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**New Year, new you: Start 2018 with a life-changing workshop at the library**

Start 2018 with a life-changing workshop at the library. All month long, Orange County Library System branches are focusing on programs and events that will help you lead a healthier, more productive life. On January 7, the Orlando Public Library hosts a Goal Getter Visioning Workshop that will show attendees how to use a vision board to accomplish your goals for the year. On January 20 at the Alafaya Branch, learn to turn your lawn into a productive garden with the help of Fleet Farming. On January 25, the Herndon Branch offers a workshop on how to start a nonprofit organization, and the Windermere Branch hosts a talk on the best way to train your dog. Aspiring writers should check out the OCLS Writers Conference on January 27, where authors and publishing professionals will gather to offer insights into what it takes to get your work completed and published. See complete details below.

If you have any questions about library events, contact us at 407-835-7323. You can also check for more library events online at [www.ocls.info](http://www.ocls.info).

**Improve Your English Reading Workshop**

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Wednesdays, January 3–31, 6–8 p.m.*

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Thursdays, January 4–25, 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).

### **Goal Getter Visioning Workshop**

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

*Sunday, January 7, 2–5 p.m.*

Join Sara Brown, Success & Beyond Life Coach, as she kicks off the Goal Getter event series with 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](http://ocls.info) or call 407.835.7323.

### **Smarter Senior Series: What You Need to Know About Home Services**

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Wednesday, January 10, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

Looking for a home services professional you can trust? Mike Flahaven, a Certified Senior Housing Professional (CSHP), knows what it takes to find a trusted plumber, roofer, handyman, electrician or cooling/heating professional. Learn how to create a list of trusted resources to get your home service job done right the first time with less stress! Light refreshments will be served. This event is part of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flahaven, E-Pro, SFR, CSHP. To learn more, visit [yourfloridahaven.com](http://yourfloridahaven.com). To register, contact Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291. Registration required.

### ***Trapped In The Trade: Film Viewing and Discussion***

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Wednesday, January 10, 6:30–8:30 p.m.*

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*Wednesday, January 24, 6:30–8:30 p.m.*

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

*Thursday, January 25, 6:30–8:30 p.m.*

Paving The Way Foundation will be hosting a screening of *Trapped in the Trade*, a docudrama that shines a light on the world of human trafficking. The film is compelling, engaging and deeply human; showing the reality of unknown dangers in relationships and the allure of being a part of the ‘in’ crowd. It also offers hope by encouraging and empowering you to take action. Following the film a Mission Ambassador with Paving the Way Foundation will be leading a conversation designed to empower you to take actions that can prevent our children from being trafficked. Recommended for children 12 and up with parent supervision. Sensitive topics will be discussed.

### **Genealogy, The Very Basics**

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

*Thursday, January 11, 11 a.m.*

Want to learn more about your family history but don’t know where to begin? This program will introduce you to genealogical terms and techniques. Gain the skills to complete an ancestor chart

and garner information from living relatives and household sources. Sources that can be used for family-history research will be discussed.

### **Introduction to Virtual Reality**

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

*Wednesday, January 17, 4 p.m.*

*Wednesday, January 24, 4 p.m.*

Explore a world of possibilities with the latest in virtual reality equipment and software. Learn about the principles of VR technology and major platforms. Discover how you can use the resources available at the Melrose Center to develop your own virtual reality experiences.

### **Conquer Your Clutter**

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

*Thursday, January 18, 6:30 p.m.*

Address areas of your home organization in a relaxed and open environment to develop change in this six-workshop series. For more details about each workshop visit [ocls.info/back2basics](http://ocls.info/back2basics).

Attendees are encouraged to bring a pen and notebook.

1/18: Develop a Plan, Kitchen & Dining areas

2/1: Master Bedroom

2/15: Closet & Bathroom

3/1: Financials

3/15: Common Areas

3/29: Storage Areas

### **George Burns Alive Again and in Concert**

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

*Saturday, January 20, 11 a.m.*

Everyone loves George Burns! Join Broadway and film actor Duffy Hudson as he takes you on a stroll along nostalgia lane. George Burns sings, dances and tells stories like only George Burns can. This one-man, musical, comedy performance of our beloved George Burns is sure to delight the entire family! To learn more about Duffy Hudson, visit [duffyHUDSON.com](http://duffyHUDSON.com).

### **Turning Your Lawn Into a Microfarm with Fleet Farming**

Alafaya Branch

*Saturday, January 20, Noon*

Fleet Farming is an urban agriculture program that transforms lawns into farms by bicycle. Fleet Farming's mission is to transform underutilized land and resources into farms by the power of our communities. Fleet Farming hosts bi-weekly Swarm Rides to educate, engage and empower future urban farmers through a hands-on, dirt in your nails bicycle ride throughout the neighborhood. Join program manager Caroline Chomanics as she shares how to "Grow Food, Not Lawns" right here in Central Florida.

### **Best Science Fiction & Fantasy Books of 2017**

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

*Sunday, January 21, 1:30 p.m.*

What were the standout Science Fiction & Fantasy books of 2017? Join the Orlando Area Science Fiction Society (OASFiS) for their monthly meeting and a discussion of 2017's best books. OASFiS is a fan-run, not-for-profit corporation whose goal is the promotion of Science Fiction in all its forms.

### **Cuisine Corner: Vegan Pasta Night**

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

*Monday, January 22, 6:15 p.m.*

Victoria from True Radiant You shares how to easily hand-make healthy zucchini noodles with a hearty lentil marinara sauce. This is a nutritious and delicious vegan pasta dish the whole family will love. For more information, visit [victoriaroonneyyoga.com](http://victoriaroonneyyoga.com). Space is limited. Registration required.

### **Art 101: Jewels of the Russian Empire**

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

*Wednesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.*

The ornate jewelry created in the Russian Empire is known for its exquisite gemstones and precious metals. This month, learn the FACETnating history of these jewels and create your own piece of art inspired by the famous Fabergé eggs. Register online at [ocls.info](http://ocls.info) or call 407.835.7323. Ages 15 and up.

### **Starting Your Own Non-Profit**

Herndon Branch

*Thursday, January 25, 6:30 p.m.*

Have you ever wanted to start your own non-profit but aren't sure where to start? Get your questions answered by De Lisa Bonaparte, founder of the non-profit organization, Patricia's Rock. Learn tips and tricks for navigating the process and where to find local resources to assist.

### **Curbing Your Dog's Unwanted Behavior**

Windermere Branch

*Thursday, January 25, 6:30 p.m.*

Does your pet have a problem with jumping, barking, counter surfing, puppy nipping, potty training or leash pulling? Todd Campbell CPDT-KA, owner and operator of South Orlando Dog Training, will share practical solutions to common canine issues. Get advice on how physically or verbally punishing these common issues can actually make them worse. These tips and tricks are scientifically based techniques that use no force, pain or fear. Pets are not permitted to attend.

### **Meet the Author: Sharon Robinson**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m.*

Sharon Robinson will discuss and sign her book, *The Hero Two Doors Down*, based on a true story about her father, Jackie Robinson, and 8-year old Dodgers fan, Steve Satlow. *The Hero Two Doors Down*, on the Sunshine State Young Readers Award list for grades 3–5, is a story about baseball, friendship and breaking racial barriers. Robinson is also the author of *Under the Same Sun*, *Testing the Ice*, *Slam Dunk!* and several nonfiction books about baseball legend Jackie Robinson. She is the education consultant for Major League Baseball, managing the character initiative called “Breaking Barriers: In Sports, In Life.” 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.eventbrite.com](http://ocls.eventbrite.com).

### **OCLS Writers Conference**

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

*Saturday, January 27, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.*

Make 2018 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. Registration required. Visit [ocls.info/writersconference](http://ocls.info/writersconference) for more information and to register.

### **Family Health & Wellness Fair**

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

*Saturday, January 27, 1–3 p.m.*

Celebrate the New Year with a new you! Families are invited to join us for a day of health and wellness. Discover some health and wellness tips, nutritional information and how to start a new workout routine. We have all you will need to jump start a new you for the New Year!

### **Multicultural Children’s Book Day**

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

*Sunday, January 28, 2–4 p.m.*

Celebrate Multicultural Children’s Book Day with authors of books for children aged 2–17. Multicultural Children’s Book Day is a national effort to raise awareness for the kid’s books that celebrate diversity and to get more of these of books into classrooms and libraries. Learn more at [multiculturalchildrensbookday.com](http://multiculturalchildrensbookday.com).

### **Minimalist Meetup**

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

*Tuesday, January 30, 6:30–8 p.m.*

Join us for a Minimalist meet-up where we will watch The Minimalists’ movie *Minimalism: A Documentary About the Important Things*. Registration recommended.

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