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Orlando Children's Business Fair, Sunshine State Author Series and more great events for kids

The Orlando Public Library hosts the Orlando Children's Business Fair on Sunday, November 12. This event is a one-day marketplace where children can debut their inventions, market their services or products, or learn to build marketing strategies. To participate in the fair, kids must submit an application by October 23. For more information, or to fill out an application, visit ocls.info/bizkids.

On November 18, the North Orange Branch hosts James Ponti, the second author in the Sunshine State Author Series. Ponti will participate in a Meet the Author event at North Orange, then on November 30, he'll host a writing workshop for kids at the West Oaks Branch. For more information on the Sunshine State Author Series, visit ocls.info/sunshineseries.

If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, please feel free to contact us at 407-835-7323. You can also check for more library events online at www.ocls.info.

Game Changer Afterschool Adventures

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Mondays–Thursdays, October 2–31, 4–6 p.m.

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

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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. Sharpen your pencils and swords, because you've never had homework and writing help like this before! Game Changer Afterschool Adventure will not take place on Tuesday & Wednesday, November 21 & 22.

Little Chef: Pumpkin Patch

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Friday, November 3, 11 a.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Tuesday, November 7, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Wednesday, November 15, 10:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Thursday, November 16, 10:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, November 16, 2 p.m.

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

Friday, November 17, 11 a.m.

You're never too young to get your start in the kitchen! Bring your little one to learn cooking skills such as kitchen safety, layering, measuring, smearing, tasting and presentation as you interact with a delicious recipe. This class is a "Mommy or Daddy and me" event. Space is limited. Registration required. Ages 3–5.

Cooking with the Family

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Saturday, November 4, 11 a.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m.

Unplug and connect with family over healthy meals. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to make delicious meals your whole family will enjoy. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit bbwmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required. These events are part of Orange County's Week of the Family celebration, to learn more visit weekofthefamily.org.

The Many Adventures of Olivia the Pig

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

Thursday, November 2, 2 p.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturday, November 4, 11 a.m.

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

Tuesday, November 7, 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Monday, November 13, 10:15 a.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Monday, November 20, 5:30 p.m.

Delight in the antics of our favorite pig with stories and activities for every preschooler. Ages 3–5.

DIY Dreamcatchers

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Thursday, November 2, 4:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, November 8, 3:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Thursday, November 16, 3:30 p.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Thursday, November 16, 4 p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 21, 6 p.m.

Have a good night and sweet dreams always by creating your very own dreamcatcher. Stick around to learn where they came from and what your dreams may really mean. Ages 8–18.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Gobble, Gobble, Cakes!

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Tuesday, November 7, 3:15 p.m.

Publix Aprons Cooking School presents Gobble, Gobble, Cakes! Turkey Cupcakes, that is. Chefs from the Cooking School will teach you how to take a plain ol' cupcake and turn it into a magnificent turkey. Ages 8–18. Registration required.

Cuisine Corner Junior: A Taste of Fall

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

Wednesday, November 8, 5:30 p.m.

Experience the flavors of fall as we demonstrate a recipe for mouthwatering pumpkin chocolate chip bars. Space is limited, registration required. Ages 8–18. Registration required.

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Family Science Night

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Thursday, November 16, 6 p.m.

Explore science as a family with books and hands-on activities. This four week series will feature a different scientific topic each week. Ages 6–12. Registration Required.

Meet the Author: James Ponti

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

Saturday, November 18, 2 p.m.

Meet the author of *Framed!* and the Dead City trilogy. James Ponti received the prestigious Edgar Award for best juvenile mystery for *Framed!*, which is on the Sunshine State Young Reader Award lists for both Grades 3–5 and 6–8. His new book, *Vanished*, is the second in the T.O.A.S.T. series. 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.info/sunshineseries.

Homeschool Field Trip: Discovering Central Florida's Native Americans

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Tuesday, November 28, 2 p.m.

Explorers will learn about the Native Americans who inhabited the Northeast and Central Florida areas! Ages 8–15. Registration required.

Writing Workshop with James Ponti

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

Thursday, November 30, 2017, 4 p.m.

Calling aspiring writers, ages 9–14! Edgar Award-winning writer James Ponti presents a writing workshop for kids and teens with interactive writing exercises and writing tips. Ponti is the author of *Framed!* and the Dead City trilogy. Ponti has a degree in screenwriting from the University of Southern California and has written and produced television shows for Nickelodeon, Disney Channel, PBS, History Channel and Golf Channel. 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.info/sunshineseries.

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