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**Art, food and culture – Hispanic cultural offerings at the library**

This month, the Orange County Library System hosts Spanish dance workshops, bilingual storytimes and a program on cooking plantains for holiday celebrations. The Library will also host a Naturalization ceremony on November 7, during which people from a variety of nations will officially be sworn in as citizens of the United States. The event will take place on the first floor of the Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd., at 10 a.m.

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

**Spanish Dance Workshop**

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Mondays, October 30–November 20, 6 p.m.*

Alborea Dances will be hosting a four-part dance workshop. Learn some basic steps to the most fun and popular Spanish dances. Students will be able to show off their new skills at a final performance on Monday, November 20, 6 p.m. Space is limited, register online at [ocls.info](http://ocls.info) or by phone at 407.835.7323.

**Improve Your English Reading Workshop**

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Wednesday, November 1–15, 6–8 p.m.*

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Thursday, November 2–30, 1–3 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 [adulteracyleague.org](http://adulteracyleague.org).

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

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Friday, November 3, 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.

### **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.*

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

*martes, 14 de noviembre, 6:30 p.m.*

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*jueves, 2 y 16 de noviembre, 6:30 p.m.*

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*martes, 2 de noviembre, 6:30 p.m.*

Debido a los cierres por días feriados, no habrá reuniones los días miércoles y jueves 22 y 23 de noviembre. Ven y asiste a la sucursal más cercana a ti para que compartas y discutas poesías, literatura, arte o historia! Todos son bienvenidos.

### **Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club**

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.*

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

*Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.*

Windermere Branch, 570 Main St., Windermere

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

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*Thursday November 2 & 16, 6:30 p.m.*

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Tuesday, November 2, 6:30 p.m.*

Join this Spanish-language book club to discuss literature, art, music and more. All are welcome. Due to holiday closures, there will be no meetings on Wednesday and Thursday, November 22 and 23.

### **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](http://bbwmira.com). Space is limited. Registration required.

### **Celebrate with Dance**

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Monday, November 20, 7 p.m.*

Enjoy a lively performance of Spanish folk dances by Alborea Dances and the students that took part in the Spanish Dance Workshop.

### **The Lines That Join Us**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*On Display Through November*

The Lines That Join Us is a collection of portraits by photographer Carrie Moran that tell the stories of people who have chosen to get tattoos in response to the Pulse tragedy. Each portrait is accompanied by a brief narrative, and will introduce viewers to one of the many who have decided to honor the 49 and greater LGBTQ+ community in this way. The Lines That Join Us will be on display at the Orlando Public Library through November.

### **Ancestral Voices**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*On Display Through November*

Artists Virginia Arakelian and Mpilar Vargas, being of Armenian and Colombian heritage, respectively, create vibrant works that evoke their individual cultural ancestries. Through the use of bright colors and light, their art reflects the rich stories and higher emotions we experience throughout our lives.

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