Celebrating Women
March is Women’s History Month, and the Orange County Library System is celebrating with events that showcase powerful, creative and courageous women. We kick off the month with an appearance by Paralympic Gold Medalist April Holmes, who shares her story about being involved in a train accident that resulted in the loss of her left leg. While she was in the hospital, she made a promise to herself that she would not let her injury stop her from achieving her goals, and she went on to become an 11-time international medal-winning athlete. If you saw April speak last month during our annual African-American Read-In, you know she’s a powerhouse and that her story is a remarkable tale of perseverance in the face of great adversity. Don’t miss this event, because it’s sure to be an uplifting and inspirational presentation. April will be at the Orlando Public Library on March 3. See page 19 for details.

Because it’s a library’s role to help people grow and learn, we’re also hosting a special program at our Edgewater Branch that’s designed to inspire young women and girls to pursue careers in robotics and technology. Beginning March 31, we partner with the National Center for Women & Information Technology’s AspireIT to present Girls Rocking Robotics. On Saturdays through April 14, girls 10-14 will learn to use engineering tactics to tackle various social issues. Under the guidance of a mentor, the girls will use LEGO Mindstorms robots kits to bring their creations to life, giving them an understanding of how they can apply STEM techniques to solve problems. For more information on this exciting program, see page 19.

March is also the month when we host the Celebrating the Genius of Women art show, in collaboration with Women in the Arts. The show, which features the work of local, national and international women artists, is on display at the Orlando Public Library through April. On March 24, everybody is invited to participate in a gallery walk of the show where the artists will be on site to talk about their work. The walk is followed by the Women in the Arts awards reception, which honors some of the best pieces in the show. Come celebrate their genius with us!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Mary Anne Hodel
Library Director/CEO

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Friday: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Sunday: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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Next Board Of Trustees Meeting:
Orlando Public Library
March 6, 6 p.m.

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Next Friends Of The Library Board Of Directors Meeting:
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, March 21, Noon
Blakemore School of Music
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, March 4, 4 p.m.
Enjoy a live performance by the students of the Blakemore School of Music. Students of all ages will perform classical music at the library.

Matthew Gurnsey – The Kilted Man
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m.
Enjoy a live performance by Matthew Gurnsey, The Kilted Man. Matthew delights audiences with his rousing performances of traditional Irish and Scottish music. His unique talents with traditional Celtic instruments, such as the concertina, bodhran, bones and mandolin, add an air of authenticity to each piece, and his stirringly rich bass voice provides the foundation for the hauntingly beautiful melodies. To learn more about Matthew Gurnsey, visit them at thekiltedman.com.

Step to the Irish Beat
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, March 11, 4 p.m.
Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with an Irish step dance performance by Watters School of Irish Dancing.

Forever Dancers
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, March 18, 4 p.m.
Forever Dancers is a group of dance lovers of different ethnicities, ages and backgrounds. The group was started at the Dr. Phillips YMCA, and members took the initiative to gather and practice the dance steps they had learned at the center. Now they share their love for dance with the community. Their performances include styles of dance ranging from Latin and contemporary to ballet and jazz. For more information, visit ForeverDancers.com.

Florida Songs and Stories for Kids
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m.
Join Chris Kahl as he presents Florida Songs and Stories for Kids. His interactive folk-style music program highlights Florida history, animals and environmental themes. Audience members will also learn about his acoustic guitar, harmonica and mandolin, and have a chance to play an instrument at the end.

Sing Along to the History of the 1950s and 60s Through Popular Song
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, March 3, 11 a.m.
Join New York Blues Hall of Fame inductee Marc Black for a musical tour through these two historically defining decades. You’ll sing along with wonderful songs as diverse as It’s My Way, Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka-Dot Bikini and Blowin’ in the Wind by artists ranging from Gene Autry to George Harrison. In addition to the music and discussion, this program features a slide show that’s sure to slide you right back in time. Marc will also perform his own group’s top 40 hit from 1967, Happy by the Blades of Grass. For more information, visit marcblack.com.

Art 101: Japanese Textiles
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.
Japan has a long and rich history of textile artistry. Embroidery, dyeing and fabric painting have been used in Japan to create intricate designs used in the creation of decorations and clothing, such as the famed kimono. This month learn about traditional methods of fabric creation and create a custom handkerchief inspired by Japanese aesthetics. Register online at ocls.info or call 407.835.7323. Ages 15 and up.

Celebrating the Genius of Women
Orlando Public Library
On Display Through April
The annual Celebrating the Genius of Women art exhibition features local, national and international artists who have entered artwork for consideration in the annual Women in the Arts competition. Winners of the competition will be announced at the Women in the Arts Awards on Saturday, March 24.

More Than a Memory: A Photographic Exhibition of Orlando’s History
Orlando Public Library
On Display Through April
Established as a city in 1885, Orlando has grown immensely from its humble beginnings as a hub of Central Florida’s citrus industry. While now commonly referred to as the tourist capital of the world, the collected images on display illustrate the time in Orlando’s history when the city was a quieter destination for families, traders and homesteaders. More Than a Memory features photographs reproduced from the collections of the Orange County Library System and the Orange County Bicentennial Committee. For more information about the photographs in this exhibit and the history of the city of Orlando, visit orlandomemory.info.
Snakes are fascinating animals and can be great pets. However, pet care and understanding to meet their needs is important. Pet snakes should only be cared for and should only be cared for by those with the commitment and understanding to meet their needs. Pet care professional Laura Helseth will discuss what you should consider before deciding to get a pet snake.

**Guide to Pet Snakes**

- **Alafaya Branch**
  - **Carol Burnett Trivia Contest**
    - **Southwest Branch**
      - **Monday, March 5, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**
      - Carol Burnett broke new ground as the first female host of a TV variety show. The Carol Burnett Show aired from 1967–1978 and became a comedy classic. Test your knowledge of the award-winning show in honor of its 50th anniversary. Join us for light refreshments and trivia prizes. Don’t miss the fun and laughter! Registration required. Ages 13 and up.

- **North Orange Branch**
  - **Monday, March 12, 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.

- **Hiawassee Branch**
  - **Monday, March 26, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**
  - Join us in Learning Central for these recurring job and career-assistance events on the following topics:
    - 3/6 – Searching for Jobs
    - 3/9 – Q&A Session
    - 3/13 – Resume Writing
    - 3/20 – Cover and Thank You Letters
    - 3/27 – Interviewing Skills

- **Alafaya Branch**
  - **Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m.**
  - Arts and crafts aren’t just for kids! Release your inner child and come to adult crafting.

- **Winter Garden Branch**
  - **Thursday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.**
  - Get into the spirit of spring by painting your own flower pot. Materials will be provided. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

- **West Oaks Branch**
  - **Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**
  - Create beautiful boho-style bowls using paper. Join us at our super exciting Craft Club for Adults meeting every month. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited. Registration required.

- **Creative Watercolors**
  - **March 10, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**
  - Learn the basics of painting through the use of watercolor pencils and paint. If you have ever desired to experiment with the basics of watercolor, this class will help you learn techniques to inspire your own paintings.

- **Savvy Savers**
  - **West Oaks Branch**
    - **Saturday, March 17, 1–3 p.m.**
    - Join in the savings! Become a savvy saver by sharing coupons and savings tips at this monthly meeting.

- **The Ghost Society**
  - **Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room**
    - **Sunday, March 18, 2 p.m.**
    - Orlando Reeves: Fact or Fiction?
      - A popular story of how Orlando got its name says a solder, Orlando Reeves, was killed at Lake Eola during the Seminole War to prevent him from firing a warning shot to his fellow soldiers. Some people claim this is a myth. Richard Lee Cronin, historian and author of Beyond Gatlin, will share the history of true-life courageous pioneers, hardy men and women who endured an endless barrage of challenges to establish the 19th century settlements of Kissimmee City, Shingle Creek, Pine Castle, Mackinnon, Troy, Gatlin, Conway, Campbell City, Runnymede and the 20th century communities of Taft, Prosper Colony, Edgewood and Belle Isle.

**Orlando Reeves: Fact or Fiction?**

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, March 25, 2 p.m.

A popular story of how Orlando got its name says a soldier, Orlando Reeves, was killed at Lake Eola during the Seminole War to prevent him from firing a warning shot to his fellow soldiers. Some people claim this is a myth. Richard Lee Cronin, historian and author of First Road to Orlando will discuss the origins of this story and whether it’s fact or fiction – or a little of both.
Entrepreneurs Small Business Workshop
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, March 20, 5:30–7:45 p.m.
Join the U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE and Operation Hope to learn how to start, grow or finance a small business, plus how to establish or rebuild your credit profile. Each representative will be available to speak one-on-one with attendees. Registration required. Visit ocls.info or call 407.835.7323 to register.

MODERN PARENTING ocls.info/parenting

Prime Time Family Reading Time
Herndon Branch
Wednesdays, March 7–April 11, 6–8 p.m.
Families with children will enjoy discussing children’s stories with a storyteller and a scholar at this six-week series. A healthy meal will be provided. Enjoy family time and win prizes! Registration required. Call 407.835.7356 to register.

Connection, Kindness and Gratitude
Windermere Branch
Thursday, March 29, 6 p.m.
Join mindfulness teacher Danielle Hope to learn about interconnection and the beneficial role kindness and gratitude can play in kids’ lives. We’ll practice fun, mindful activities to develop skills like appreciation, compassion and empathy, which help to improve relationship skills and enhance happiness. This event is recommended for parents and kids, ages 6–12.

Creative Coloring for Adults
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, March 25, 3 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.

Creative Coloring
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, March 26, 6–8 p.m.
Coloring for adults and teens is a fun and easy craft. We supply colored pencils, crayons, markers and beautiful patterns and designs. Discover the soothing effects as well as the pleasure of creating serene masterpieces.

First Time Home Buyer Workshop
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, March 31, 10:15 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
Learn about the home-buying process from start to finish in this first-time home buyer class 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.

About Multiple Sclerosis
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, March 24, Noon
Do you know if MS runs in your family? Join us for an informational session about MS. Learn about the symptoms, causes, medications and much more. Presented by Sisters for James and Julia Foundation Inc.

Introduction to Pilates for Adults
Eatonville Branch
Mondays, March 12 & 26, 2 p.m.
Step out of your comfort zone and join us for an introduction to Pilates class. Learn simple moves that will work your muscles, help alignment and encourage flexibility. Comfortable exercise or loose-fitting clothing required. Yoga mats encouraged. Registration recommended. Register online at ocls.info/nextchapter or call 407.835.7323. You are welcome to attend multiple classes.

HEALTHY LIVING ocls.info/healthyliving

What You Need To Know About Multiple Sclerosis
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, March 24, Noon
Do you know if someone you love has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS)? Are you wondering how you can be supportive? Do you know if MS runs in your family? Join us for an informational session about MS. Learn about the symptoms, causes, medications and much more. Presented by Sisters for James and Julia Foundation Inc.

Community Yoga
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, March 25, 3 p.m.
Step out of your comfort zone and join us for an experience you won’t forget! Studies show that regular yoga practice can strengthen muscles, improve bone density, increase cardiovascular health and reduce stress. All levels and body types are welcome. Bring comfy clothes, water and an open mind. Yoga mats will be provided. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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Registration is required for Cuisine Corner. Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info/cuisinecorner or call 407.835.7323.

Spring in to Rejuvenating Teas
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.
Karon Cannon of Tea Craze shares tips, health benefits and types of tea blends that will help you refresh yourself this spring. Enjoy a sampling of Karon’s rejuvenating teas. Registration required.

Healthy Cooking for One or Two
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, March 27, 11 a.m.
Cooking for one or two can be a challenge. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how you can cook for one or two and make tasty food that is also good for you. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit breakingbreadwithmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

Registration is required for Cuisine Corner. Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info/cuisinecorner or call 407.835.7323.

Plant Clinic
Southeast Branch
Thursday, March 1, 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.

Conquer Your Clutter
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursdays, March 1, 15 & 29, 6:30 p.m.
Address areas of your home organization in a relaxed and open environment to develop change in the culmination of this six-workshop series. For more details about each workshop, visit ocls.info/back2basics. Attendees are encouraged to bring a pen and notebook.
3/1 – Financials
3/15 – Common Areas
3/29 – Storage Areas

Introduction to American Sign Language
Edgewater Branch
Wednesdays, March 7–28, 7 p.m.
Join us for role playing and games designed to teach basic American Sign Language. During the progressive four week course, instructors will cover the manual alphabet, numbers, making introductions and more. Presented by ASL Services Inc. Ages 12 and up. Attendees must be able to participate in all four classes. Space is limited. Registration required. To register, visit ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

Gaining Financial Control of Your Divorce
Herndon Branch
Thursday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.
Before making any financial decisions regarding your divorce, become aware of potential pitfalls and learn the smart questions you should ask. Getting the right information to successfully navigate your finances both pre- and post-divorce is critical. This workshop will address the issues confronting you and help create an action plan on how to proceed and feel confident in your financial decisions.

Experiencing Italy: An Introduction to Italian Conversation and Culture
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturdays, March 3 & 10, 10:30 a.m.
In this two-part series, professor and Italian native, Donatella Marcovigi of i-Italianizeyou.com will teach the basics of Italian conversation such as greetings, grammatical rules and fun, interesting tips about the culture and travels that only a true native would know. At the end, you’ll get a chance to practice with fellow students.

Tapas with a Twist
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Wednesday, March 14, 6:15 p.m.
Join Chef Karen Ross of Karen’s Creative Cuisines as she shares how to create tapas (small plates of appetizers or snacks) that will delight your taste buds. She will show you how to make spicy tuna fish cakes and fried almond herbs. For more information, visit mychefkaren.com. Registration required.

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GENEALOGY

and Western New York.” National Mystery? Some Greenfields of Central W. “Too Few Sources to Solve a Family Society Quarterly, focusing on the month we will study and discuss one NGSQ Study Group is for you! Each Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m. Western New York Research Open Forum Do It Yourself DNA online. Specialist will be available to help guide you through roadblocks and assist with answering questions as you conduct your own DNA analysis. You will need to bring your own laptop or mobile device to access your results. NGSQ Study Group: Central and Western New York Research West Oaks Branch Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m. Interested in furthering your own DNA test results? Our Genealogy Research Open Forum will provide a smooth transition! Set a course to make your golden years a DNA and Genealogy: An Introduction West Oaks Branch Thursday, March 15, 11 a.m. Learn the basics of genetic genealogy and how DNA testing can supplement your traditional genealogical research. Explore the different types of tests that are available and determine how to target your testing to discover your desired connections. Discover how to find DNA projects that relate to your research and discuss which companies to consider for your testing purposes. Genealogy Research Question Workshop West Oaks Branch Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. Sharpen your genealogy skills and learn about resources by sharing your research questions. Genealogy researchers, whether beginning or advanced, are invited to submit a question in advance. Participate in our group discussion workshop for information on genealogy resources, research and methodology to start finding answers. Genealogy Center staff will lead the discussion, and can help direct you to possible answers, resources, types of records, databases and websites. Just think: a safe haven for all those family history queries! Email your research question to genealogy@ocls.info. Exploring Autosomal DNA West Oaks Branch Thursday, March 22, 11 a.m. So you had your DNA tested, now what do you do with your results? How do you know which matches are valid? How are chromosomes inherited and what is chromosome recombination? How is triangulation useful? What are centimorgans? How can X-DNA help me with my research? Learn to analyze and interpret your test results and leave armed with enough information to start making your DNA work for you. Exploring DNA Websites West Oaks Branch Thursday, March 29, 11 a.m. Explore three DNA testing companies’ websites: Ancestry DNA, FamilyTreeDNA and 23andMe. Learn what the differences between the companies are and how to navigate each website, along with an overview of the tools they provide to help you analyze your DNA test results. Storytime for Grownsups! Edgewater Branch Tuesday, March 6 & 20, 2 p.m. Winter Garden Branch Thursdays, March 8 & 22, 2 p.m. West Oaks Branch Tuesdays, March 13 & 27, 2 p.m. Southwest Branch Wednesday, March 21, 10:30 a.m. Why should kids have all the fun? Come to the library and enjoy a story or activity as our talented library storytellers entertain ages 18 and up! Each branch will have a unique storyline. Be sure to check out your local branch for unique event details. For more information, visit ocls.info/grownsupstorytime. Downsizing Herndon Branch Wednesday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Downsizing a lifetime of belongings can be a challenging task. Senior experts will provide information and education on how to make downsizing a smooth transition. This event is part of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flahaven, E-Pro, SFR, and Certified Senior Housing Professional. To learn more about YourFloridaHaven, visit yourfloridahaven.com. To register contact Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291. Kidney Smart North Orlando Branch Monday, March 12, 2 – 4 p.m. Certified educators with Kidney Smart will teach you how your kidneys function. Learn how medications, diet and nutrition work together to help keep you healthy and how to manage other related conditions, including diabetes and hypertension. Taxes in Retirement Herndon Branch Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 11 a.m. Planning for retirement today is much different than it was in the past. Learn to make the most of your Social Security and how to integrate it with other retirement income sources. Scott Thomas will show you why taxes are different in retirement and how to avoid key pitfalls in how you harvest income from various accounts. Presented by Stewardship Matters Inc. and Scott Thomas. To learn more, visit stewardshipmatters.net. Call 888.902.3011 ext. 2358 to register. Downsizing for Adult Children of Seniors Eatonville Branch Monday, March 19, 6 p.m. Make the difficult process of downsizing easier with helpful information provided at this workshop for adult children of seniors. This event is part of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flahaven, E-Pro, SFR, and Certified Senior Housing Professional. To learn more about YourFloridaHaven, visit yourfloridahaven.com. To register contact Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291. CarFit Vehicle Safety Checks Chickasaw Branch Thursday, March 22, 10 a.m. – Noon CarFit is a national education program created by AARP, AAA and the American Occupational Therapy Association to help older drivers stay safe on the road. Join us for a vehicle safety check, which takes about 20 minutes. Trained volunteers will use a checklist of items related to comfort and safety in your vehicle, they may make recommendations to you, but will not make any changes to your car. To register, visit ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.
Meet the Author
ocls.info/meettheauthor

Local Author Festival: In Celebration of Women’s History Month
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, March 31, 2–4 p.m.
Meet and greet local authors at a special edition of our Local Author Festival in celebration of Women’s History Month. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing. Registration required.

Writers Workshops
Writers Group
Orlando Public Library, Palm Room
Sunday, March 11, 4 p.m.
Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

Pitching Screenplays and Books
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, March 24, 1–3 p.m.
If you want to be a writer, part of the job involves sharing your ideas with professionals. If you want to get an agent, publisher or production company interested in your idea, you have to be able to sell it! Join award-winning screenwriter and educator Jennie Jarvis as she walks you through the basics of how to pitch. Then, if you feel ready, get up and practice your newly developed pitch in front of our panel made up of agents and acquisition editors. Space is limited. Registration required.

BOOK CLUBS
ocls.info/bookclubs

Southwest Book Club
Southwest Branch
Monday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.
Join the Southwest Book Club to discuss this month’s selection, The Stolen Marriage by Diane Chamberlin. Impulsively ending her engagement to another man to marry a mysterious stranger from a small North Carolina community in 1944, Tess rapidly discovers that she is trapped in a loveless relationship and is treated with suspicion by secretive neighbors before discovering her talents as a nurse during a devastating polio outbreak.

Hiawassee Book Club
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, March 19, 6:30–8 p.m.
Join us for coffee and conversation as we discuss The Stolen Marriage by Diane Chamberlin.

Lorelei’s Lit Lair Presents: Let’s Talk Romance!
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m.
Curious about the romance genre? Looking for new author suggestions and titles? Want to win free books? Lorelei’s Lit Lair will offer recommendations and discuss all things romance, including contemporary, historical, romantic suspense and women’s fiction with romantic elements. Attendees can win door prizes, lots of swag and book giveaways. Reserve your spot today! loreleislitlair.com

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos
Spanish Book Club
South Creek Branch
miércoles, 6:30 p.m.
Southeast Book Club
jueves, 6:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
jueves, 1 de marzo, 6:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
martes, 6 de marzo, 6:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
martes, 13 de marzo, 6:30 p.m.
Very 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
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Southeast Branch
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Edgewater Branch
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Chickasaw Branch
Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.
Join this Spanish-language book club to discuss literature, art, music and more. All are welcome.

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SAVE THE DATE: ORLANDO BOOK FESTIVAL
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
The Orlando Book Festival is a day-long celebration of books at the Orlando Public Library. New York Times best-seller S. Jae-Jones, author of Wintersong, will kick off the day with an opening keynote. Join us for panels, writing workshops, book signings and more from best-selling authors from all over the country. Enjoy a closing keynote address from New York Times best-seller David Baldacci. Seating is limited for the David Baldacci keynote; a limited number of wristbands will be distributed.

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Baldacci keynote; a limited number of wristbands will be distributed

Wintersong, will kick off the day with an opening keynote. Join us for panels, writing workshops, book signings and more from best-selling authors from all over the country. Enjoy a closing keynote address from New York Times best-seller David Baldacci. Seating is limited for the David Baldacci keynote; a limited number of wristbands will be distributed.
Did you know you can take free language-learning classes at the library? Explore and learn English in a classroom-based learning environment with an ESL instructor or practice independently at one of our Open Language Labs. To learn more about learning English at the library, visit ocls.info/englishholics. To view workshop dates, locations and times, visit ocls.info/ESOL.

Do you speak English and would like to learn a second or third language? Visit ocls.info/language for classes, book recommendations and online resources.

Open Language Lab Including ESOL
Various Locations
Explore and learn English or another language of your choice via computer-based learning in an Open Language Lab. Choose from ELLUS, Pronunciator, Mango Languages or Rocket Languages. Please check the calendar for language-learning opportunities, dates and times at your local branch.

Practice Makes Perfect
Various Locations
Join us each week as an Adult Literacy League certified instructor helps you build your confidence. This program is presented through partnerships between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League Inc.

Speaking Clearly and Writing Clearly: Beginner and Intermediate Southeast Branch & South Creek Branch
ESOL series focusing on listening comprehension, pronunciation, spoken, grammer and written English.

English from Zero
Alafaya Branch, Southeast Branch, South Trail Branch, Chickasaw Branch, Hiawassee Branch, North Orange & Washington Park Branch
ESOL workshops, vocabulary and basic grammar for English learners with no English language skills.

English Conversation Hour
Southeast Branch & South Creek Branch
Practice your English speaking skills and chat with us.

Improve Your
English Reading Workshop
Southwest Branch
Thursdays, March 1–29, 1–3 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesdays, March 7–28, 6–8 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 407.835.7323 or visit adultliteracyleague.org.

Citizenship Inspired
ocls.info/citizenship
Chickasaw Branch
Saturdays, March 3–24, 10:30 a.m.
Southeast Branch
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Alafaya Branch
Tuesdays, March 6–27, 5:30 p.m.

Students meet each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview. To be eligible for U.S. Naturalization, you must be able to read, write and speak basic English. This series is for adult learners and is free to Orange County district resident cardholders, fee cardholders and Orange County Property Owner cardholders. Registration is required. Register online at ocls.info/citizenship or call 407.835.7323.

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Reading Clearly: Beginner and Intermediate Southeast Branch & South Creek Branch
An English class designed to work on reading skills and strategies to increase reading comprehension. Participants must have a basic understanding of English. Even if participants do not speak English well, they can participate if they understand some English.

Aprendiendo inglés en la biblioteca
Como parte de la iniciativa de Inglés como Segundo Idioma (ESL), fuimos parte del equipo encargado de diseñar, crear y enseñar clases de ESL a hablantes no nativos. inicialmente, las clases sólo se ofrecían en la sucursal Southeast, y ahora hay diez sucursales que ofrecen clases de ESL con un instructor y nueve ubicaciones que ofrecen laboratorio abierto de lenguaje, donde los estudiantes pueden practicar sus habilidades lingüísticas en una de nuestras computadoras.

El programa no sólo se ha expandido a otras ramas, sino que ha evolucionado de sólo clases de pronunciación, a vocabulario, lectura, gramática, escritura y clases de conversación. La idea es proporcionar clases que sirvan a las necesidades de aprendizaje de idiomas de los miembros de nuestra comunidad. Me mantengo activa asistiendo a diferentes reuniones o eventos comunitarios para que todos conozcan nuestro programa y pueda estar atentos a sus necesidades. También estoy trabajando con nuestros maravillosos instructores de ESL para poder brindar las mejores clases de ESL GRATIS.

Entrevista con Dra. Jelitza Rivera, ESL Specialist

¿Sabías que puedes tomar clases gratuitas de idiomas en la biblioteca? Explora y aprende inglés con un instructor de ESL o practica independientemente en uno de nuestros laboratorios abiertos de lenguaje. Para obtener más información sobre cómo aprender inglés en la biblioteca, visita libguides.ocls.info/englishholics. Para ver fechas, lugares y horarios de los talleres, visita ocls.info/ESOL.

Inglés desde cero
Alafaya Branch, Southeast Branch, South Trail Branch, Chickasaw Branch, Hiawassee Branch, North Orange y Washington Park Branch
Talleres de ESL, vocabulario y gramática básica para estudiantes de inglés sin conocimientos previos.
Celebrating Women

On a Mission to be the Greatest
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, March 3, 2:30 p.m.
In honor of Women’s History Month, Paralympic Gold Medalist April Holmes shares her motivational story of overcoming adversity. In 2001, April was involved in a train accident that resulted in the loss of her left leg below the knee. While she lay in her hospital bed, a doctor told her about the Paralympic Games and a new goal was firmly planted in her mind. Hear how April found the strength to go on to break world records and win 11 international medals. To learn more about April Holmes and her non-profit organization, the April Holmes Foundation, visit aprilholmes.com.

Wonder Women
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 10, 2:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursday, March 15, 3:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Monday, March 19, 3 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, March 26, 11 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Monday, March 26, 5 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, March 27, 4 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, March 31, 11 a.m.

Celebrate Through Films:
Women’s History Month
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, March 5–26, 11 a.m.
March is Women’s History Month. Celebrate with films that highlight the achievements of women and recognize the central role of women throughout history.
3/5 – Zero Dark Thirty
3/12 – Lady Sings the Blues
3/19 – Suffragette
3/26 – Akeelah and the Bee

Represent: Women in Film
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 6–27, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Sunday, March 18, 2 p.m.
Learn about the struggles, sacrifices and achievements of women throughout the world. Step into the lives of these courageous, strong and persistent women by joining us for a Women’s History Month mini-movie festival!
3/6 – Motherland
3/13 – Miss Representation
3/18 – Suitable Girl
3/20 – Anita: Speaking Truth to Power
3/27 – All of Me: The Challenge of Obesity

This Lady Sings the Blues: A History of Women in Blues Music
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, March 10, 2:30 p.m.
Join Dr. Naima Johnston-Bush for a musical lecture on the history of women and blues music. Discover the stories behind some of your favorite artists, learn how the blues is connected to African-American slave music and hear original renditions of blues favorites. This is a great program for novices or blues lovers alike to explore an original American art form in an exciting new way.

Women in the Holocaust
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturday, March 17, 2 p.m.
Mitchell Bloomer, resource teacher at the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida, shares the stories of women in the Holocaust, both as victims and as perpetrators. Presented in honor of National Women’s History Month.

Local Author Festival: In Celebration of Women’s History Month
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, March 31, 2–4 p.m.
Meet and greet local authors at a special celebration of Women’s History Month. In addition to the authors, there will be books available for purchase and signing.

Girls Rocking Robotics
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, March 31–April 14, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
The Orange County Library System is inspiring girls and young women to pursue careers in technology by teaching computing concepts with fun, interactive activities. Working with the National Center for Women & Information Technology’s AspireIT program, the library will offer a three-day hands-on robotics program for girls, ages 10–14. Participants will use engineering design processes to tackle a social issue with LEGO Mindstorms robotic kits. Working in small groups under the guidance of a mentor, participants will bring their designs to life. By engaging with professional women in technology, girls will discover opportunities in STEM-related careers. Sponsored by NCWIT AspireIT and supported by Intel, Northrop Grumman and Google. Lunch and snacks are provided. Girls who complete the program will receive a $20 LEGO gift card. Space is limited. Registration required. A $5 materials fee is required at time of registration. This program is only open to girls, ages 10–14. To register, call 407.835.7323.

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TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS

IT’S SEW EASY CAMPS
Take the fashion world by storm! We will teach you everything you need to know to start sewing like a pro. Create a project from start to finish in these camps. Learn sewing safety, reading patterns and constructing garments or home décor. Proudly supported by the Mayor’s Matching Grant.

Tote Bags (Ages 11–17)
Washington Park Branch
Monday–Friday, March 19–23, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Pull-on Shorts (Ages 11–17)
Orlando Public Library
Monday–Friday, March 19–23, 10 a.m.–Noon

Knit Dress (Ages 11–17)
Orlando Public Library
Monday–Friday, March 19–23, 2–4 p.m.

Pillow (Ages 11–17)
Windermere Branch
Monday–Wednesday, March 19–21, 1 p.m.

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Switched on Shakespeare Camp (Ages 10–12)
Orlando Public Library
Monday Thursday, March 19–22, 10 a.m.–Noon

Space Explorers Camp (Ages 7–9)
Orlando Public Library
Monday–Wednesday, March 19–21, 10 a.m.–Noon

LEGO Mindstorms Robotics Camp (Ages 11–13)
Windermere Branch
Monday–Wednesday, March 19–21, 11:45 a.m.

BizKids Camp: Become a Microsoft Office Expert (9–12)
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday–Thursday, March 20–22, Noon–1:30 p.m.

SPRING BREAK CAMPS
Looking for ways to keep your kids engaged over Spring Break? Orange County Library System is offering the following Spring Break Camps in March! Registration is required. ocls.info/springbreak

Switched on Shakespeare Camp (Ages 10–12)
Orlando Public Library
Monday Thursday, March 19–22, 10 a.m.–Noon

Space Explorers Camp (Ages 7–9)
Orlando Public Library
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LEARN TO KNIT!
ocls.info/fiberarts
Discover the joy of knitting in hands-on classes for beginners. With just basic stitches, you can produce unique garments and crafts.

Knit It Level 1: The Knit Stitch
Hernando Branch
Friday, March 2, 2 p.m.

Orlando Public Library
Monday, March 5, 5:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 14, 6:30–8 p.m.

Start knitting today! Learn how to read patterns, basic techniques and terminology to knit your first project. Students will knit a bookmark with an experienced instructor.

Let’s Knit a Headband
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 28, 6:30–8 p.m.

Let’s learn to knit an easy headband in a social environment. Registration required.

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS
Are you new to computers and not sure where to get started? The Orange County Library System offers hands-on courses for new computer users. You'll learn the fundamentals, including the mouse and keyboard and how to type. Registration is required. For a complete list of classes and to register for any of our basic computer classes, stop by your local branch, visit ocls.info/classes or call 407.835.7323.

Introduction to Computers
Orlando Public Library
Friday, March 2, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, March 6, 5:15 p.m.
Hernando Branch
Monday, March 5, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 15, 2:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Saturday, March 10, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 14, 10:15 a.m.

Introducción a las Computadoras
South Creek Branch
miércoles, 14 de marzo, 11:15 a.m.

See page 19 for the new Girls Rocking Robotics program, sponsored in part by NCWIT AspireIT.
Ableton User Group Orlando

Ableton User Group Launch Meetup with DiViNCi
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Wednesday, March 14, 6 p.m.
Join us at the Melrose Center with special guests DiViNCi and Ableton Certified Trainer Steven Smith, as we celebrate the first meeting of the official Ableton User Group Orlando in its new home. DiViNCi will offer a live performance with PUSH 2, followed by a Q&A where he will discuss his live setup, how he maps his various controllers to control Ableton and his inspirational approach for creative longevity. Steven Smith will provide an in-depth demonstration of Ableton Live 10’s new Wavetable synth.

Melrose Camp: Paper Engineering
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Monday–Friday, March 19–23, 11 a.m.
Design your own pop-up cards. Learn how paper engineers create and fold paper into stunning designs. Combine different paper folds, including the box, V and X folds into a unique card. Ages 11–17.

New! Melrose Camp: Lights, Camera, IMPROV!
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Wednesday–Friday, March 21–23, 2 p.m.
This camp will have students acting and working in a studio environment. Students will have the opportunity to learn improv techniques in a live production while also creating practical and digital effects using a green screen and multi-camera setup. Ages 11–17.

TechKrew: Acting for the Camera
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Level 1: Monday, March 19, 2 p.m.
Level 2: Monday, March 19, 3:30 p.m.
Whether you want to improve your public speaking, enhance your on-camera skills or you’re curious about the world of acting, these classes are for you. Learn the basics of warming up, body language and on-camera vocal technique in Level 1. Put these skills into practice in Level 2 as you rehearse and record a short scene. Ages 11–17.

Logo Design and Development Using Adobe Illustrator
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m.
Build your business logo using graphic design theory for concepts, color and font choices. Learn the basics of designing a logo using vector graphics tools.

TechKrew: Introduction to Virtual Reality
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesday, March 20, 2 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. Ages 11–17.
Comedy Maks’ Variety Show
North Orange Branch
Saturday, March 3, 11 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Friday, March 16, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 24, 2:30 p.m.
There’s something for everyone in this high-energy variety show. Comedy Maks will dazzle you with juggling, magic, plate-spinning and more! Ages 6–12.

Superhero POP Musical!
Windermere Branch
Saturday, March 3, 11 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, March 17, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, March 21, 4 p.m.
Join us in song and dance as we perform an original dramatic education superhero musical! Kids will learn choreography to hit POP songs and perform at the end of the workshop. Ages 6–12.

The Magic of Eric Carle
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, March 12, 4:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, March 22, 2 p.m.
Inspired by the classic stories of Eric Carle, join in the fun as some of his most well-known stories, including The Very Hungry Caterpillar, are presented live, followed by some interactive activities. Presented by Actors Reaching Out. Ages 2–6.

Amazing Animals
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, March 24, 2:30 p.m.
Use your imagination to travel around the world with Amazing Animals Inc. Meet some of the interesting animals that can be found in different lands and in your own backyard. Ages 6–12.

The Musical World of Bugs
Washington Park Branch
Thursday, March 29, 10:15 a.m.
How do bugs move and what do they sound like? Learn all about bugs through the combination of music, poetry and movement from professional flute trio, Eclectic Productions. Ages 3–12.

In this delightful adaptation of her popular book, Judith Viorst sets Alexander’s rather trying life to music and brings to the stage one of America’s feistiest characters. Alexander’s struggles with life’s daily dramas will not only entertain, but educate young audiences as they identify with Alexander and the obstacles he encounters, encouraging them to share their feelings and to realize that bad days happen to everyone. Founded in 1989, Orlando Shakespeare Theater in Partnership with UCF produces classic, contemporary, and children’s plays and musicals. Orlando Shakes also offers immersive educational programming that serves Central Florida schools and the local community at large. For more information, visit orlandoshakes.org.

Check It Out: Orlando Shakespeare Theater
All Locations: March 1–30
Check out five items with your juvenile library card at any Orange County Library System location during March and receive a coupon for one free child’s ticket with the purchase of an adult ticket to Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day playing at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater from April 5–May 5.

This promotion is only for OCLS juvenile cardholders (0–17 years) with a regular, property owner or fee card in good standing. In-person check out only. While supplies last. Tickets will not be mailed. Not valid for previous checkouts, home delivery or electronic book downloads.
**TODDLER TIME** (ages 18 months–3 years)
South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:45 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
North Orange Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:45 a.m.
South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.

**SMARTY PANTS**
Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Herndon Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
South Trail Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

**BABY & TODDLER**
**Storytime Crafts**
Southwest Branch
Thursdays, March 1–29, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Fridays, March 2–30, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesdays, March 6–27, 10:35 a.m.
Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft.
Ages 2–4.

**Pigglebration**
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, March 1, 11 a.m.

**Seuss-a-palooza**
North Orange Branch
Thursday, March 1, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, March 1, 2 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, March 1, 3:30 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, March 2, 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, March 7, 10 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, March 7, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, March 7, 11 a.m.
Celebrate the world of Dr. Seuss with carnival-style fun filled with whimsical stories, activities and more! Ages 2–4.

**TODDLER G.A.M.E.S.**
South Creek Branch
Fridays, March 2–23, 1:30 p.m.

**Busy Builders**
Herndon Branch
Saturdays, March 3, 17 & 31, 11 a.m.
Come in and join us for some fun independent play and building activities! Ages 1–6.

**Toddler Spill and Fill**
Alafaya Branch
Monday, March 5, 10:30 a.m.
Fill, spill, scoop and pour with your toddler at this event full of funnels, cups, a little mess and more! Ages 2–4.

**Artsy Toddler**
Southwest Branch
Monday, March 5, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, March 5, 19, 10:30 a.m.
Paint, paint, glue, stamp and create! Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences. Registration recommended. Ages 1–3.

**Guitar Sing-Along**
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, March 6–27, 10:15 a.m.
Join us for a brief sing-along to familiar songs along with live guitar for you and your baby or toddler.

**Bubble Playtime**
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 7, 10:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Hiwassee Branch
Friday, March 9, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.
Help your child with their motor-development skills in this interactive bubble class. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

**A Trip to the Grocery Store**
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 4, 2:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, March 8, 11 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Friday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.
Grab those shopping lists! It is time to sort, count and experiment with all things food. Ages 2–4.

**TODDLE TIME** (ages 18 months–3 years)
South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:45 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Alafaya Branch: Fridays, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library: Fridays & Saturdays, 10 a.m.

**TOO many books and toys for your little ones?** Visit our EARLY LEARNING page at ocls.info/earlylearning for even more fun activities with your little one!
Play With Me
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, March 21, 11 a.m.
Little ones are invited to bring their favorite person to this special event. Read, sing, craft and come dressed for a messy mess with your extraordinary caregivers. Ages 2–4.

Parachute Play
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 27, 10:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, March 29, 11 a.m.
Join us with your toddlers for a special parachute playtime. Enjoy rhymes, songs and tons of parachute fun. Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Ages 18 months–3 years.

K Ready!
Windermere Branch
Mondays, March 5 & 12, 10:30 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, March 7–April 18, 10:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Mondays, March 19–May 7, 10 a.m.
This eight-part series readsies preschool children to excel in kindergarten through creative play, cooperative learning and activities that stimulate the imagination! 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 407.835.7233 or visit ocls.info/Kready for more information. Ages 4–5.

Purple, Green & Orange
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 3, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, March 22, 11 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Friday, March 23, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 27, 2 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, March 30, 10:30 a.m.
It’s time for an adventure in colors as we share stories, songs and activities starring purple, green and orange. Ages 3–5.

Little Chef: Lucky Charm Snack Mix
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, March 15, 2 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Friday, March 16, 11 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Saturday, March 17, 2 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 17, 2:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, March 23, 11 a.m.
Take a bite of frosted oats and colorful marshmallows with a twist. Combine, stir and shape with your little hands a fun treat that will be magically delicious! Bring your little one to learn cooking skills such as kitchen safety, layering, measuring, smelling, 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.

Never Pet a Porcupine
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, March 8, 11 a.m.
Porcupine wants to have fun with you while exploring textures. From fluffy cotton balls and soft feathers to sticky paint, we are going to play with it all using stories, activities and more! Ages 3–5.

What Does the Shape Say?
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, March 8, 2 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Monday, March 12, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.
Hwiaseue Branch
Friday, March 23, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, March 27, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, March 28, 11 a.m.
Watch early math concepts take SHAPE with fun stories and activities for little learners. Ages 3–5.

PBS Kids Time!
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.
Every month we learn and explore with our favorite PBS characters! Enjoy a story, craft and episode. This month we’ll learn about science with The Cat in the Hat! Created in partnership with WUCF, Central Florida’s PBS Station.

Rumble in the Jungle
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, March 16, 11 a.m.
Join us for a jungle adventure! Bring a friend for a great time exploring with songs, stories and more. Ages 3–5.

Sparkle Like a Unicorn
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, March 22, 11 a.m.
Come to the library and play at your favorite station. Enjoy great stories and games just for you! Ages 3–5.
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**March on Mars**

South Trail Branch  
Thursday, March 1, 4:30 p.m.  
Edgewater Branch  
Wednesday, March 7, 4 p.m.  
Alafaya Branch  
Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m.  
Washington Park Branch  
Monday, March 12, 4:30 p.m.  
West Oaks Branch  
Friday, March 23, 11 a.m.  
North Orange Branch  
Tuesday, March 20, 11 a.m.  
Winter Garden Branch  
Wednesday, March 21, 3:30 p.m.  
Herndon Branch  
Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m.  
Winter Garden Branch  
Saturday, March 31, 2:30 p.m.  

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**Let’s Dance Flamenco**

South Creek Branch  
Saturday, March 3–24, 12 p.m.  
Join dance instructor Montse Romero to learn the art of flamenco dancing. Kids will learn the basics of this rhythmic and expressive dance which originated in Spain. Registration required. Ages 5–10.

**DIY Chia Pets**

Alafaya Branch  
Saturday, March 3, 2 p.m.  
West Oaks Branch  
Saturday, March 10, 2 p.m.  
Edgewater Branch  
Wednesday, March 14, 4 p.m.  
South Creek Branch  
Tuesday, March 20, 2:30 p.m.  
North Orange Branch  
Saturday, March 24, 2 p.m.  
Winter Garden Branch  
Wednesday, March 28, 3:30 p.m.  
Decorate, dig and seed your very own potted plant pet, then take it home and watch it grow! Ages 6–12.

**Southwest Homeschool Club: Math4Fun**

Southwest Branch  
Monday, March 5, 1 p.m.  
Use your math skills to solve puzzles, games and trivia. Ages 6–12.

**Maker Monday**

Alafaya Branch  
Mondays, March 5–26, 4:30 p.m.  
Discover the maker in you as we complete challenges, STEM projects and experiments. Registration required. Ages 8–15.

**Can You Build It?**

Edgewater Branch  
Monday, March 15, 5 p.m.  
Eatonville Branch  
Wednesday, March 7, 3 p.m.  
Hiwassee Branch  
Thursday, March 22, 3 p.m.  
Ready for a challenge? This STEAM event will push your brain to the limit and test your construction skills. Ages 6–12.

**STEAM Club**

Southwest Branch  
Wednesday, March 7 & 21, 4 p.m.  
Join us for an afternoon of scientific fun as we put our STEAM skills to the test. Kid scientists welcome. Ages 6–12.

**Afternoon Art**

Edgewater Branch  
Thursdays, March 8, 15 & 29, 5 p.m.  
Join us for an art adventure! Learn about a different artist and artistic style each month, then create your own masterpiece. Ages 6–12.

**Drop In Chess**

Edgewater Branch  
Saturdays, March 10–31, 2 p.m.  
Orlando Public Library  
Wednesday, March 14, 2 p.m.  
Drop in for a game of chess at the library! Chess sets are available for play and rule sheets are provided. All ages.

**Construction Toys for Kids**

Herdon Branch  
Saturdays, March 10 & 24, 2 p.m.  
Learn the basics of building and learning with Snap Circuits, K’NEX and Magformers. Ages 6–12.

**School Age Storytime**

Chickasaw Branch  
Monday, March 12, 5 p.m.  
Learn the basics of building and learning with Snap Circuits, K’NEX and Magformers. Ages 6–12.

**Science Storytime**

Chickasaw Branch  
Wednesday, March 14, 6 p.m.  
Join us for a storytime geared towards grades K–2. Groups larger than five should call to ensure space is available.

**Game Day**

Edgewater Branch  
Wednesday, March 5, 16 & 27, 5 p.m.  
Play everything from Xbox and chess to Pokemon and more at our Cool to Do After School series! Ages 6–12.

**Candy Experiments**

North Orange Branch  
Thursday, March 15, 4 p.m.  
Hiwassee Branch  
Tuesday, March 20, 3 p.m.  
South Trail Branch  
Tuesday, March 20, 4:30 p.m.  
Windermere Branch  
Thursday, March 22, 3:30 p.m.  
Alafaya Branch  
Saturday, March 24, 2 p.m.  
Washington Park Branch  
Wednesday, March 28, 4:30 p.m.  
We all know candy tastes good, but did you know you can learn from it? Join us for experiments that are easy, fun and delicious! Ages 6–12.

**Cookies & Milk with a Cop**

North Orange Branch  
Saturday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.  
Bring your kids to meet our local police officers for cookies and milk! This will be a great time to interact with officers in a fun and informative environment. Sponsored in part by the Apopka Police Department and Oderth McDonald’s. Ages 6–12.

**Leprechaun Bash!**

South Creek Branch  
Saturday, March 31, 2:30 p.m.  
Celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day like a true leprechaun with a magical story, craft and Irish food! Ages 6–12.

**Spring Break Adventures**

Movie Marathon  
South Trail Branch  
Monday–Thursday, March 19–22, 2 p.m.  
Orlando Public Library  
Monday–Friday, March 19–23, 10:30 a.m.  
Edgewater Branch  
Monday–Friday, March 19–23, 2 p.m.  
Southwest Branch  
Tuesday, March 20, 10 a.m.  
Hiwassee Branch  
Wednesday, March 21, 2 p.m.  
Eatonville Branch  
Thursday, March 22, 2 p.m.  
Spend your break on an adventure with an exciting movie screening! Ages 6–12.

**Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Discussion Group**

Orlando Public Library  
Thursdays, March 1–29, 4:30 p.m.  
Join the Mayor Buddy’s Book Club discussion group to talk, meet other book club members, share experiences and have fun. Ages 9–14. This month we are reading *Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks.* See what we are reading next and sign up for the club at [mayor.ocls.info](http://mayor.ocls.info). For more information about Sarah Weeks and the Sunshine State Author Series, visit [ocls.info/sunshineseries](http://ocls.info/sunshineseries).

**Kingdom of Board-um**

Alafaya Branch  
Thursday, March 1, 6:30 p.m.  
Come one, come all and join the Kingdom of Board-um as we explore both classic board games and the cutting edge of current gaming! All ages.

**The CREATE Space**

Orlando Public Library  
Fridays, March 2 & 16, 3 p.m.  
What will you create today? Explore, experiment or be entertained. Ages 6–18.

**ShamROCKS!**

Winter Garden Branch  
Saturday, March 3, 10:30 a.m.  
West Oaks Branch  
Tuesday, March 13, 5 p.m.  
Eatonville Branch  
Thursday, March 15, 4 p.m.  
Edgewater Branch  
Saturday, March 17, 2 p.m.  
Kids, do you have the luck of the Irish? Come by to have a legendary good time. Join us for crafts, stories and leprechaun fun. Ages 6–12.
DIY Dreamcatchers
Southeast Branch
Tuesday, March 20, 3:30 p.m.
Have a good night and sweet dreams always by creating your very own dreamcatcher. Stick around to learn where they came from and what your dreams may really mean. Ages 8–18.

Life in a Pond
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 20, 5 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 24, 2:30 p.m.
A pond is an ecosystem filled with living things. Help us investigate pond life with fun educational activities and scientific observations. Ages 6–12.

Board Game Night
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 20, 6:30 p.m.
It’s time for an evening of gaming fun! Enjoy classic games or try your hand at a new one. Registration required. All ages.

Seussville Celebration
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 21, 2:30 p.m.
Come on, come all… we have a being Seussville Ball! Filled with fun and wonderful things, our stories and crafts will make you sing. Ages 5–8.

Origami Bookmarks
South Creek Branch
Thursday, March 22, 2:30 p.m.
Join us in making fun corner bookmarks! Ages 6–12.

Kids Create
Southwest Branch
Saturday, March 24, 1 p.m.
Get creative with us in the children’s area of the library as we make some spring crafts! Ages 3–12.

Small World: Ball!
Washington Park Branch
Monday, March 26, 4:30 p.m.
Travel with us as we explore our planet and discover unique cultures through activities, food, language and music. This month, discover Ball! Ages 5–14.

Homeschool Field Trip: March with the Penguins
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, March 27, 2 p.m.
Inviting all homeschoolers to join us for a learning adventure! This month, we will learn about penguins through hands-on activities and crafts. Registration required. Ages 6–15.

Handy Crafts
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, March 28, 4 p.m.
Explore topics from emerging trends in fiber arts at our Cool to Do After School series! Ages 6–12.

Super Science
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, March 31, 11 a.m.
Each month we will conduct awesome new experiments, learning all about chemistry, physics, earth science and more. Registration recommended. This program is intended for scientists ages 8–13.

Eggstravaganza
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 31, 2:30 p.m.
Join us on an egg hunt around the library and enjoy a sweet surprise! All ages.

Angel Paws to Read
Southwest Branch
Saturday, March 24, 1 p.m.
Get creative with us in the children’s area of the library as we make some spring crafts! Ages 3–12.

Cuisine Corner Junior:
Pi Day
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 6, 5 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, March 13, 3:15 p.m.
Hiawasee Branch
Tuesday, March 13, 3:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, March 14, 3:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, March 14, 3:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, March 14, 4:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, March 14, 5:30 p.m.
Make math sweet! Celebrate the infinite quality of Pi with a treat. Ages 8–18.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Potato Bites
 Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, March 6, 4 p.m.
Orange County Library System
Tuesday, March 6, 5:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Monday, March 26, 3:15 p.m.
A savory bite of potatoes awaits you! Learn this simple recipe that’s perfect for your next St. Paddy’s celebration! Ages 8–18.

Sarah Fisk: What is your favorite part of writing books/being an author?

Jeff Zentner: Definitely getting to meet and interact with my readers. I got into writing specifically because I wanted to write for teenagers, and it’s been such a rewarding experience.

SF: Which book first made you realize that words have power?

JZ: Reading Stephen King as a kid made me realize that words could make us feel things strongly – fear in the case of Stephen King.

SF: Do you have any writing quirks, superstitions or obsessions?

JZ: Here’s a quirk: I draft my books on my iPhone on the bus. With my right thumb only. Eighty percent of my three books have been written on my phone, on the bus.

SF: What inspired you to begin writing?

JZ: I was a musician for many years, and started volunteering at Tennessee Teen Rock Camp and Southern Girls Rock Camp. I really fell in love with young adults and the way they interact with the art they love. It made me want to create art for their age groups, but I was both too old at that point to make the kind of music marketed to young adults and didn’t know how. So I looked around for an art I could create that would let me reach young adults. Writing it was.

SF: What is your one most-important piece of advice for aspiring authors?

JZ: Read as many of the best books as you possibly can. Read constantly.

See page 35 for more information about Sunshine State Author Series events featuring Jeff Zentner.
**TEEN & TWEEN EVENTS**

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**AGES 11-18**

Game Changer

**Afterschool Adventures**

Orlando Public Library

Mondays–Thursdays, March 1–29, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Mondays–Thursdays, March 1–29, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Gaming and homework help collide at the library. Complete your homework with the help of a tutor and then join your peers for an awesome adventure playing Dungeons and Dragons. Please note that this event will not take place at either location Monday, March 19–Friday, March 23.

**Seuss for Teens**

Edgewater Branch

Saturday, March 3, 2 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Monday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, March 7, 3:30 p.m.

“From there to here and here to there, funny things are everywhere.” Join us for fun games inspired by Dr. Seuss. Are you up for the challenge? Ages 11–18.

**Lucky Charm**

Chickasaw Branch

Monday, March 12, 3 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Monday, March 19, 4:30 p.m.

From leprechauns to the color green, find out what St. Patrick’s Day is all about. Come ready to challenge a friend! Ages 11–18.

**DIY: Mickey Ears Headband**

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, March 17, 2–3:30 p.m.

Come and create your own personalized headband. Registration required. Ages 13 and up.

**Meet the Author: Jeff Zentner**

South Creek Branch Library

Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m.

Jeff Zentner, novelist and songwriter Jeff Zentner’s novel, The Serpent King, received the William Morris Award for best young adult debut book and appears on the 2017–18 Florida Teens Read List. He is also the author of Goodbye Days, published in 2017. Zentner’s writing career began as a songwriter. He is an accomplished guitarist and singer, having released solo albums and recorded with the Southern Gothic trio Creech Holler and with Iggy Pop, Nick Cave and Debbie Harry, among others. Zentner lives in Nashville, Tennessee. A book signing follows the event. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. Registration required. Register at ocls.info/sunshineseries.

**Teen Writing Workshop with Jeff Zentner**

Edgewater Branch Library

Wednesday, March 7, 3 p.m.

Calling aspiring teen writers! Nashville novelist and songwriter Jeff Zentner presents a writing workshop for teens ages 11–18 with writing prompts and tips. Zentner is the author of The Serpent King, on the 2017–18 Florida Teens Read List. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. Registration required. Register at ocls.info/sunshineseries.

**Game Changer – Writing Adventures Camp**

Orlando Public Library

Monday–Friday, March 19–23, 1–5 p.m.

Form “adventure parties” that work and play together by solving puzzles, fighting monsters and weaving a shared narrative. Once the adventure is done for the day, sharpen your imagination with creative writing practices and creating your own heroic epic.

**Teen Art Adventures: Pattern Tape Wall Art**

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Sunday, March 25, 2 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Thursday, March 29, 4:30 p.m.

Create beautiful wall art using painter’s tape and basic art supplies. Ages 11–18.

**Gaming at the Library!**

Pack your gaming board, computers and electronic devices and come get your game on at the library! Join us for action-packed fun at multiple locations. Visit ocls.info/GamingEvents for dates, times and locations.

**Volunteer with the Teen Library Corps**

All Locations

Volunteer with the Teen Library Corps and give back a little “TLC” to your library and your community. Plan programs, help out at events, give suggestions for teen services, meet new people and earn community service hours for school. If you are between the ages of 13–18 and love to have fun, join TLC today! For more information, please call 407.835.7323 or go online at ocls.info/TLC.

**Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Discussion Group**

Orlando Public Library

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LOCATIONS

Orlando Public Library
101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 9 am - 6 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

Alafaya Branch
12000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32826
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

Chickasaw Branch
870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Eatonville Branch
200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751
Hours: Monday – Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Edgewater Branch
5049 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32810
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Herndon Branch
4324 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32803
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Hiawassee Branch
7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32818
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

North Orange Branch
1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

South Creek Branch
1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

South Trail Branch
4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr., Orlando, FL 32839
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Southeast Branch
5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Southwest Branch
7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL 32819
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Washington Park Branch
5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center
1821 E. Silver Star Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

Windermere Branch
530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Winter Garden Branch
805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

CLOSURES

Easter
The Orange County Library System will be closed Sunday, April 1 in observance of the Easter holiday. The library system will resume normal hours on Monday, April 2.

Dia de Pascua
El sistema de bibliotecas del condado de Orange estará cerrado el domingo, 1 de abril debido a la celebración del día de Pascua. El sistema de bibliotecas abrirá en sus horas regulares el martes, 2 de abril.