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Brechner Speaker Series, Children's Business Fair and more events at a library branch near you

This month, the Orange County Library System teams up with the Orange County Regional History Center to present the Brechner Speaker Series. Visit the Orlando Public Library on November 1 to hear a talk from featured guest Gary Mormino, author of *Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida*, and again on November 15 with featured speaker and history center librarian Adam Ware.

The Orlando Public Library also hosts the Orlando Children's Business Fair on November 12. This event is a one-day marketplace where children can debut their inventions, market their services or products, or learn to build marketing strategies. To participate in the fair, kids must submit an application by October 23. For more information, or to fill out an application, visit ocls.info/bizkids.

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

Storytime for Grownups!

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Wednesdays, November 1 & 15, 2 p.m.

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Tuesdays, November 7 & 21, 2 p.m.

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

Tuesdays, November 14 & 28, 2 p.m.

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Wednesday, November 29, 10:30 a.m.

Why should kids have all the fun? Come to the library and enjoy a story or activity as our talented library storytellers entertain ages 18 and up! Each branch will have a unique storytime. Be sure to check out your local branch for unique event details. For more information, please visit ocls.info/grownupstorytime.

Cooking with the Family

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Saturday, November 4, 11 a.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m.

Unplug and connect with family over healthy meals. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to make delicious meals your whole family will enjoy. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit bbwmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required. These events are part of Orange County's Week of the Family celebration, to learn more visit weekofthefamily.org.

Bullet Journaling

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

Mondays, November 6, 13 & 27, 6:30 p.m.

The Bullet Journal is a customizable organization system. This five-week workshop will cover An Introduction (November 6), Collections (November 13), Rapid-Logging (November 27), Migration (December 4), and Wrap-Up (December 11). Attendees are encouraged to bring a pen and notebook. Bullet Journal was created by Ryder Carroll. For more information, visit bulletjournal.com.

Holiday Tea Time

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Thursday, November 9, 6:30 p.m.

Indulge in some holiday tea blends with Karon Cannon of Tea Craze! Learn about the history of tea, types of teas and health benefits of drinking tea, as well as some of Karon's new blends for this holiday season. Enjoy a tea tasting and tips on brewing the perfect cup of tea! Registration required. To register visit ocls.info or call 407.835.7323

Orlando Children's Business Fair

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Sunday, November 12, 2-5 p.m.

The Orlando Children's Business Fair is a one-day marketplace where children will debut their innovative inventions, market their services or products and build marketing strategies. For more information, or to find out how you can participate, visit ocls.info/bizkids. The Orlando Children's Business Fair is brought to you by the Orange County Library System, in conjunction with the Acton Academy, Acton School of Business and the generous support of our partners and sponsors.

Silence No More: Perspective on Violence Against Women

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Tuesday, November 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

Promote awareness and discuss research on violence against women. Discussion will include Dr. M. C. Santana, Director of Women's and Gender Studies University Central Florida; Dr. Elida Aponte Sanchez-Emeritus, Director Women's Studies, IFD, University del Zulia Venezuela; and other distinguished panelists.

Cuisine Corner: Plantains for the Holidays

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

Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m.

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to make versatile plantain based dishes your whole family will enjoy this holiday season. From Mangu, a typical dish from Dominican Republic, adopted along the Caribbean comprised of smashed plantain with olive oil and vinegar and red onion, to a traditional plantain soup that is popular in Puerto Rico. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit bbwmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

DNA and Genealogy: An Introduction

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

Wednesday, November 15, 3 p.m.

Learn the basics of genetic genealogy and how DNA testing can supplement your traditional genealogical research. Explore the different types of tests that are available and help you determine how to target your testing to discover your desired connections. Discover how to find DNA projects that relate to your research and discuss which companies to consider for your testing purposes.

Script Orlando

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

Thursday, November 16, 6:00 p.m.

Script Orlando is a Melrose Center gathering where community-nominated individuals share their stories of success, self-discovery and inspiration. The November edition of Script Orlando features speakers Robyn Germyn and Nicki Drumb.

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

Thursday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.

Join Anna-Marie Walsh of beautyandthebeets.com as she teaches you blogging basics. Attendees should have basic computer and internet skills.

Central Florida Ballet Presents: *The Nutcracker*

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

Saturday, November 18, 12 p.m. & 2 p.m.

Enjoy a live performance of scenes from the classic ballet *The Nutcracker*. To learn more about the Central Florida Ballet, please visit centralfloridaballet.com.

Writer's Workshop with #1 *New York Times* Bestseller Peter Telep

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

Saturday, November 18, 2-4 p.m.

Embark on an exciting adventure into the world of writing fictional stories in any genre. Your humble tour guide, Peter Telep, author of over forty books, including the new Doc Harrison science fiction series, will help you hone that fiery passion in your soul that's urging you to write. Learn to create vivid settings, dynamic characters and compose dialogue that's crisp and believable. You'll review classic plot structures like the Hero's Journey and screenwriting paradigms (as they apply to fiction). Also learn about the business side of writing and tricks to manage your time and enable your creativity. Q&A and book signing to follow the workshop.

Meet the Author: James Ponti

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

Saturday, November 18, 2 p.m.

Meet the author of *Framed!* and the Dead City trilogy. James Ponti received the prestigious Edgar Award for best juvenile mystery for *Framed!*, which is on the Sunshine State Young Reader Award lists for both Grades 3–5 and 6–8. His new book, *Vanished*, is the second in the T.O.A.S.T. series. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. Registration recommended. Register at ocls.info/sunshineseries.

The Music of Star Wars: A Celebration of John Williams' Film Scores

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

Sunday, November 19, 2 p.m.

Often called a “space opera”, one aspect of the Star Wars films that helped make them such a pop-culture phenomenon was composer John Williams' iconic music. This 60-minute multimedia presentation showcases music from all seven movies.

Sewing: Holiday Stockings

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Friday, November 31, 10 a.m.

Stockings are a must-have for the holidays. Use a simple pattern and your imaginations to create a custom stocking for yourself or as a gift. Learn basic lining and cuff sewing techniques.

Orange County Regional History Center's Brechner Speaker Series

Gary Mormino: From 9/11 to Pulse

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

Wednesday, November 1, 6 p.m.

Often called the dean of Florida historians, Gary Mormino returns to Orlando presenting on the media and Florida in the years 2000-2016, a time when “no novelist could imagine a plot involving the real-life events that took place in the state,” Gary Mormino is the Frank E. Duckwall professor emeritus at the University of South Florida. In 2015, he received the Florida Humanities Council's Lifetime Achievement Award in Writing. His books include *Land of Sunshine*, *State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida*.

Sunshine State of Mind: Florida in the American Imaginary

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

Wednesday, November 15, 6 p.m.

Orange County Regional History Center's research librarian, Adam Ware, will discuss the varied ways the Sunshine State operates in American feeling and memory. Sharing materials that evoke and invent the image of Florida and the pioneers and entrepreneurs who mobilized the concept of Florida to change the course of the state's history.

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