

## **Children's Events (Ages 6–12)**

### **Painting with Scissors**

Edgewater 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**

Chickasaw 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.**

### **Cuisine Corner Junior: 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.**

### **Star Wars Party!**

South Creek Branch

*Saturday, April 1, 2:30–4:30 p.m.*

**Attention Jedi Knights, Sith Lords and all other galactic beings! You are invited to a Star Wars party that will be cooler than Hoth and hotter than Tatooine. Wear your Star Wars costume and enjoy crafts, movies, snacks and more! Ages 6–12.**

### **Spring into Crafts**

Chickasaw Branch

*Monday, April 3, 11 a.m.*

**Drop in and celebrate spring with easy to make crafts! Ages 6–12.**

### **Southwest Homeschool Club: Poet Tree**

Southwest Branch

*Monday, April 3, 1 p.m.*

Join us for activities and crafts designed to make poetry fun! Express yourself by making a “poet tree” and have it displayed at the library to celebrate National Poetry Month. Ages 6–12.

### **Maker Monday**

Alafaya Branch

*Mondays, April 3–24, 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.**

### **Spanish For Kids!**

South Creek Branch

*Tuesdays, April 4–25, 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.**

### **It Came From an Egg**

West Oaks Branch

*Tuesday, April 4, 5 p.m.*

Herndon Branch

*Wednesday, April 12, 3:30 p.m.*

South Trail Branch

*Thursday, April 13, 4:30 p.m.*

Hiawasse Branch

*Friday, April 14, 3:30 p.m.*

**Explore the variety of creatures that come from an egg and enjoy an exciting craft. Examine egg sizes, shapes and colors as well as interesting places where eggs are laid. 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 19, 3:30 p.m.*

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

### **Water! Water! Water!**

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.**

### **Pinkalicious 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 Theater's cast of Pinkalicious: The Musical. To see the entire production of Pinkalicious: The Musical playing at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater through May 7, visit [OrlandoShakes.org](http://OrlandoShakes.org) for show times and tickets.**

### **Super Science**

Alafaya Branch  
*Saturday, April 8, 11:30 a.m.*

**Are you someone who likes to see things crash, bubble, spark or fly? Then join us each month as we conduct awesome new experiments and learn all about chemistry, physics, earth science and more. Ages 8–12.**

### **Construction Toys for Kids**

Herndon Branch  
*Saturdays, April 8 & 22, 2 p.m.*

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

### **FIRST LEGO League Jr. CREATURE CRAZE Expo**

Orlando Public Library  
*Saturday, April 8, 2 p.m.*

**Swing like a monkey, fly like a bat or hop like a frog at the FIRST LEGO League Jr. CREATURE CRAZE Expo. See what students have learned about our furry, feathered and finned 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 age 6–10. 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](http://ExplodingBacon.com/fljr).**

### **Hop Into Spring!**

South Creek Branch  
*Saturday, April 8, 2:30 p.m.*

**Celebrate spring and create your own bunny! Ages 6–12.**

### **Poetry is ART!**

Herndon Branch  
*Tuesday, April 11, 4:30 p.m.*

Edgewater Branch

*Friday, April 14, 3 p.m.*

Windermere Branch

*Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m.*

Washington Park Branch

*Wednesday, April 19, 5 p.m.*

Eatonville Branch

*Tuesday, April 25, 3 p.m.*

West Oaks Branch

*Tuesday, April 25, 5 p.m.*

Winter Garden Branch

*Saturday, April 29, 2:30 p.m.*

**Let's mix it up with poetry and art! Get inspired and artistic with fun games and activities. Ages 6–12.**

**D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)**

Eatonville Branch

*Wednesday, April 12, 2:30 p.m.*

**It's time for a celebration of Beverly Cleary designed to remind all ages to make reading a priority in their lives. Ages 9–12.**

**The CREATE Space**

Orlando Public Library

*Fridays, April 14–28, 3 p.m.*

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

**Tree Huggers**

Windermere Branch

*Friday, April 14, 3:30 p.m.*

Herndon Branch

*Thursday, April 27, 4 p.m.*

Eatonville Branch

*Friday, April 28, 3 p.m.*

Edgewater Branch

*Friday, April 28, 3 p.m.*

Orlando Public Library

*Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m.*

**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.**

**One Book, One Community: *Frindle* Frenzy!**

Orlando Public Library

*Friday, April 14, 3 p.m.*

**Explore a wonderful world of word games and delightful definitions. Join us for a stupendous event with the chance to invent! Ages 8–12.**

**Cookies & Milk with a Cop**

North Orange Branch

*Saturday, April 15, 10:30 a.m.*

Winter Garden Branch

*Saturday, April 15, 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, Winter Garden Police Department and Oerther Foods McDonald's. 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.**

### **Spring Eggstravaganza**

North Orange Branch

*Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m.*

**Bring your basket and a friend to the egg-ceptional 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 Movie Screening**

South Creek Branch

*Saturday, April 15, 2:30 p.m.*

**Join us for a screening of Disney's newest animated feature film, *Moana*, and enjoy a light snack.**

### **Awesome Astronomers: Spring Constellations**

Herndon Branch

*Wednesday, April 19, 3:30 p.m.*

**Join us as we chart our way through the night sky, discovering spring's constellations with crafts and activities for the young astronomer. Ages 6–12.**

### **STEM Club**

Herndon Branch

*Wednesday, April 19, 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.**

### **Cuisine Corner Junior: 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.**

### **Earth Day Celebration: *The Lorax***

Chickasaw Branch

*Thursday, April 20, 3:30 p.m.*

**Come celebrate Earth Day and learn the secret of *The Lorax*. Join us for crafts and a showing of *The Lorax*. Ages 6–12.**

### **Earth Day**

Herndon Branch

*Friday, April 21, 4 p.m.*

**Find out how you can save the planet and help us celebrate Earth Day with environmentally friendly crafts! Make Earth Day today and every day! Ages 6–12.**

### **DIY Egg Terrarium**

Southwest Branch

*Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m.*

**Drop in and have fun celebrating the Earth by making miniature terrariums with flowers, moss and other things found in nature. Ages 6–12.**

### **Science Smart**

Edgewater Branch

*Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m.*

**Do you love science? Does learning about how science can be applied interest you? Join us for Science Smart, a problem solving series using science! Ages 6–12**

### **Reading is a *Hoot***

Eatonville Branch

*Monday, April 24, 3 p.m.*

**Join us for stories, activities and crafts inspired by the best-selling novel *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen. Ages 6–12.**

### **Minecraft Madness**

Washington Park Branch

*Monday, April 24, 5 p.m.*

**Blast, creep or dig your way to the library and celebrate the world of Minecraft with games, crafts and activities. Bring your laptop or mobile device to play with friends. The whole family is welcome.**

### **Homeschool Field Trip: Globetrotters**

Alafaya Branch

*Tuesday, April 25, 2 p.m.*

**Learn about geography, culture, language and the history of various foreign countries around the world. This month we explore Scandinavia! Ages 8–15. Registration required.**

### **American Girl Dance Jam**

Herndon Branch

*Wednesday, April 26, 3:30 p.m.*

**Bring along your favorite American Girl doll and discover your own way to shine as we celebrate with a dance party. Ages 6–12.**

**Family Paint Night**

Alafaya Branch

*Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.*

**Each family member will follow along to create and take home their very own work of art. No supplies needed! Ages 6 and up. Registration required.**

**Painting with Georgia**

South Trail Branch

*Thursday, April 27, 4:30 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.**

**Aerodynamics with Paper Airplanes**

Alafaya Branch

*Saturday, April 29, 3 p.m.*

**Alafaya takes flight! 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 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](http://ocls.info/paws) for dates, times and locations.**