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### **Cookie decorating, caroling, Fortnite and plenty of holiday fun only at the library this December**

All are welcome this December at the library for lots of holiday fun and games your children will love. Visit a library near you for Cookie Decorating where kids can decorate their own cookies with frosting, sprinkles, candy and more yummy toppings. See below for more details.

The West Oaks branch invites you to the second annual Family Holiday Festival on December 1. Enjoy a fun-filled day with the whole family and participate in games, win prizes, enjoy light refreshments and have your family holiday photos taken. The festivities start at 11 a.m. Then on December 8 join us at the Herndon branch for Fortnite Frenzy for some games and prizes inspired by the popular video game. Feel free to bring in your laptops and mobile devices to play with friends.

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.

#### **Family Holiday Festival**

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

*Saturday, December 1, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.*

Holiday cheer is here! Again! You are invited to our Second Annual Family Holiday Festival. Enjoy a day filled with fun, photos and food. Bring the whole family to have a holiday photo taken, make a holiday bracelet and enjoy holiday stories and crafts for the kids. Light refreshments will be served while you mingle and meet others. Enter to win a fantastic family prize. Registration required.

#### **Little Chef: Winter Cake in a Jar**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

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

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

*Tuesday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.*

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

*Thursday, December 13, 2 p.m.*

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Wednesday, December 19, 10:30 a.m.*

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Thursday, December 20, 10:30 a.m.*

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

*Wednesday, December 26, 11 a.m.*

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Friday, December 28, 11 a.m.*

Warm your helping hands to assemble a winter treat in a jar. Layer festive cake, sweet frosting and colorful sprinkles to make a delicious gift! Learn cooking skills such as kitchen safety, layering, measuring, smearing, tasting and presentation as you interact with a delicious recipe. Recommended for preschoolers.

### **Music and Movement**

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

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

Preschoolers will explore and learn in these action-filled classes where they can sing, chant, move, dance, listen and play simple instruments. Each lesson features movement activities for coordination, body awareness and control, and exploration of space and emotions. Presented by Central Florida Community Arts, a continuum of arts education and experiences for a lifetime. To learn more about Central Florida Community Arts, visit [cfarts.com](http://cfarts.com). Ages 24 months to 4 years. Space is limited. Registration required. Register online at [ocls.info](http://ocls.info) or call 407.835.7323.

### **Cookie Decorating**

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

*Monday, December 3, 4:30 p.m.*

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.*

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

*Tuesday, December 4, 3:30 p.m.*

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Thursday, December 6, 11 a.m.*

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

*Monday, December 10, 6 p.m.*

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*Thursday, December 13, 5 p.m.*

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

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

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

*Tuesday, December 18, 5 p.m.*

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

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

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

*Wednesday, December 19, 4:30 p.m.*

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Saturday, December 22, 11:30 a.m.*

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*Friday, December 28, 10:30 a.m.*

Frosting, sprinkles, candy and cookies ... what more could you want!? Stop in and express your creativity by decorating a sugary treat. Then enjoy the best part of all, eating it! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

### **Gingerbread People**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Tuesday, December 4, 4:30 p.m.*

Come and decorate your very own gingerbread person. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

### **Winter Wonderland**

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

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

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Wednesday, December 5, 3:30 p.m.*

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*Wednesday, December 5, 4 p.m.*

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Saturday, December 8, 2:30 p.m.*

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.*

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

*Wednesday, December 12, 4:30 p.m.*

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

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

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

*Saturday, December 29, 11 a.m.*

Even though it's not very cold, it really is winter! Join us for winter themed stories and crafts to get into the spirit of colder weather. Recommended for upper and lower elementary.

### **LEGO Block Party**

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

*Tuesdays, December 4 & 18, 6:30 p.m.*

Is there anything you can't build with LEGO? Let's find out! Join us for lots of building fun. We provide the LEGO – you provide the creativity. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

### **Fortnite Frenzy**

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, December 8, 2 p.m.*

Land at the library and battle it out with games and crafts inspired by Fortnite! Gather your mats and minis on the way over for some serious fun. Bring your laptop or mobile device to play with friends. Registration Recommended. Recommended for the whole family.

### **Year End Wrap-Up**

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

*Monday, December 10, 4:30 p.m.*

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

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

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*Saturday, December 22, 2 p.m.*

It is the end of the year, but don't shed a tear! Test your 2018 pop culture knowledge with trivia and share your biggest accomplishments from the last 365 days. Recommended for teens and tweens.

### **Hark! The Figgy Pudding! The History of Christmas Carols**

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

*Thursday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.*

This musical program is an interactive storytelling event that uncovers the histories behind the most beloved Christmas carols and songs. What is a "carol" anyway? Who is the true love in *The Twelve Days of Christmas*? Why was the song *Santa Claus is Coming to Town* based on a tragic event? What is a "welkin" and what does it have to do with angels harking? Discover the dirty little secret behind *Deck the Halls* and so much more! Audiences will be treated to dynamic solos and several chances to sing along during this festive seasonal event.

### **Dickens Holiday Celebration**

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

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

Enjoy some fun and festive holiday songs performed by the Orlando Dickens Carolers.

### **Celebrate National Cupcake Day @ Your Library**

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

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

Join us as we celebrate National Cupcake Day. Kids will decorate a holiday themed cupcake. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

### **Baby's First Ornament**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Tuesday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.*

Create a memory that will last forever and make an adorable hand and foot print ornament. Registration required. Recommended for babies.

### **Holiday DIY Crafts**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Wednesday, December 19, 3:15 p.m.*

Create handmade decorations, ornaments or simple gifts for the Holiday season. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

### **PBS Kids Time! Daniel Tiger Pajama Party**

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.*

Join us for a special PBS Pajama Party all about Daniel Tiger with awesome crafts, stories, episodes and activities. Wear your favorite tiger gear (or PJs), bring a tiger buddy and join the fun.

### **Noon Year's Celebration**

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Friday, December 28, 11:15 a.m.*

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

*Friday, December 28, 11:15 a.m.*

Join us for our very own children's version of New Year's Eve. The fun will include making crafts, noise makers, yummy treats, New Year's resolutions and counting down to noon with a balloon drop finale! Recommended for children of all ages.

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