

Children's – 6–12

Maker Monday

Alafaya Branch

Mondays, October 2–30, 4:30 p.m.

Maker spaces foster learning through hands-on tinkering and play. Discover the maker in you as we complete challenges, STEM projects and experiments. Ages 8–15. Registration required.

Science Rocks and Rolls

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, October 3, 5 p.m.

Science is fun! Join us to make your own crystals and bouncy balls out of everyday items. Ages 6–12.

Crafternoons

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, October 4, 3:30 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Sunday, October 15, 2 p.m.

Stop by the library for an hour of crafting fun with friends. Ages 6–12.

Color Chemistry

Washington Park Branch

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

Why is an apple red? Experiment with the science of color and explore the basic concepts of light and color. Ages 6–12.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club Discussion Group

Orlando Public Library

Thursdays, October 5–26, 4:30 p.m.

Join the Mayor Buddy's Book Club discussion group to talk, meet other book club members, share experiences and have fun. See what we are reading and sign up for the club at mayor.ocls.info.

Dragonology

South Trail Branch

Thursday, October 5, 4:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch

Saturday, October 7, 11 a.m.

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, October 11, 4:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, October 12, 4 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Friday, October 13, 3:30 p.m.

Hiwassee Branch

Wednesday, October 18, 3:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Friday, October 27, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

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

Do you believe in dragons? If you are a true believer, you don't want to miss this exciting adventure to discover the truth about these legendary creatures. Ages 6–12.

The CREATE Space

Orlando Public Library

Fridays, October 6 & 20, 3 p.m.

What will you create today? Explore, experiment or be entertained. Ages 6–18.

Super Science

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, October 7, 11 a.m.

Do you like to see things crash, bubble, spark and fly? Do you want to discover how things work, even if it means getting a little messy? If so, then this monthly series about chemistry, physics, earth science and more is for you! Ages 6–12. Registration required.

Construction Toys for Kids

Herndon Branch

Saturdays, October 7 & 21, 2 p.m.

Learn the basics of building and learning with Snap Circuits, K'NEX and Magformers. Ages 6–12.

K'NEX Education

South Creek Branch

Saturday, October 7, 2:30 p.m.

We'll use the K'NEX construction system to make learning about simple machines, motion and engineering fun with hands-on building. Ages 8 and up.

Hola Biblioteca

Southeast Branch

Saturday, October 7, 3 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage with a fun bilingual event! Take a trip to the library and enjoy stories, crafts and activities. Ages 6–12.

Southwest Homeschool Club: Creepy Crawlies

Southwest Branch

Monday, October 9, 1 p.m.

From spiders and worms to beetles and bees, learn about entomology at this fun event all about insects! Ages 6–12.

Machines, Motion and Engineering Using K'NEX

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, October 11, 3 p.m.

Use K'NEX construction systems to build machines such as transmissions, drag racers, cranes, rocket launchers and more. Make learning about simple machines, motion and engineering fun! This is a hands-on event, so come ready to build, young inventors! Ages 8–12. Registration required.

Autumnfest for Kids

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, October 14, 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate fall with stories, carnival-style games and lots of fun. Ages 6–12.

Small World: Germany!

Washington Park Branch

Monday, October 16, 4:30 p.m.

Travel with us as we explore our planet and discover unique cultures through activities, food, language and music. This exciting new series will focus on a different country each month! Ages 5–14.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club Celebration

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, October 18, 3:30 p.m.

Join Mayor Buddy's Book Club to celebrate the completion of our latest book, *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill. Meet author Kelly Barnhill and get your book signed. Win prizes and be there for the announcement of our next book club title. For more information and to sign up online, visit mayor.ocls.info.

Dem Bones, Dem Bones

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, October 18, 3:30 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Monday, October 23, 4:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

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

The arm bone is connected to the . . . what bone? Make skeleton crafts, shake your bones and learn a little about what holds us all together. No bones about it, you'll have a great time! Ages 6–12.

Money as You Grow

Washington Park Branch

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

Let's learn the what, who and how of financial intelligence for kids! This money smart event introduces financial literacy to youth with stories, activities and crafts. Ages 6–12.

STEM Club

Herndon Branch

Wednesday, October 18, 6 p.m.

Come and join us as we have fun with science experiments and building technology with K'NEX, Snap Circuits, littleBits and so much more! Ages 6–12.

Sunshine State Author Series

Meet the Author: Kelly Barnhill

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, October 18, 7 p.m.

Newbery award-winning writer Kelly Barnhill will discuss her book *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, which is on the Sunshine State Young Readers Award list for 2017–18. Barnhill, who lives in Minnesota, has written four middle grade novels, including *The Witch's Boy*, *The Mostly True Story of Jack* and *Iron Hearted Violet*. She received the World Fantasy Award for her book *The Unlicensed Magician*. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

Registration recommended. Register at ocls.eventbrite.com. Ages 9–14. See page 25 for an interview with the author.

Writing Workshop with Kelly Barnhill

Alafaya Branch

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

Calling aspiring writers, ages 9–14! Newbery award-winning writer Kelly Barnhill presents a writing workshop for kids and teens with interactive writing exercises and writing tips. Barnhill is the author of *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*; she teaches fiction writing with COMPAS, a statewide community arts organization in Minnesota. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. Registration required. Register at ocls.eventbrite.com. Ages 9–14.

Haunted Library

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, October 19, 6 p.m.

Bring your stories and learn about library urban legends and more haunted happenings. Ages 6–12.

Cookies & Milk with a Cop

North Orange Branch

Saturday, October 21, 10:30 a.m.

Bring your kids to meet our local police officers for cookies and milk! This will be a great time to interact with officers in a fun and informative environment. Sponsored in part by the Apopka Police Department. Ages 6–12.

You Can't Scare Me

South Creek Branch

Saturday, October 21, 2:30 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

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

Scared of the dark? Don't worry! We will have the lights on while reading slightly scary stories and creating creepy crafts. Ages 6–12.

Homeschool Field Trip: Anatomy of the Human Brain

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, October 24, 2 p.m.

The human brain is the command center for the human nervous system. Let's learn all about its functions. Ages 8–15. Registration required.

Fearsome and Ferocious

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, October 24, 5 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, October 26, 4 p.m.

From poisonous frogs to parasitic worms, learn about the 100 most feared creatures on the planet. Trivia, activities and crafts will inform you about some of the creepiest creatures we've ever known. Ages 8–12.

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.