy Home Organizing Solutions, to learn tools and techniques for helping your student be successful and reduce the stress in your life. For more information on Jane Cole, visit [happyhomeorganizing.com](http://happyhomeorganizing.com).

### **Art Demo with Lauren Westbrook**

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

*Saturday, August 18, 2:30 p.m.*

Artist Lauren Westbrook, known for her affirmation art, will be demonstrating her process and techniques for creating art pieces that offer encouragement and inspiration for those in need.

### **Food 101: Potatoes & Root Vegetables**

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

*Wednesday, August 22, 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 August, learn about potatoes and other root vegetables, and how they're consumed around the world. Samples limited, registration required.

### **Cuisine Corner: Boba Tea/Vietnamese Coffee**

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

*Thursday, August 23, 6 p.m.*

Local chef and author Ha Roda shares two popular drinks, boba tea and Vietnamese coffee. Enjoy a tasting while you learn about these delicious treats. Space is limited.

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