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January events for kids at the library: Enter the Youth Art Contest, learn to speak French and more

Celebrate the New Year with a fun new class, event or activity at the library. Visit the Herndon Branch on Fridays from January 12-26 for So You Want To Learn a New Language – French. Younger patrons will have fun learning French through activities, games and interactive technology using the Mango Languages database.

Is your child an aspiring artist? Encourage them to enter their work in the Youth Art Contest, which gives them a chance to have their art displayed in the Youth Art Show at the Orlando Public Library. The entry period starts on January 2 and ends on Friday, January 26. See below for details.

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

Youth Art Contest

Get creative! Show off your work and be entered for a chance to win the Youth Art Contest. Entry forms with complete rules and guidelines will be available January 2 at all Orange County Library System locations or can be printed from teens.ocls.info. Submissions should be turned in at the Orlando Public Library by Friday, January 26. Awards will be presented to the top artists at the Youth Art Show held Thursday, February 15, 6:30 p.m. at the Orlando Public Library. All submissions will be on display February 1–28. Grades 6–12.

BizKids Camp: Developing Your Business Idea

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Tuesday–Thursday, January 2–5, 2 p.m.

Do you an idea but don't know where to start? In this four-day camp, you will develop a business idea, create a business plan, design marketing materials and pitch your concept to an audience. Ages 9–12.

Tissue Paper Monet

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

Tuesday, January 2, 5 p.m.

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

Monday, January 8, 4:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Saturday, January 20, 2:30 p.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Monday, January 22, 4 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Tuesday, January 23, 3:30 p.m.

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Tuesday, January 30, 4:30 p.m.

Learn about famous artist Claude Monet and make a tissue paper painting to take home. Ages 6–12.

Happy New Year!

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesday, January 3, 10 a.m.

Make some noise and celebrate the New Year with your little ones! Join us for fun, games and an exciting countdown. Ages 2–4.

K Ready!

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Wednesdays, January 3–February 21, 11 a.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Mondays, January 22–March 12, 10:30 a.m.

This eight-part series readies preschool children to excel in kindergarten through creative play, cooperative learning and activities that stimulate the imagination! Ages 4–5. This series introduces important concepts and skills that align with the Florida Early Learning and

Developmental Standards for Four-Year-Olds. In order to fully experience this series, register and attend all eight sessions. Call 407.835.7323 or visit ocls.info/kready for more information.

The Enormous Turnip

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Thursday, January 4, 10:30 a.m.

Explore the magical world of your favorite fairy tales and build your imagination with stories and activities. Ages 3–5.

LEGO Block Party

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

Saturday, January 6, 10:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, January 11, 6:30 p.m.

Is there anything you can't build with LEGO? Let's find out! Join us for lots of building fun. We provide the LEGO, you provide the creativity. Ages 6–12.

Little Chef: Ice, Ice Igloo

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturday, January 6, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Wednesday, January 10, 10:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, January 18, 2 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Monday, January 22, 10:30 a.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Thursday, January 25, 10:30 a.m.

You're never too young to get your start in the kitchen! Can apples and marshmallows turn into ice and igloos? Join us in the kitchen to find out! Bring your little one to learn cooking skills such as kitchen safety, layering, measuring, smearing, tasting and presentation as you interact with a delicious recipe. This class is a "Mommy or Daddy and me" event. Space is limited.

Registration required. Ages 3–5.

Make Believe: Dress & Play

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Saturday, January 6, 3 p.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Saturday, January 13, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesday, January 17, 10 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Thursday, January 25, 11 a.m.

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

Thursday, January 25, 11 a.m.

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

Sunday, January 28, 2:30 p.m.

Turn on your imaginations and learn why pretend play is more than just fun! Dress up is welcome. Ages 2–6.

I Have a Dream

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Saturday, January 6, 3 p.m.

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

Wednesday, January 10, 4:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Thursday, January 11, 4 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 16, 5 p.m.

Celebrate the life and dream of Martin Luther King Jr. by making crafts inspired by your own dreams, the importance of peace and togetherness. Ages 6–12.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Holy Guacamole!

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

Wednesday, January 10, 5:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Thursday, January 18, 3:15 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Tuesday, January 23, 4 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 23, 5 p.m.

Nothing is better than fresh guacamole! Learn how to prepare this classic dip that's both easy to whip up and delicious. Space is limited. Registration required. Ages 8–18.

So You Want to Learn a New Language – French

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Fridays, January 12–26, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a fun-filled language learning experience with hands-on activities, songs and interactive technology using our Little Pim Database powered by Mango Languages. Ages 3–5. Registration Required.

Book Bingo

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Friday, January 19, 3 p.m.

Bingo! Celebrate back-to-school by playing bingo. You could win a book to take home. Ages 6–12.

Ready, Set, Code! Club: Mobile Apps

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Mondays, January 22–March 19, 5–6:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesdays, January 24–March 21, 4–5:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturdays, January 27–March 25, 4–5:30 p.m.

Join the Ready, Set, Code! Club to design your own mobile apps from scratch. Create an app to solve a problem in your community from wireframing your idea to presenting your prototype app. Ages 9–12.

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