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Disney awards \$50,000 to Orange County Library System as part of 2017 Disney Grants

The Orange County Library System is among 100 non-profit organizations that were granted by Disney across five Central Florida counties.

Orlando, Fla. – The Orange County Library System recently received \$50,000 from Walt Disney World Resort through Disney Grants. With the funds, the Orange County Library System was able to support its annual Summer Reading Program, which attracted more than 116,000 people to attend more than 3,000 fun, educational events and activities at 16 library branches all summer long.

“The Orange County Library System is deeply invested in making sure children have access to high-quality educational programming that’s engaging and fun,” said Mary Anne Hodel, CEO/Director of the Orange County Library System. “Every year, we look for ways to make our Summer Reading Program bigger and better. This year, we had so much to offer – we partnered with Orange County Public Schools to offer free lunches at five library locations through the Summer Break Spot program, we hosted concerts for toddlers and teens, and we had guest speakers from NASA Kennedy Space Center get kids excited about engineering and aerospace. We are grateful to community partners like Walt Disney World who help make programs and events like these possible.”

Along with 99 other nonprofits and organizations throughout Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake and Polk counties, the Orange County Library System was granted by Disney at a ceremony held today and received a special “Mousecar” award. In all, Walt Disney World Resort awarded nearly \$4 million in Disney Grants in support of efforts to positively impact the lives of over 300,000 local children and their families.

The Disney Grants directly support Central Floridians and help to strengthen our neighborhoods, inspire our children, create stronger family bonds and promote a more compassionate environment.

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The Orange County Library System is where you engage in amazing experiences and opportunities to learn, explore and create the best you. OCLS adds to the quality of life by creating a learning environment and experiences that foster personal growth and development.

