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New Year, new you! Start the year off right at the library

A New Year calls for new goals, and the library is a great place to begin. Several Orange County Library System branches will host Learn a Language Using Library Resources. This workshop will provide information on the many online language-learning resources available for free to all customers with a library card in good standing. See below for times and locations.

On January 12, join Sara Brown, Success & Beyond life coach, for Goal Getter Visioning Workshop at the Alafaya branch. Learn to gather all of your ideas and goals for the New Year through goal setting and intentional visualization. On January 28 at the Melrose Center, learn the basics of budgeting and investing during Personal Finance Using Morning Star. Gain the knowledge you'll want during this six-week series, which will cover topics like mutual funds, bonds, budgeting, portfolio review and much more.

We also have some great author events, including Arin Greenwood at the Orlando Public Library on January 12, Clara Silverstein at the Herndon branch on January 19, and Tim Dorsey on January 27 at the Orlando Public Library. Aspiring and experienced writers alike should mark their calendars for January 26, as the OCLS Writers Conference takes place at the Orlando Public Library, featuring discussions, workshops and tips to help working writers achieve their goals.

If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, feel free to contact us as 407-835-7323. Check us out online at www.ocls.info for a complete listing of library events.

Learn a Language Using Library Resources

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Monday, January 7, 2:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 22, 12:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 22, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Monday, January 28, 5:30 p.m.

Become familiar with online language learning resources and other resources at the library that can help you learn a new language or improve your English.

English Classes for Families

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Mondays & Tuesdays, January 8–March 12, 6–8 p.m.

This 10-week series is designed to develop English skills for the whole family. Bilingual teachers will help parents and children work on their language skills and provide strategies to address challenges they may face at work or school. Snacks will be provided. Sponsored in part by the Florida Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Please be prepared to attend all class sessions.

Goal Getter Visioning Workshop

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, January 12, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

Join Sara Brown, Success & Beyond life coach, for an inspiring vision board workshop. Learn the secret to activating your aspirations and manifesting your ideal life through goal setting and intentional visualization. Seating is limited. Registration required. To register, visit ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

Melrose Meetups: Say It Paint So!

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

Sunday, January 13, 2 p.m.

Sit and relax while painting on a canvas with instructor assistance and walk away with your very own masterpiece. Registration required.

New Year Stretch and Meditate

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m.

Learn a series of daily stretches designed to release body tension and improve posture. Certified yoga instructor Meg Saletnik will teach the power of positive thinking with mantras and meditation. Students will receive a list of books available at the library to continue their self-study.

Meet the Author: Clara Silverstein

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, January 19, 11 a.m.

Join author Clara Silverstein as she discusses her book *Secrets in a House Divided*. The novel, set in late 1800s Richmond, Virginia, explores the relationships between masters and slaves, husbands and wives, and parents and children as the Civil War drives them to a flash point. Though the story is set in the past, its focus on the roots of racism resonates today. Book sale and signing to follow the discussion.

Art 101: Alexander Calder

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

Wednesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.

Alexander Calder is best known for his wire and kinetic “mobile” sculptures. Join us as we examine Calder’s life and works, then create your own sculpture inspired by his art. Registration required. Register online at ocls.info or call 407.835.7323. Ages 15 and up.

Genealogy for Night Owls

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

Friday, January 25, 5–9 p.m.

Meet, mingle and share with fellow researchers as you uncover details of your ancestry in this after-hours event. Genealogy lectures and technology classes will be offered. Library staff will also be available for research assistance. Registration is required. Register online or, if you do not have a library card, email genealogy@ocls.info or call 407.835.7651 for more information about attending.

OCLS Writers Conference

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

Saturday, January 26, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Make 2019 the year you finish and publish a novel. The OCLS Writers Conference will provide the tools and knowledge you need to reach your writing and publishing goals this year. Authors and publishing professionals will teach workshops on both craft and business topics. This conference is free to the public, but registration is required for all attendees. Visit ocls.info/writersconference for more information and to register.

Music in the Library: Naming the Twins

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturday, January 26, 2 p.m.

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

Sunday, January 27, 2 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Monday, January 28, 4 p.m.

Hear Canadian musicians, Naming the Twins live. Naming the Twins is the harmonizing duo of Robbie Smith and Kathleen Glauser. Their music is a blend of Americana and Canadian styles, originals and favorites – with emphasis on harmony. For more information about Naming the Twins, visit namingthetwins.com.

Meet the Author: Tim Dorsey

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

Sunday, January 27, 1:30 p.m.

New York Times best-selling author Tim Dorsey, famous for his books featuring psychotic killer and lovable Floridaphile Serge Storms, will discuss his latest release *No Sunscreen for the Dead*. Attend for a chance to meet Dorsey and learn about his experiences as a novelist. A book sale and signing will follow the event.

Personal Finance Using Morningstar

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

Mondays, January 28–March 4, 6 p.m.

Get the basics of budgeting and investing using Morningstar's *Investing for the Long Run: Strategies and Solutions to Help You Shape Up Your Personal Finances*. This six-week series welcomes anyone interested in their financial well-being. Program topics include: budgeting, investing in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, asset allocation and portfolio review. Learn financial fundamentals in a fun, supportive and educational environment. In addition to the Morningstar Investment Research Center library database, participants will receive information from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

An Evening of Coffee, Tea and Stories for Adults

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Monday, January 28, 6:30 p.m.

Treat yourself to an evening filled with the wondrous, unusual, funny tales of real life. Whose life? Yours, of course! Relax, take a break from your daily routine and enjoy stories presented by the library's talented storytellers. Find your inner storyteller and swap anecdotes with other adults as you enjoy light refreshments. Refreshments available, while supplies last.

Meet the Author: Kekla Magoon

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

Thursday, January 31, 6:30 p.m.

Kekla Magoon will read from and discuss her book, *Shadows of Sherwood*, winner of the Sunshine State Young Readers Award for grades 6–8. *Shadows of Sherwood* tells the story of Robyn Loxley, a 12-year old who must learn to fend for herself when her parents disappear and her city is taken over by a harsh governor. Readers will be treated to feats of courage and daring deeds as Robyn and her band find their way in this cruel, new world. Kekla Magoon is the author of nine novels, including *The Rock and the River* and *How It Went Down*. She has received an NAACP Image Award, the John Steptoe New Talent Award and two Coretta Scott King Honors. She lives and writes in Vermont, where she also teaches writing. Registration recommended. Register at ocls.info/sunshineseries.

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