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Learn English as a family at the North Orange branch

With the help of the Florida Humanities Council and the National Humanities Foundation, the library offers a new learning opportunity.

(Orlando, Florida) The Orange County Library System is launching a new initiative this fall called English Classes for Families. It consists of a series of ESOL classes that give parents and children the opportunity to improve their speaking and writing skills together. The Florida Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities supports this initiative that is designed to develop the English language for children and parents who have recently moved to Central Florida.

Classes will focus on developing literacy skills for the whole family with the help of bilingual teachers, establishing a path to success at work and school. Classes will also provide parents with effective strategies to handle the challenges their children may face while attending school in Florida. Assistance for families is free and snacks will be provided. Classes will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, on September 4 to November 6, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at the North Orange branch on 1211 E. Semoran Blvd. Families can register online at ocls.info or by phone at 407-835-7323.

"The slogan in the Orange County library system is 'we change lives,'" said Danielle King of the OCLS Public Service Administration Department. "This program has really changed the lives of many Puerto Rican families who have come and need a little help to achieve the speed required with their language skills to excel in school and compete in the labor market, being unique in allowing parents and children to work together to learn English better and becoming a family activity where parents can follow their children's progress while improving their own skills."

English classes for families are possible thanks to the generous contribution of \$18,000 from the Florida Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Your support has also made possible a second class session for the winter of 2019 at the Chickasaw library. The Orange County Library System also offers English for families, ESOL classes and access to language learning programs for both adults and children. For a complete list of events and services, visit libguides.OCLS.info/englishocls and OCLS.info/ESOL.

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