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**13th Annual Southwest Author Series featuring Anne Perry, Music Week at the Alafaya Branch
and more great library events!**

On May 11, the Orange County Library System, in partnership with The Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips, presents the 13th Annual Southwest Author Series with featured author Anne Perry. Perry, the author of historical detective fiction including the Thomas Pitt and William Monk series, will discuss her work and the power of storytelling. A book sale and signing will follow her discussion. The event is free, but seating is limited, so we recommend registering in advance.

The Alafaya branch invites you to the first Alafaya Music Week. From May 13-19, all are welcome to join in on various events such as a guitar performance and workshop, a drum circle, classes taught by Melrose Center instructors and more. See events listed below for details.

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

Introduction to the Sewing Machine

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Tuesday, May 1, 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 13, 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 23, 5:30 p.m.

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

Fridays, May 4 & 18, 11 a.m.

Ever wanted to make your own custom clothes, home decor, costumes or accessories? Join us in this basic sewing class and learn about sewing safety, basic sewing machine skills and stitching seams.

Virtual Reality: Design a First-Person Game

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

Saturdays, May 5 & 19, 10 a.m.

Make a first-person perspective virtual reality game using the Unity game engine and head-mounted displays. Create game objects and mechanics for navigation and interaction. Learn the principles of designing for virtual reality to improve usability and avoid common pitfalls in VR design.

Stress Less America

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

Sunday, May 6, 4:30 p.m.

Stress bearing you down? We all have stress in our lives, so join us and Dr. Paolo Wong, a local health and wellness expert, and learn how to manage stress effectively. Light refreshments provided.

Mother's Day Tea

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Thursday, May 10, 4 p.m.

Join us for a fun afternoon celebrating mothers with tea, snacks and a craft. Ages 6–12.

13th Annual Southwest Author Series Featuring Anne Perry

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Friday, May 11, 6:30–8 p.m.

Join us for the 13th Annual Southwest Author Series, presented in partnership with The Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips. Author Anne Perry has written 75 books, exploring the lives of people from various eras and backgrounds. Whether her stories are set in Paris or London, the drama is riveting and the characters timeless. In this lecture, Anne Perry discusses the value, power and universality of storytelling as an art, and how to tell enduring tales. For more information on this speaker, visit prhspeakers.com. Book sale and signing to follow the lecture. The event is free and light refreshments will be served. Doors open at 6 p.m. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Parenting Teens: Survival Tips for Parents and Teenagers

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

Saturday, May 12, 3–5 p.m.

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, May 19, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Learn how keep order while encouraging your teen's independence, and pick your "battles" for what matters the most: talking and listening. Get to know when to sympathize, when to back off and how to deal with your teen's inevitable moodiness and outbursts. Teenagers will come to understand that little things do matter, the choices you make are important, and you can make your dreams come true. Join Dr. Stem, licensed psychotherapist, motivational speaker, author and confidence coach, as she helps bridge the gap between parents and today's teenagers, and help teenagers boost their confidence for success. Seating is limited. Registration required. To register, visit ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

Alafaya Musice Week: Music in the Library – Carpenters Tribute Show

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Sunday, May 13, 3 p.m.

Celebrate this Mother's Day with the classic music of The Carpenters. The famed American singer-songwriters captivated audiences with a sound that stood out amongst the popular disco and rock groups of the time. Hear vocalist Shannon Rae; pianist and vocalist JJ Speights; and sax/clarinet player Jason Hastings perform the music that spans The Carpenters' 14 year music career.

Alafaya Music Week: Fundamentals of Sound for Audio Engineering

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Monday, May 14, 6 p.m.

Explore the fundamentals of sound theory. Discuss how the physics of sound affects recordings. Learn key digital audio concepts, including sample rate, bit depth and file types.

Alafaya Music Week: Music in the Library – Leo Æther

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m.

Hear local singer and songwriter Leo Æther and his band performing live at the Alafaya Branch. Æther's musical roots stem from his Hispanic heritage and can be clearly heard in his music. For more information about Leo Æther's band, visit leoather.com.

The Paperless Genealogist: How to Go Paperless with Your Family History Research

West Oaks Branch

Thursday, May 17, 11 a.m.

Feeling bogged down with too much paper from years of genealogical research? Come and explore options for going paperless and see how digital versions can actually enhance your research experience.

Alafaya Music Week: Music in the Library – Jeff Scott, Guitar Performance & Workshop

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m.

Join professional guitarist, Jeff Scott for an interactive music workshop. Listen to various styles of music from classical to rock then discover what it takes to create a blues song. To learn more about Jeff, visit jeffscottguitarist.com.

Family Zumba

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m.

Get your family moving with this energizing workout class! Learn basic Zumba moves to help you dance your way to fitness. Zumba uses dance aerobics to create a fun workout. Comfortable exercise clothing and cross training or aerobic style shoes recommended. For parents and children ages 4–13.

Alafaya Music Week: Drum Circle

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, May 19, 3 p.m.

Classic Rock School of Music presents the Drum Circle at Alafaya! Bring your best grooves and try out the different drums! This event is fun, fun, fun, and no prior drum experience is required. Feel the beat! Ages 6–12.

Networking for Authors

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

Saturday, May 19, 2 p.m.

Most new authors have heard it's important to connect with potential colleagues, but how exactly do you get the time of day from a pro when you're just starting out? If you're a wallflower, how can you make connections with people in the industry? Introvert or extrovert, how do you build relationships without coming across as needy or demanding? Authors Elle E. Ire and José Pablo Iriarte will show you how to approach and interact with industry pros on Twitter, via fan-mail/email and in-person, and share do's and don'ts for each situation.

Local Author Festival

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

Sunday, May 20, 2–4 p.m.

Meet and greet local authors at our Local Author Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.

Fresh and Flavorful Vegan Sushi Bowl

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

Monday, May 21, 6 p.m.

Join Victoria Rooney from True Radiant You as she shows you how to transform a variety of vegetables into a flavor-packed sushi bowl that's fresh, healthy and delicious! She'll include how to make Daikon noodles, cauliflower rice and a cucumber "rose." For more information, visit TrueRadiantYou.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

Money Talks for Women

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

Tuesdays, May 22–June 26, 6:30 p.m.

Join the conversation! Learn about library services such as Morningstar Investment Research Center, goal-oriented tools for saving, investing and more. Discuss what works for achieving financial confidence for women and share money management best practices across the financial spectrum. This will be a six-week series starting on Tuesday, May 22 and running weekly through Tuesday, June 26. Come at early to meet and chat before the event.

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