

Library Events

Orange County Regional History Center's Brechner Speaker Series

Named in honor of the late Joseph L. Brechner, an award-winning journalist, community leader, and freedom-of-information advocate, this new speaker's series focuses on the media in Florida's history. This series is sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

Gary Mormino: From 9/11 to Pulse

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

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

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.

Craft Club

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, November 1, 7 p.m.

Arts and crafts aren't just for kids! Release your inner child and come to adult crafting. This month, join us and learn how to crochet! Registration required.

Plant Clinic

West Oaks Branch

Thursday, November 2, 2–4 p.m.

Bring your plants, get your soil pH tested and ask questions! Master Gardener Volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office will be available to answer your gardening questions and to assess any plant issues.

Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment Assistance

Hiawasse Branch

Thursdays, November 2 & 9, 4–8:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Thursdays, November 16 & 30, 2–8 p.m.

Don't miss the 2018 Open Enrollment, when you can enroll in a health insurance plan. Certified Navigators will be providing free enrollment appointments. The Open Enrollment Period for 2018 is November 1, 2017 to December 15, 2017. Appointments can be made online by visiting CoveringCFL.net or calling 877.564.5031.

AAHC Scholastic Award Ceremony

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, November 4, 10 a.m.

The Asian American Heritage Council (AAHC) will recognize Asian-American students for their excellence in academia, community service, preservation of culture and language during this ceremony. Come and celebrate Asian-American Heritage with special performances.

Southwest Art Club: Acrylic Painting Workshop

Southwest Branch

Saturday, November 4, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Participants will work with acrylic paints on canvas (16x20) creating the piece “Autumn Heart Tree” by featured teaching-artist Deborah Smith. Basic techniques will be discussed and demonstrated in a step-by-step format. Materials are provided or bring your own. Suggested donation for materials and supplies \$15. Cash or checks only. Checks made to Women in the Arts Inc. Ages 18 and up. Registration required. Space is limited. This is a Community School of the Arts program presented by Women in the Arts Inc. in partnership with the Orange County Library System.

Holiday Savings and More!

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room

Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m.

Get the best deals for the holidays! Join Perry McCartney of Simple Truth Foundation as he shares how to effectively use coupons, navigate blogs for deals and make the most of rewards, among other savvy shopping tips.

Orlando Public Library Pokémon League

Orlando Public Library, Albertson & Magnolia Room

Sundays, November 5 & 19, 3 p.m.

Calling all trainers! Join the official Orlando Public Library Pokémon League. Battle for fun or for glory with the Pokémon Trading Card Game, Pokémon video games and even Pokkén Tournament. Earn cool prizes, meet other trainers and have fun. Trainers of all ages and skill levels welcome. ocls.info/pokemon.

CareerSource Central Florida

Alafaya Branch

Monday, November 6, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Monday, November 13, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Monday, November 13, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Monday, November 20, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Monday, November 27, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Come spend time with the experts from CareerSource Central Florida to explore the services they provide and get connected to employment opportunities using career counseling, skill development, workshops and more.

National Novel Writing Month Film Festival

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Mondays, November 6–27, 11 a.m.

Enjoy these movies about fictional and real writers, in honor of National Novel Writing Month.

11/6 – *Young Adult*

11/13 – *The Hours*

11/20 – *The Door in the Floor*

11/27 – *Bright Star*

Bullet Journaling

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

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.

Career Academy: Job Smart USA

Orlando Public Library, Learning Central

Tuesdays, November 7–28, 2 p.m.

Join us in Learning Central for these recurring job and career-assistance events on the following topics:

11/7 – Searching for Jobs

11/14 – Resume Writing

11/21 – Cover and Thank You Letters

11/28 – Interviewing Skills

Reducing Holiday Stress Through Meditation

Edgewater Branch

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

Herndon Branch

Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.

Join Mark Young, Ph.D, a meditator for over 40 years, as he discusses the extraordinary effect of meditation to reduce stress-related responses, improve concentration and enhance clarity of thought and mental equilibrium. He will also present a simple, yet powerful meditation technique that can enrich one's life personally, professionally, spiritually and help with seasonal stress.

Stress Buster Coloring

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, November 8, 10:15 a.m.

Life got you stressed? Unwind at the Library. Turn off your phone, unplug your computer and join us for an hour of stress-busting coloring for adults. All supplies provided. Ages 18 and up. Some supplies provided by Community School of the Arts program sponsored by Women in the Arts Inc., in partnership with the Orange County Library System and by a generous donation from Marcia Tyson, wife of the late local ink and color pencil artist, Seymour (Sy) Tyson. womenintheartsinc.org.

Preserving Our Parks

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.

America's and Florida's parks were established to preserve our country's greatest collection of natural, historic and cultural treasures. Deborah Green, Vice President of the Orange Audubon Society will discuss the irreplaceable value of our parks and how we can protect them for future generations.

**The Basics of Dog Training:
How to Avoid or Recover from Common Pitfalls**

Winter Garden Branch

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

Many behavioral problems in dogs can be prevented with proper care and training. Todd Campbell, owner of South Orlando Dog Training, would like to inspire you to train your dog the right way. Learn reward-based training methods that will make your new furry friend love to be with you and obey you. Please note, pets are not permitted to attend.

First Time Home Buyer Workshop

Hiawassee Branch

Saturday, November 11, 10:15 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

Learn about the first time home-buying process from start to finish presented by Operation HOPE Inc. Attendees will receive a certificate that meets the requirements for both Orange County and State of Florida Down Payment Assistance Programs. Operation HOPE Inc. is a nonprofit HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency. To learn more about Operation HOPE Inc., visit operationhope.org. Call or text Porsha Porter at 407.446.1931 or email Porsha.Porter@OperationHOPE.org to register.

Celebrate Veteran's Day

Edgewater Branch

Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m.

Show your support and make a patriotic craft to honor our national heroes.

Tatting, Smocking and Irish Crochet

West Oaks Branch

Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m.

Learn about needlework and the history of lace making, also known as tatting. Donna Kelly will demonstrate tatting and smocking stitches, and show examples of Irish crochet and other intricate lace work.

Creative Coloring for Adults

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Sunday, November 12, 3 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Monday, November 27, 7 p.m.

Coloring is a great way to relax and unwind while channeling your inner child. Join us for a fun time of creating and coloring. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite colored pencils or markers. Ages 18 and up.

Silence No More: Perspective on Violence Against Women

South Creek Branch

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.

Blogging Basics

Winter Garden Branch

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.

Savvy Savers

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, November 18, 1–3 p.m.

Join in the savings! Become a savvy saver by sharing coupons and savings tips at this monthly meeting.

Gratitude Rocks

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, November 18, 2:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us in painting rocks with messages of thanks and gratitude. Then go out and hide your rocks in the community. Registration requested.

The Ghost Society

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Sunday, November 19, 2 p.m.

The Ghost Society is an open forum hosted by The Beyond Investigators paranormal team. Come share your personal experiences, learn what's new in the field and discuss books and shows in a casual and fun atmosphere. Join us every third Sunday of the month as we explore this interesting field.

Creative Coloring

Hiawassee Branch

Monday, November 27, 6–8 p.m.

Join us for the latest stress-reducing craze! Coloring for adults and teens is a fun and easy craft. We supply coloring pencils, crayons, markers and beautiful patterns and designs. Discover the soothing effects as well as the pleasure of creating serene masterpieces. Ages 13 and up.