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The Southeast library celebrates 25 years, plus more this November

On Saturday November 16, the Southeast library invites you to celebrate its 25 years of service to the community. Bring your family and friends for a fun day filled with interactive games, activities, crafts, prizes and more. Enjoy live music from pianist JJ Speights and a performance from the Mexican Danza group. The festivities begin at 10am.

November is NaNoWriMo, or National Novel Writing Month, an annual, internet-based creative writing project, which launched 20 years ago, where participants are encouraged to write 50,000 words. Several library branches will host Write-In With NaNoWriMo where all are welcome to write alongside fellow creatives. See below for more details.

If you have any questions about the information shared below, contact us at 407-835-7323. Check us out online at ocls.info for a complete listing of all library events.

*PLEASE NOTE: The South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail, will be closed November 1-30 for a refresh. Visit us when we reopen December 1, 2019. During the refresh, materials can be returned to South Trail, and all other library services can be accessed online or at any of other 15 locations.

Melrose in the Mix: Bella Fontella

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center, 101 E. Central Blvd.
Saturday, November 2, 3:30–5 p.m.

Bella Fontella has released four albums featuring her unique blend of hip-hop and classical music. See her perform in the Melrose Audio Studio. Reserve your seat at ocls.info/melroseinthemix.

The Benefits of Tai Chi Easy

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive
Mondays, November 4–18, 2 p.m.

The four benefits of Tai Chi Easy come from the four essential Qi enhancement practices: mindful movements, breathing, massage and meditation. This three-week course puts you on the path to a healthier life!

Happy Faces

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Tuesdays, November 5–26, 10:15–11:45 a.m.

Fun program for patrons of all ages with physical or intellectual disabilities where everyone can participate in stories and activities.

Let's Knit Cardigans

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesdays, November 6–December 11, 4 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Keep warm with your first knitted cardigan. Available in sizes newborn to 4XL, this pattern fits everyone on your knit list.

Write-In With NaNoWriMo

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesdays, November 6 & 13, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Thursdays, November 7–21, 6–8:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, November 10, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Bring a laptop or notebook and write alongside other local writers for quiet writing time at your library. All writers welcome. NaNoWriMo is National Novel Writing Month. For more information, visit nanowrimo.org.

An Evening with Herb Bailey

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

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

Herb Bailey, curator of the art exhibit, *Understanding Our Indian Neighbor*, shares the story and vision of his father, Reverend Earl L. Bailey's quest to capture the history of the Sioux Indians.

Cuisine Corner: Pumpkin Alfredo

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

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

Chef Karen Ross of Karen's Creative Cuisines demonstrates how to make a delicious and simple pumpkin alfredo. She will also prepare a cranberry, white and dark chocolate, pecan mix. Registration required.

Rob Greenfield: Growing and Foraging 100% of His Food for a Year

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

Wednesday, November 13, 6–7:30 p.m.

Rob Greenfield has just completed his year-long project to grow and forage 100% of his food. Come listen to his story and be inspired to grow some of your own food.

Family Self Defense with Victory Martial Arts

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Thursday, November 14, 4 p.m.

It's always better to expect the best and be prepared for the worst. Victory Martial Arts will teach you and your family the basics of self-defense. This event is for the whole family. Registration required.

Southeast Branch 25th Anniversary

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Saturday, November 16, 10-4 p.m.

Join us at the Southeast Branch 25th Anniversary celebration on November 16, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. We will have many interactive and fun activities and events such as Music in the Library, Mexican Danza, crafts, face painting for children and a raffle for prizes.

Beekeeping Basics

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

Sunday, November 17, 2 p.m.

Winter Park Honey visits the library to help you get started in beekeeping! Learn about equipment, safe habits and the best type of hive for your needs! Registration required.

Cuisine Corner: Pumpkin Quesadillas

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

Monday, November 18, 6 p.m.

Chef Karen Ross of Karen's Creative Cuisines will demonstrate how easy it is to make pumpkin quesadillas and orange cranberry relish for Thanksgiving. Registration required.

Cuisine Corner: Creative Cookies

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Tuesday, November 19, 6 p.m.

Chef Emily Roy from Publix Aprons takes you on a culinary journey as she demonstrates how to make maple-glazed apple crisp cookies. Seating is limited. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Social Media for Authors

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

Saturday, November 23, 2 p.m.

Social media is a must for authors who want to be successful. Author L. E. Perez will present social media strategies for authors. Attendees should have a basic understanding of Twitter and Facebook.

Holiday Family Photos

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

Sunday, December 1, 2–5 p.m.

The holiday season is here! Families and groups are invited to have their holiday-themed portraits taken in the Photo Studio. Please bring a USB drive to save your photos.

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