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**The KonMari Method makes it way to the library this May**

Certified KonMari Consultant Tara White will host The KonMari Method: Tidy Your Home Transform Your Life on May 4 at two Orange County Library locations, first at Orlando Public Library at 11am and then at the Alafaya Branch at 3pm. The KonMari Method is a method of organization that consists of gathering one's belongings by category and keeping only the things that "spark joy." This practice has grown in popularity thanks to the bestselling book and Netflix series The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up. Registration is required, and free, so sign up today.

On May 25, the North Orange Branch library will celebrate 30 years of serving the community. Starting as a bookmobile station in the 1950s, the North Orange Branch offers countless programs for people of all ages. Enjoy crafts, virtual gaming, a live performance from Shaun David Williams and much more. The festivities begin at 11 am.

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

**Money Talks for Women**

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

*Mondays, March 18–May 6, 6:30p.m.*

In this nine-week series, 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. Join us at 6 p.m. to meet and chat before the program.

**Getting Started with Blogs**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Wednesday, May 2, 2 p.m.*

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Monday, May 6, 2 p.m.*

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

*Thursday, May 9, Noon*

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Wednesday, May 15, 6 p.m.*

Share your recipes or travels with others by starting your own blog. Learn to add content, images and videos to a post. Change the appearance of your blog with simple theme tools.

### **The KonMari Method: Tidy Your Home. Transform Your Life**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m.*

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, May 4, 3 p.m.*

Certified KonMari Consultant Tara White will explain Marie Kondo's tidying method, as seen on Netflix and in the bestselling book *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*. The workshop includes an interactive clothes folding demonstration. Registration required.

### **We HeART Mom!**

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

*Saturday, May 4, 2 p.m.*

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

*Saturday, May 4, 2:30 p.m.*

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

*Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m.*

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.*

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Wednesday, May 8, 10 a.m.*

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

*Wednesday, May 8, 4:30 p.m.*

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

*Wednesday, May 8, 4:30 p.m.*

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

*Thursday, May 9, 3:30 p.m.*

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

*Thursday, May 9, 3:30 p.m.*

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Friday, May 10, 11 a.m.*

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Saturday, May 11, 10:30 a.m.*

Celebrate mom, grandma or the special caregiver in your life by crafting and creating art to let her know just how much she means to you.

### **Melrose in the Mix: Beth McKee**

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

*Sunday, May 5, 3:30 p.m.*

Mississippi-born singer-songwriter Beth McKee's critically-acclaimed roots music rides the idyllic backroads of soul, gospel, blues, folk, pop and rock. She'll perform with her Funky Time Band. Seats are limited. Register at [ocls.info/melroseinthemix](http://ocls.info/melroseinthemix).

### **Cuisine Corner: Meat Me in the Veggie Patch**

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

*Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.*

Whether you're trying to eat less meat or going vegetarian, learn about delicious plant-based meat alternatives. Presented by Joycelyn Bryant, owner of Joycelyn's Southern Kitchen. Registration required.

### **Storytime for *The Secret Garden***

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Friday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.*

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

*Thursday, May 16, Noon*

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

*Wednesday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.*

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Tuesday, May 28, 10:30 a.m.*

Central Florida Community Arts Youth Theatre Troupe, a pre-professional ensemble of young performers, will bring Frances Hodgson Burnett's *The Secret Garden* to life. Step inside this enchanting tale with storytellers in costume and in character. Children will be given their very own secret garden keepsake key. Meet and greet to follow. For more information, visit [CFCArts.com/SecretGarden](http://CFCArts.com/SecretGarden). Recommended for preschool, lower and upper elementary.

### **Library After Hours Featuring Brittany Hennessy**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Friday, May 10, 7p.m.*

Social media content creators call [Brittany Hennessy's Influencer](#) an absolute "must-read." As the former Senior Director of Influencer Strategy & Talent Partnerships at Hearst Magazines Digital Media, Hennessy provides invaluable insights on how to build a standout personal brand on social media. Hear from the author and participate in a Q&A session. Book sale and signing to follow.

### **Meet the Artists: Al Aki and Patricia Steele Radovich**

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Tuesday, May 14, 7-8:30 p.m.*

Meet origami artist Al Aki and watercolor artist Patricia Steele Radovich. The artists blend the forms of Origami and Chinese watercolor into harmonious and bold art in their exhibit, Harmony of Origami and Chinese Watercolor. Light refreshments will be served.

### **Lunch and Learn: What's Up with NASA?**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Wednesday, May 15, 12 p.m.*

Bring a brown bag lunch and stop by the library on your break for a lecture and discussion about NASA's past, present and future. NASA Ambassador Dr. Mark Guillette will discuss the agency and its work.

### **Orlando Book Festival**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.*

Orlando Book Festival is a daylong celebration of books at Orlando Public Library in downtown. The event features panels, writing workshops, book signings, and more from bestselling authors from all over the country.

**North Orange 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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

*Saturday, May 25, 11 a. m. – 3 p.m.*

You're invited to the North Orange Branch's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 25 at 11 a.m. This branch began as a bookmobile station in 1950 and was replaced by a branch in 1964. In May 1989 the branch moved to its current location, serving Apopka, Plymouth, Zellwood, Tangerine and surrounding areas. We will have many interactive and fun events for all our customers such as Music in the Library, crafts, virtual games and face painting for children.

**Know Your Worth: A Music Adventure**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, June 1, 2 p.m.*

Kick off summer right! Know Your Worth is a self-esteem building workshop hosted by music producer and mental health advocate Jasmin Rhia. Learn to effectively turn negative self-talk into positive affirmations. Stay tuned as Jasmin collaborates with the audience to produce a live song from scratch using the violin, synth, keys and drums.

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