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Expanded ESOL offerings at library branches, AARP tax assistance and more

Thanks to a generous grant from Dollar General, the Orange County Library System has expanded its language-learning offerings for 2018. OCLS now hosts ESOL classes at 11 library branches across the county, as well as Open Language Labs at select branches. To find an ESOL class at a branch near you, visit our website at ocls.info/ESOL.

Beginning February 1, the AARP volunteers will be at four library branches to assist people with income-tax preparation on a first come, first served basis. See below for complete details.

New residents of Orange County who have been displaced by Hurricane Maria are encouraged to visit ocls.info/tarjeta to sign up for a library card. New Orange County residents who are in need of a library card but do not yet have the proper identification to apply online can call the library at 407-835-7323 to inquire about obtaining a library card by mail.

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

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

miércoles, 6:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

jueves, 6:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

jueves, 1 de febrero, 6:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail
martes, 6 de febrero, 6:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere
martes, 13 de febrero, 6:30 p.m.

Ven y asiste a la sucursal más cercana a ti para que compartas y discutas poesías, literatura, arte o historia! Todos son bienvenidos.

AARP Income Tax Assistance

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive
Mondays & Thursdays, Beginning February 1, 10 a.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.
Mondays & Fridays, Beginning February 2, 10 a.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.
Wednesdays & Thursdays, Beginning February 1, 10 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee
Fridays Beginning, February 2, 10 a.m.

AARP Volunteers will provide free income tax assistance. Attendees will need to have a valid ID, Social Security Card, any tax forms and Annual Benefits Statements (if necessary). For more information, visit aarp.org/taxaide. Attendees will be seen on a first come, first served basis.

Improve Your English Reading Workshop

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive
Thursdays, February 1–22, 1–3 p.m.

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive
Wednesdays, February 7–28, 6–8 p.m.

Improve your English conversational skills, vocabulary, pronunciation and comprehension by reading a book. This event is presented through a partnership between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League Inc. Walk-ins welcome. For more information, call 407.422.1540 or visit adulthoodliteracyleague.org.

Cuisine Corner: Empanadillas

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.
Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m.

Discover how you can make tasty empanadillas. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to make empanadillas. Similar to an empanada, empanadillas are lighter and baked. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit facebook.com/breakingbreadwithmira. Space is limited. Registration required.

Cuentame un Cuento: Tell Me a Story Bilingual Stories and Fun

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail
Friday, February 2, 11 a.m.

Enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either or both languages. The whole family is welcome.

Citizenship Inspired ocls.info/citizenship

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Tuesdays, February 6–27, 5:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Sundays, February 18, 25 & March 4, 2 p.m.

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

Mondays, February 5–26, 6 p.m.

Students meet each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview. To be eligible for U.S. Naturalization, you must be able to read, write and speak basic English. This series is for adult learners and is free to Orange County district resident cardholders, fee cardholders and Orange County Property Owner cardholders. Registration is required. Register online at ocls.info/citizenship or call 407.835.7323.

Valentine Origami

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturday, February 10, 2:30 p.m.

Cut, fold and paste your way to the cutest valentines ever! Ages 11–18.

Journey Through Immigration Records

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

Thursday, February 15, 11 a.m.

Immigration records are an incredibly rich source of information for the family historian. Learn more about your family's history by using passenger lists, passports, alien registration cards and naturalization records.

Ray Kamalay's Musical Flea Market: Trifles and Treasures From Our Melodious Past

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m.

Professional musician Ray Kamalay will perform an entertaining collection of diverse styles of music, including Bach, yodelling, Brazilian, vaudeville, Irish, ragtime, blues and others. Ray's repertoire of historic music is familiar, intriguing and fun. To learn more about Ray Kamalay, visit raykamalay.com.

Melrose Creative Expo

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

Saturday, February 17, 1–4 p.m.

Featuring:

2018 Melrose Awards Ceremony honoring the top projects created in the Melrose Center

Live performances by Beth McKee, E-Turn and Marc With a C

Studio, simulator and virtual reality demonstrations

Fabrication Lab activities

Community exhibitors

Meetups at the Melrose Center: Bilingual Digital Marketing Meetup

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

Tuesday, February 20

This is for any entrepreneur or business owner that would like some time out to maximize their digital or multimedia marketing and sales strategies. Meetups are conducted in both English and Spanish.

Winter Garden's First Annual Cooking Day

Cooking for All Ages!

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

Saturday, February 24, 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Winter Garden's First Annual Cooking Day! Join us for cooking demonstrations for all ages. We will have basic cooking programs for children and adults. Special guests include Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach.

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