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### **Get holiday cooking inspiration at the library**

This December, let the library help you get in the holiday spirit. On December 10 at the Orlando Public Library, Chef Farah Davids share some of her favorite holiday recipes during Cuisine Corner's Holiday Open House, and on December 15 at the Winter Garden Branch, learn to master the art of decorating cookies.

On December 17, the Orlando Public Library hosts Candy Cane Crush. Chef Farah Davids returns to demonstrate a variety of desserts you can make at home using the classic holiday treat, candy canes. Learn how to prepare no-bake candy cane cheesecake and candy cane chocolate cupcakes.

If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, please feel free to contact us as 407-835-7323. You can also check for more food-related library events online at [www.ocls.info/cuisinecorner](http://www.ocls.info/cuisinecorner).

#### **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.*

Hiawassee 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.

### **Cuisine Corner Junior: Stuffed Crepes with Mason Jar Whipped Cream**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Wednesday, December 5, 2:15 p.m.*

Come join the Publix Aprons Cooking School chefs as we show you how to make quick and easy whipped cream in a mason jar! No fancy equipment necessary, just a mason jar and a free hand. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

### **Cuisine Corner: Easy Holiday Meals**

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

*Thursday, December 6, 6 p.m.*

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

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

Discover how you can make holiday meals that are delicious and nutritious. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to create easy holiday dishes. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit [breakingbreadwithmira.com](http://breakingbreadwithmira.com). Space is limited. Registration required. Register online at [ocls.info](http://ocls.info) or call 407.835.7323.

### **Cuisine Corner: Holiday Open House!**

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

*Monday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.*

Tis' the season to host a holiday open house with your friends and family. Join Chef Farah Davids as she prepares dishes like white velvet soup, spicy sausage bites and jam cocktails. Imagine a gift that keeps on giving that your guests don't have to wait to open and you don't have to wrap.

### **Cuisine Corner: Homemade Jams and Jellies**

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

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

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Thursday, December 20, 6:30 p.m.*

Virginia Hartley, owner of Ginger's Jam, Jellies and Such, will have you cooking up the best jams in town! Get tips on making your own jams and jellies and try tasty samples. To learn more about Ginger's Jams, Jellies and Such, visit [gingersjams.com](http://gingersjams.com). Space is limited. Registration required.

### **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.

### **Holiday Cookies**

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

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

Learn easy ways to dress up holiday cookies for the season. Get an overview on ways to decorate cookies, tools of the trade and fun ideas for holiday cookies.

### **An Introduction to Spices of India**

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

*Sunday, December 16, 2 p.m.*

Almost all Indian cuisine includes a spice or two that delivers a flavorful and robust taste. We will introduce you to some of the most popular Indian herbs and spices and share which are used in different Indian dishes. Learn what a masala dabba is and how it is used, as well as how Indian spices are used as home remedies.

### **Cuisine Corner: Candy Cane Crush**

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

*Monday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.*

It all started with a cane! A candy cane that is. Join Chef Farah Davids as she prepares delicious desserts using this classic treat like a no-bake candy cane cheesecake and candy cane chocolate cupcakes in a Jar. Join the fun as we celebrate this classic candy that's perfect for your next holiday hangout and will be yummy for your tummy, not just for the tree.

### **Food 101: Chile Peppers**

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

*Wednesday, December 19, 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 December, learn about chile peppers and how they're consumed around the world. Samples limited, registration required.

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