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From the Director

Whenever we talk about what's important to us at the Orange County Library System, a common theme arises — that theme is family. Whether it's programming for children, events for senior citizens or workshops for new parents, family is at the heart of so much of what we do.

During November, we celebrate by offering events with a focus on family and building stronger relationships. Every year, we host several events in conjunction with Orange County's Week of the Family, which takes place November 4–11. The goal is to encourage families to unplug, connect and spend quality time together, and the library is a great place to start. We'll host a Cuisine Corner that focuses on cooking with your family, a program on relaxation techniques for new parents and a daddy and daughter hair-styling workshop, to help dads (and granddads!) learn easy techniques for caring for their little girl's hair — it's not as easy as you might think! See our Family programs listed on page 18 for details.

We'll also host one of our semiannual Naturalization ceremonies at the Orlando Public Library on November 7 at 10 a.m. If you haven't attended one before, this is a truly moving event. Please join us in welcoming a group of new citizens as they make their Oath of Allegiance to the United States.

Don't forget — our Sunshine State Author Series also continues this month with appearances and writing workshops from James Ponti, award-winning author of Framed! and the Dead City Trilogy. Ponti, whose books are on the Sunshine State Young Reader Award lists for grades 3–5 and 6–8, will be at a Meet the Author event on November 18 at our North Orange Branch, and he'll conduct a writing workshop for kids ages 9–14 at our West Oaks Branch. See page 25 for an interview with Ponti, or visit ocls.info/sunshineseries to sign up for one of these inspiring author events.

If you haven't visited one of our libraries lately, we hope you'll take some time this month to stop in. Sign up for a library card, sit in on a book club or attend an event. Our staff will be sure to welcome you just like you're one of our family.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
The Lines That Join Us
Orlando Public Library
On Display Through November
The Lines That Join Us is a collection of portraits by photographer Carrie Moran that tell the stories of people who have chosen to get tattoos in response to the Pulse tragedy. Each portrait is accompanied by a brief narrative, and will introduce viewers to one of the many who have decided to honor the 49 and greater LGBTQ+ community in this way. The Lines That Join Us will be on display at the Orlando Public Library through November.

Ancestral Voices
Orlando Public Library
On Display Through November
Artists Virginia Arakelian and Mpilar Vargas, of Armenian and Colombian heritage respectively, create vibrant works that evoke their individual cultural ancestries. Through the use of bright colors and light, their art reflects the rich stories and higher emotions we experience throughout our lives.

Art 101: Film Concept Art
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m.
Concept art is used in filmmaking to bring the ideas of screenwriters to life. The art is used to guide the design of the characters, settings, props, wardrobes and special effects that will be used in the movie. Learn more about the part art plays in the process of film making, and create your own promotional art inspired by the soon to be released Star Wars: The Last Jedi.

Meet the Artist: JJ Dennis
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, November 28, 7–8:30 p.m.
Meet artist JJ Dennis as she discusses her exhibit, The Color of Magic. The Art of JJ Dennis. Dennis is a local freelance writer and artist specializing in altered books, mixed media art and digital photography/ manipulation. To contact or learn more about Dennis and her art, email jjdenis13@gmail.com or visit theparlourobscura.etsy.com. Light refreshments will be served.

The Color of Magic: The Art of JJ Dennis
Southwest Branch
On Display Through December
This dynamic exhibit focuses on color and features a collection of photographs and mixed-media works that explore the artist’s perception of reality and love of the fantastical. JJ Dennis’ work has been on display at galleries and museums throughout Central Florida and Clearwater Beach.

CALL FOR ARTISTS: CELEBRATING THE GENIUS OF WOMEN
Women in the Arts Inc. and the Orange County Library System invite professional female artists to submit their work to be featured in the upcoming Annual Celebrating the Genius of Women exhibition at the Orlando Public Library in March and April 2018. Finalists chosen from the entries submitted will be eligible for $1,500 in cash prizes and gallery representation at Baterby’s Art Gallery. Apply online at womeninthearts.org/art-competition. Submissions must be received by 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 24.

Spanish Dance Workshop
South Creek Branch
Mondays, October 30–November 20, 6 p.m.
Alborea Dances will be hosting a four-part dance workshop. Learn some basic steps to the most fun and popular Spanish dances. Students will be able to show off their new skills at a final performance on Monday, November 20, 6 p.m. Space is limited, register online at ocls.info or by phone at 407.835.7323.

Mini Musicians Club
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, November 4, 2 p.m.
Enjoy listening to classical compositions performed by the gifted musicians of the Mini Musicians Club. These young local musicians make a lasting impression with their classical music knowledge.

Central Florida Ballet Presents: The Nutcracker
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, November 18, Noon & 2 p.m.
Enjoy a live performance of scenes from the classic ballet The Nutcracker. To learn more about the Central Florida Ballet, please visit centralfloridaballet.com.
Orange County Regional History Center’s Brechner Speaker Series

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

Gary Mormino: From 9/11 to Pulse
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, November 1, 6 p.m.

Often called the dean of Florida historians, Gary Mormino returns to Orlando presenting on the media and Florida in the years 2000–2016, a time when “no novelist could imagine a plot involving the real-life events that took place in the state,” Gary Mormino is the Frank E. Duckwall professor emeritus at the University of South Florida. In 2015, he received the Florida Humanities Council’s Lifetime Achievement Award in Writing. His books include Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida.

Sunshine State of Mind: Florida in the American Imaginary
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, November 15, 6 p.m.

Orange County Regional History Center’s research librarian, Adam Ware, will discuss the varied ways the Sunshine State operates in American feeling and memory. Sharing materials that evoke and invent the image of Florida and the pioneers and entrepreneurs who mobilized the concept of Florida to change the course of the state’s history.

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Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment Assistance
Hiawassee Branch
Thursdays, November 2 & 9, 4–8:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Thursdays, November 16 & 30, 2–8 p.m.

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

AAHC Scholastic Award Ceremony
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, November 4, 10 a.m.

The Asian American Heritage Council (AAHC) will recognize Asian-American students for their excellence in academia, community service, preservation of culture and language during this ceremony. Come and celebrate Asian-American Heritage with special performances.
Reducing Holiday Stress
Through Meditation
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.

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

Stress Buster Coloring
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, November 8, 10:15 a.m.

Life got you stressed? Unwind at the Library. Turn off your phone, unplug your computer and join us for an hour of stress-busting coloring for adults. All supplies provided. Ages 18 and up.

The Basics of Dog Training:
How to Avoid or Recover from Common Pitfalls
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, November 9, 6:30 p.m.

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

First Time Home Buyer Workshop
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, November 11, 10:15 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

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

Celebrate Veteran’s Day
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m.

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

Tatting, Smocking and Irish Crochet
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m.

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

Savvy Savers
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, November 18, 1–3 p.m.

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

Creative Coloring for Adults
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, November 12, 3 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, November 27, 7 p.m.

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

Silence No More: Perspective on Violence Against Women
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, November 14, 6–7:30 p.m.

Promote awareness and discuss research on violence against women. Discussion will include Dr. M. C. Santana, Director of Women’s and Gender Studies, University Central Florida; Dr. Elida Aponte Sanchez-Ermitius, Director Women’s Studies, IFD, University del Zulia Venezuela; and other distinguished panelists.

Blogging Basics
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.

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

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**PLANTAINS FOR THE HOLIDAYS**
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
**Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m.**
Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to make versatile plantain based dishes your whole family will enjoy this holiday season. From Mangu, a typical dish from Dominican Republic, adopted along the Caribbean and comprised of smashed plantain with olive oil, vinegar and red onion, to a traditional plantain soup that is popular in Puerto Rico. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit bbwmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

**Holiday Tea Time**
Windermere Branch
**Thursday, November 9, 6:30 p.m.**
Indulge in holiday tea blends with Karin Cannon of Tea Craze! Learn about the history, types and health benefits of tea, as well as Karin’s new blends for this holiday season. Enjoy a tea tasting and tips on brewing the perfect cup of tea! Registration required. Please see page 18 for cooking with family events.

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

**Cuisine Corner Junior**

- **Gobble, Gobble, Cakes!**
  Orlando Public Library
  **Tuesday, November 7, 3:15 p.m.**
  Publix Aprons Cooking School presents Gobble, Gobble, Cakes! Turkey Cupcakes, that is. Chefs from the Cooking School will teach you how to take a plain ol’ cupcake and turn it into a magnificent turkey. Ages 8–11. Registration required.

- **A Taste of Fall**
  North Orange Branch
  **Wednesday, November 8, 5:30 p.m.**
  Experience the flavors of fall as we demonstrate a recipe for mouthwatering pumpkin chocolate chip bars. Space is limited; registration required. Ages 8–18. Registration required.

**GENEALOGY**

- **Do It Yourself DNA Research**
  West Oaks Branch
  **Wednesday, November 1, 6:30 p.m.**
  Spend an evening analyzing your DNA test results. Our Genealogy 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 online.

- **NGSQ Study Group**
  West Oaks Branch
  **Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.**
  Interested in furthering your genealogical research skills? Then the NGSQ Study Group is for you! Each month we will study and discuss one article from the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, focusing on the genealogical techniques presented. The NGSQ is available at the West Oaks Branch. November’s article will be Sue Hahney Kratsch, “James Wesley Mooney of Will County, Illinois: Business Records Reveal His New York Family,” National Genealogical Society Quarterly 103 (September 2015): 179–200.

- **DNA and Genealogy: An Introduction**
  West Oaks Branch
  **Wednesday, November 15, 3 p.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 help you 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.

- **Developing a “Reasonably Exhaustive” Research Plan**
  West Oaks Branch
  **Wednesday, November 16, 11 a.m.**
  Interested in furthering your genealogical research skills? This program will explain how you can use the data from this project to further your DNA research.

- **Exploring DNA Websites**
  West Oaks Branch
  **Wednesday, November 15, 6 p.m.**
  Explore three DNA testing companies’ websites: Ancestry DNA, FamilyTreeDNA and 23andMe. Learn the differences between the companies and find out how to navigate each company’s website. Explore Gedmatch.com for an overview of the tools they provide to help you analyze your DNA test results.

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  West Oaks Branch
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- **Exploring DNA: The Shared cM Project Explained**
  West Oaks Branch
  **Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 p.m.**
  The Shared cM Project is a collaborative data collection and analysis project prepared by Blaine T. Bettinger which helps genealogists to understand quantities of cM’s shared between specific familial relationships. Join us for this informative program that will explain how you can use the data from this project to further your DNA research.

**YOUR LIBRARY AT HOME**

- **Orlando Memory**
  orlandomemory.info
  Orlando Memory is a community-based, digital collection of local heritage and traditions. Be a part of Central Florida’s heritage history by adding your memories, photos, documents, videos and more to the Orlando Memory site. It’s free and easy to register.

- **EPOCH**
  epochlegacies.org
  EPOCH (Electronically Preserving Obituaries as Cultural Heritage) is a project created by the Orange County Library System for the community to save local history and memories. By engaging community members to memorialize the lives of those they have lost, the fullness of the legacies of the deceased can be preserved for family, researchers and genealogists.

**EXPLORE YOUR DNA TEST RESULTS USING GEOSHARE.COM TO FURTHER YOUR DNA RESEARCH**

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**Using Gedmatch.com to Further Explore Your DNA Test Results**

- **West Oaks Branch**
  **Wednesday, November 1, 6:30 p.m.**
  Gedmatch.com is a free website for people who have already tested their autosomal DNA for genealogical purposes. Learn to navigate the website and see how their tools can help you further analyze your DNA and connect with your match results.

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STORYTIME FOR GROWNUPS!

South Trail Branch
Wednesdays, November 1 & 15, 2 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Tuesdays, November 7 & 21, 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesdays, November 14 & 28, 2 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, November 29, 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 storytime. Be sure to check out your local branch for unique event details. For more information, please visit ocls.info/grownupstorytime.

MYLES THOROUGHGOOD BIO:

I came to Orlando in 1995, after being raised in Philadelphia and living in Los Angeles. I have had the honor of being an OCLS Storyteller since 2013. Seeing families enjoying my programs encourages me to educate and entertain when presenting stories. My theatrical background helps me incorporate interactive music and movement to create a fun, multidimensional experience that I believe all can enjoy.

The grownup storytime has been wonderful. My Our Town, Our Stories programs focus on local lore, unsung and well-known heroes and personal journeys. It is a pleasure sharing and learning how folks came to the Orlando area. How have we changed here and how have we changed the area? I look forward to more discoveries and I am always up for an adventure.

NEXT CHAPTER

BENEFITS WORKSHOP FOR WAR ERA VETERANS

Herndon Branch
Monday, November 6, 6:30 p.m.
Scott Thomas of Long Term Care for Veterans LLC will explain how veterans 65 and older could be eligible for additional benefits. This workshop is specially designed for war time vets and their surviving spouses. If either you or your spouse is a veteran with 90 days of military service, one day served during wartime period (even if not in combat) and no dishonorable discharge you may qualify for VA pension for senior veterans. To learn more about Long Term Care for Veterans, visit LTC4Vets.org. To RSVP call 888.902.3011 ext. 8928.

Introduction to Pilates for Adults

West Oaks Branch
Tuesdays, November 7 & 21, 2 p.m.
Exercise your way to fitness in this introduction to Pilates class. You will 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.

Kidney Smart

North Orange Branch
Monday, November 13, 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.

Senior Living

Herndon Branch
Wednesday, November 15, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Curious about senior living options? Senior experts will provide information and education on senior living. 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 call Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291.

Caring for Your Aging Skin

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, November 16, 12:10 p.m.
Get tips from a dermatologist on how skin changes as we age. Learn to prevent itching, flaking, redness and age spots and discover simple routines that can keep your skin glowing. This seminar is part of the LIFE Information for Elders series presented by the Orange County’s Commission on Aging. Call 407.836.7446 or email officeonaging@ocfl.net to register. A small lunch is provided to the first 50 people to RSVP.

Sailing Into Your Senior Years

North Orange Branch
Tuesday, November 21, 2 p.m.
Elder law attorney, Geoff Hoatson, teaches you how to make your golden years a delightfully smooth cruise! Set a course for preservation – you’ll learn how to protect yourself and everything you hold dear from guardianship, probate and long-term care facilities. To learn more about Geoff and the Family First Firm, visit familyfirstfirm.com.
Embark on an exciting adventure into the world of writing fictional stories in any genre. Your humble tour guide, Peter Telep, author of over 40 books, including the new Doc Harrison science fiction series, will help you hone that fiery passion in your soul that’s urging you to write. Learn to create vivid settings, dynamic characters and compose dialogue that’s crisp and believable. You’ll review classic plot structures like the Hero’s Journey and screenwriting paradigms (as they apply to fiction). Also learn about the business side of writing and tricks to manage your time and enable your creativity. Q&A and book signing to follow the workshop.
Did you know you can take free language-learning classes at the library? Attend an ESOL workshop or practice learning a new language at one of our Open Language Labs. To view dates, locations and times, visit ocls.info/events, explore online learning opportunities at ocls.info/language or view our learning English workshops at ocls.info/ESOL.

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 ELLIS, Mango Languages or Rocket Languages. Please check the calendar for language-learning opportunities, dates and times at your local branch.

Learn English at the Library libguides.ocls.info/esol
Explore and learn English in a classroom-based learning environment with an ESOL instructor.

ESL Professional Series Southeast Branch
Several courses focusing on interview skills, resume and cover letter writing.

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: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Southeast Branch & South Creek Branch
ESOL series focusing on listening comprehension, pronunciation and spoken English.

Writing Clearly: Beginner and Intermediate Southeast Branch & South Creek Branch
ESOL series focusing on grammar and written English.

Reading Clearly: Beginner and Intermediate Southeast 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.

English from Zero Southeast Branch, South Trail Branch, Chicksaw Branch & Hiawassee Branch
ESOL workshops, vocabulary and basic grammar for English learners with no English language skills.

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

Improve Your English Reading Workshop Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, November 1–15, 6–8 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursday, November 2–30, 1–3 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 407.422.1540 or visit adultliteracyleague.org.

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Cooking with the Family
South Trail Branch
Saturday, November 4, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m.
Unplug and connect with family over healthy meals. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to make delicious meals your whole family will enjoy. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit bbwmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required. These events are part of Orange County’s Week of the Family celebration, to learn more visit weekofthefamily.org.

Naturalization Ceremony
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Tuesday, November 7, 10 a.m.
Applicants, including families from countries all over the world, will take the Oath of Allegiance and become United States Citizens presented by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Choosing Healthy Snacks
Washington Park Branch
Tuesday, November 7, 4 p.m.
Chicksaw Branch
Thursday, November 9, 3 p.m.
Learning to choose and identify healthy snacks can be a daunting process. This workshop will teach you all you need to know to make the best choice for you and your family. Seats are limited. To register, visit ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

Self-Compassion and Minute Relaxation Techniques for New Parents
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.
Having a baby is a developmental phase that can throw lives into chaos with the new family dynamic. Join Romina Papadopulos and Kathleen Hawkins for an informative session on the importance of self-compassion and how to implement relaxation techniques that can help reduce this stress. You will walk away with new ideas on parenting and self-care, new practical relaxation skills to use while watching the baby and a small gift to use for relaxation purposes, while supplies last.

Daddy & Daughter Hair-Style Me Workshop
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m.
Learn the basics and fundamentals of how to style and care for your daughter’s hair. Great for soon to be fathers, adoptive dads, single dads and grandfathers. Translators will be available for Spanish and Haitian Creole speakers. For more information, visit GlamourKidBraids.com.

Gobble, Gobble, Wibble, Wobble
North Orange Branch
Thursday, November 2, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, November 4, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, November 9, 11 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Monday, November 20, 10:30 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Thursday, November 30, 10:30 a.m.
Let the festivities begin! Preschoolers, trot into the library for a turkey feast! Join us as we gobble up stories and have fun with turkey activities and crafts. Ages 3–5.

Little Chef: Pumpkin Patch
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, November 3, 11 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, November 7, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, November 15, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, November 16, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, November 16, 2 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Friday, November 17, 11 a.m.
You’re never too young to get your start in the kitchen! Bring your little one to learn cooking skills such as kitchen safety, layering, measuring, smearing, 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.

THANKFUL HANDS
Southwest Branch
Eatonville Branch
West Oaks Branch
North Orange Branch
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, November 22, 10 a.m.
Celebrate the fall season with interactive stations and get creative while crafting to share your gratitude. Ages 2-4.
ORLANDO CHILDREN’S BUSINESS FAIR
Orlando Public Library
Sunday, November 12, 2–5 p.m.
What do Elon Musk, Mark Zuckerberg, Bill Gates and an Orange County third grader have in common? They are all entrepreneurs who innovate and serve their communities. Together, we can invest in the success of the next generation of entrepreneurs.

The Orlando Children’s Business Fair is a one-day marketplace where children will debut their innovative inventions, market their services or products and build marketing strategies. For more information, visit ocls.info/bizkids.

GET CRAFTY YOU WILL
Celebrate the release of the new Star Wars movie in style with a handmade knitted or crocheted creation. Register for a project class today!

Let’s Crochet Star Wars Ornaments
Orlando Public Library
Sunday, November 26, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, November 29, 1:30 p.m.
Make adorable amigurumi-style ornaments to use as holiday decorations, backpack hangers or keychains. Choose from Yoda, Princess Leia or Stormtrooper designs, or make more than one! A fun way to practice basic crochet stitches, learn some new techniques and use up those odds and ends of colorful yarn. Students must bring the following materials to complete the projects: small amount of worsted weight (size 4) yarn in fern green (Yoda), white (Stormtrooper), beige (Leia) and black; size 4.00mm (G) crochet hook; small amount of fiberfill.

Let’s Knit a Yoda Hat
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday & Wednesday, November 14 & 15, 5:45 p.m.
Get ready for the new Star Wars movie release with your very own Yoda hat. Hats can range from baby to adult sizes. Students must bring the following materials to complete the project: at least 136 yards of bulky weight (size 5) yarn, size US 10 knitting needles and stitch markers.

SEW MANY PROJECTS
IN SEW LITTLE TIME
NEW! Sewing: Kwik Serge a Hooded Sweatshirt
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday–Thursday, November 14–16, 3:30 p.m.
Ready for your first serger project? We will teach you sewing techniques for finished seams using pro-finish sergers. Create a simple hooded sweatshirt from start to finish using professional patterns, serger and coverstitch machines in this three-day series. Students are required to bring two and a half yards of sweatshirt fleece, double knit or knit jersey fabric and one yard of drawstring rope and must have taken the Introduction to the Sewing Machine and Sanger Basics Level 1 classes.

It’s Sew Easy: Holiday Stockings
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday & Wednesday, November 21 & 22, 10 a.m.
Stockings are a must-have for the holidays. Use a simple pattern and your imagination to create a custom stocking for yourself or as a gift. Learn basic lining and cuff sewing techniques.

Sewing: Gift Bags
for Every Occasion
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, November 21, 5 p.m.
Impress that special someone in your life by wrapping his or her gifts in a handmade gift bag! These gift bags can be made for any occasion. They are fast and easy to make and each one is unique. Learn seam construction and interfacing techniques in this project class.

Be A Post Production Pro
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, November 11, 1 p.m.
Sunday, November 12, 1 p.m.
Saturday, November 18, 1 p.m.
Sunday, November 19, 3 p.m.
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At the Alafaya Branch, you can learn the video post-production techniques of the pros! Register for Adobe Premier Pro Levels 1–4, Adobe After Effects Levels 1–4 and Adobe Audition: Audio for Film Levels 1 and 2. Check out topics including video editing, green-screen keying, animation, masking, lower third creation and enhancing the audio of your video. Register today!

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Audio Recording Techniques: Piano
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Friday, November 17, 3:30 p.m.
Record it right the first time. Understand the inner workings of the piano, isolate the best sound and use miking techniques to capture the perfect sound.

Pro Tools Bootcamp
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturdays, November 11–December 9, 1:30 p.m.
Get started fast. Use essential editing and mixing techniques to sharpen your recordings in Pro Tools in this five-day class. This camp runs on five consecutive Saturdays from November 11 to December 9.

Crafting with Electronics
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Sunday, November 19, 2 p.m.
Ever wanted to introduce electronics to your craft projects? Explore the FabLab in this class which features a hands-on introduction to making. We will create a simple, 20-minute seasonal project while exploring some of the basics of electronics and maker tools. Cost: $2.

NEW ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR CLASSES!

Adobe Illustrator Level 1
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesdays, November 7 & 21, 9:30 a.m.
Turn scanned drawings into sleek vector graphics. Apply several design techniques and use common editing tools to trace and color artwork as well as manage objects and layers.

Adobe Illustrator Level 2
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesdays, November 7 & 21, 11 a.m.
Design professional-looking stationary using Adobe Illustrator. Create and arrange text and image assets and use masks, transparency and blending modes to create eye-catching designs.

2018 Melrose Awards
Submissions Accepted through November 22, 2017
Calling all creatives! The Melrose Center is accepting entries for the 2018 Melrose Awards through November 22. A $250 Prize will be awarded to winners in five categories – Audio, Photo, Video, Maker and Digital Media Design. A $1,000 Prize will be awarded to the Grand Prize winner! Winners will be announced at the 2018 Melrose Creative Expo on February 17, 2018. For more information and how to submit, visit ocls.info/melroseawards.
Mad Science Live: Up, Up and Away! North Orange Branch
Saturday, November 4, 11 a.m. South Trail Branch
Wednesday, November 8, 4:30 p.m. Windermere Branch
Saturday, November 18, 11 a.m.
This spellbinding special event will introduce you to the principles of air and pressure. Hot air balloons, vortex generators that will send flying smoke rings over your head, floating balls, giant wind bags and even a hovercraft will help us understand the power of air! Ages 6–12.

Magic & Mayhem Presents Wizard School! Southeast Branch
Saturday, November 4, 4 p.m. Southwest Branch
Wednesday, November 15, 3:30 p.m.
It’s the first day of class at an exclusive wizard magical academy and learn to be a WIZARD? It’s the first day of class at an exclusive wizard magical academy and learn to be a WIZARD?!

Amazing Animal Adaptations South Creek Branch
Saturday, November 4, 2:30 p.m. South Trail Branch
Wednesday, November 15, 4:30 p.m.
All animals have adaptations! Some help them to eat, while others help them from being eaten. We will look at various osteological and external adaptations that help animals survive. Ages 6–12.

The Moogician Alafaya Branch
Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m. Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, November 11, 2:30 p.m. Chickasaw Branch
Monday, November 13, 11 a.m. Orlando Public Library
Friday, November 17, 11 a.m.
The Moogician will bring his way into our hearts as he performs one cheesy trick after the other and milks it for everything he can! He will educate us with fun facts and trivia that are utterly entertaining and absolutely bovine. Ages 6–12.

Move Like an Animal West Oaks Branch
Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m. Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, November 14, 10:30 a.m.
Get hands-on with Skeletons: Animals Unveiled! Observe skeletal features that define a particular type of movement, and then mimic the different types of animal locomotion. Ages 3–8.

FLORIDINGERS Washington Park Branch
Friday, November 17, 10:30 a.m. Herndon Branch
Saturday, November 18, 10:30 a.m. Edgewater Branch
Saturday, November 18, 2 p.m. Winter Garden Branch
Monday, November 20, 2:30 p.m.
Float down the river with Acorn, Cootie and the other Floridingers (native Florida hybrid creations) as we enjoy an interactive 3D reading of Floridingers Go to Swamp Fest. Ages 6–12.

James Ponti is the Edgar Award-winning author of the T.O.A.S.T. series books Framed! and Vanished! as well as the Dead City trilogy. James will be hosting an author event at North Orange Branch on November 18 and a writing workshop for tweens at the West Oaks Branch on November 30. Library staff member Lorrie Taylor had the opportunity to ask James about writing for television and his book Framed! For more information about James Ponti, or the Sunshine State Author Series, visit ocls.info/sunshineseries.

Lorrie Taylor: You wrote and produced TV shows – talk about how different this is from being an author.

James Ponti: When I was young, I was a reluctant reader but wanted to be a writer, so I went to college to become a screenwriter and worked in film and TV for Disney, Nickelodeon and PBS. TV/film writing is mostly dialogue and with novels I often use the first person which is similar to writing dialogue. After I got into production, I was happy that there is no budget to consider in a novel. Florian and Margaret from Framed! can go to the White House, a museum or travel anywhere and I don’t have to come up with a budget to fund it.

LT: Of course, we’re here to talk about Framed! which is the only book on both Sunshine State Young Reader Award lists this year. Will you talk about Florian and his friend Margaret and tell us why you made them ‘regular’ kids?

JP: I want kids who read Framed! to find out about regular kids who end up in extraordinary situations. We talk about how great it is to get lost in a book but really it’s about being found in a book. Florian and Margaret are observant and thinking young people. They don’t have the random background knowledge of a Sherlock Holmes character. It’s important for Florian to solve Margaret’s story and not tell it to her. The book is about their friendship most of all.

Writing Workshop with James Ponti West Oaks Branch
Thursday, November 30, 4 p.m.
Calling aspiring writers, ages 9–14! Edgar Award-winning writer James Ponti presents a writing workshop for kids and teens with interactive writing exercises and writing tips. Ponti is the author of Framed! and the Dead City trilogy. Ponti has a degree in screenwriting from the University of Southern California and has written and produced television shows for Nickelodeon, Disney Channel, PBS, History Channel and Golf Channel. 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.
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- Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 11:45 a.m.
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**TODDLER TIME** (ages 18 months–3 years)
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- Washington Park Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Eatonville Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Hiawassee Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- South Trail Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

All Locations: November 1–30, 2017

Check out five items with your library card and enter for a chance to win a family four-pack of tickets to the Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens. There is always so much to see and do, with over 400 animals, an Insect Zoo, Reptile House, giraffe feedings, shows, train, Splash Pad and more! There is something for everyone. It’s a relaxing, entertaining and educational experience for the whole family!

This drawing is only for OCLS juvenile cardholders (0–17 years) with a regularly paid membership or be in good standing. In-person check out only. Entry forms will not be mailed. Not valid for pick-up/checkouts, home delivery or electronic book downloads. Each library location will award one four-pack of tickets. Winners will be notified by December 4. Winners must pick up their prize by December 8 or an alternate winner will be chosen. Tickets are good for entry to the Central Florida Zoo from January 1–December 31, 2018. Call 407.835.7323 for more information. ocls.info/checkitout

**LEGO CONTEST 2017**

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, December 2, 2–4 p.m.

Enter the Sixth Annual OCLS LEGO Contest and show off your LEGO creation. Join us for fun demonstrations and vote in the People’s Choice Award! Categories are Pre-K to Kindergarten, Grades 1–3 and Grades 4–6. Visit ocls.info/legocontest for complete rules and guidelines.

Pre-registration is required! Call 407.835.7323 or go online to sign up. Registration closes Thursday, November 30, 6 p.m. In partnership with LEGOLAND, Wonderworks, NAWIC, Leu Gardens and Exploding Bacon Robotics Club.

**STORYTIME**

Central Florida & Botanical Gardens
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EARLY LEARNING

BABY & TODDLER

SMART Start
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, November 1, 10 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, November 6, 10:30 a.m.

Bubble Playtime
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, November 1, 10:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Saturday, November 4, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
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Hiawassee Branch
Friday, November 17, 11 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.

Baby’s First Art
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, November 1, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Monday, November 6, 10 a.m.
First experiences are so incredible to witness! Bring your little one to play, explore and create art pieces that both you and baby will enjoy. This is a ‘Mommy or Daddy and me’ event. Space is limited, registration is required. Ages 6–18 months.

STORIES & STRETCHES
Southwest Branch
Monday, November 13, 10:30 a.m.
Calling all little yogis and wiggleworms! Join us for a special movement storytelling on motor development that is filled with stories, songs and fun! Ages 2–5.

WHO HOOTS?
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, November 4, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, November 9, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, November 29, 10 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, November 30, 2 p.m.
Who’s who hoots in the night? An owl, that’s who! Find and discover while learning all about our feathered friends. Ages 2–4.

Relaxation Stations
Chickasaw Branch
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Orlando Public Library
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Eatonton Branch
Monday, November 20, 10:15 a.m.
Introduce relaxation to your toddler! Although it may not be a quiet event, you will enjoy a calming time with soothing activities and stations. Ages 2–4. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Literacy & Locomotion
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, November 7–28, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, November 19, 2:30 p.m.
Help your child learn by playing as we weave early literacy practices into fun interactive stories, songs, rhythm and dance. Ages 2–5. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Move and Play
Alafaya Branch
Monday, November 13, 10:30 a.m.
It’s a musical morning to shake and shimmy, move and groove and play along with our favorite songs! Ages 2–5.

Artsy Toddler
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, November 17, 11 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, November 20, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, November 27, 10:30 a.m.
Create art with crayons at this weekly event! Ages 2–5. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Toddlers use unstructured play to learn about their world. They are very curious and enjoy hands-on activities and exploring age-appropriate art experiences. Ages 1–3. Registration recommended.

For a mess. Ages 2–4. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Busy Builders
Herndon Branch
Saturday, November 25, 11 a.m.
Come in and join us for some fun independent play and building activities! Ages 1–8.

Parachute Play
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, November 27, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, November 28, 10:30 a.m.
Bring your baby to our fun series where we will sing, play and work on developing motor skills. Ages 0–2.

Super Storytime!
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, November 8, 10 a.m.
Enjoy a superhero sized storytime with mighty stories and activities. Heros dress up is welcomed. Ages 2–4.

Preschool

Color Your World
Southeast Branch
Wednesday, November 1–29, 10 a.m.
Create art with crayons at this weekly event! Ages 3–5.

Kids Corner Crafts
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, November 1–29, 11 a.m.
Come to storytime and stay to create a craft to take home! Crafts will relate to the weekly themes presented by the storytellers. Ages 3–5.

R Ready!
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, November 1–December 20, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Monday, November 6–December 18, 11 a.m.
The eight-part series features preschool children to excel in kindergarten through creative play, process 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, please register and attend all eight sessions. Please call 407.835.7323 or visit ocls.info/kready for more information. Ages 4–5.

Cuentame un Cuento: Tell Me a Story
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, November 3, 11 a.m.
Enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either or both languages. The whole family is welcome.

Force, Motion and You!
North Orange Branch
Saturday, November 11, 3 p.m.
Parents, bring your little one for some fun engineering and math with curious George! Created in partnership with WUCF, Central Florida’s PBS Station.

PBS Kids Time!
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, November 14, 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, technology, engineering and math with Curious George! Created in partnership with WUCF, Central Florida’s PBS Station.

The Many Adventures of Olivia the Pig
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, November 2, 2 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, November 4, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, November 7, 10:30 a.m.
Eatonton Branch
Wednesday, November 9, 10 a.m.
Poly in the attic of our favorite pig with stories and activities for every preschooler. Ages 3–5.

Wake Up, Bear!
North Orange Branch
Thursday, November 30, 11 a.m.
Have fun with bears and caviar as we explore hibernation with stories, songs, crafts and more! Ages 3–5.
Thanksgiving Thankful Tree
Southeast Branch
Through November
All month long share what you are thankful for this Thanksgiving and all year long. Decorate a leaf and hang it on our tree!

Afternoon Art
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, November 1, 3:30 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.

Crafternoons
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, November 1, 3:30 p.m.
Stop by the library for an hour of crafting fun with friends. Ages 6–12.

Exploration of Aviation
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, November 1, 4:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, November 15, 3:30 p.m.
From soaring through the clouds, to zooming through space, come and explore all things aviation while keeping your feet on the ground. Ages 6–12.

Smash It, Crash It, Launch It
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, November 29, 3:30 p.m.
Smashing and launching stuff is fun and you can learn about science at the same time! Discover the laws of physics through various hands-on, mind-blowing, eye-popping experiments. Ages 8–12.

Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Discussion Group
Orlando Public Library
Thursdays, November 2–16 & 30, 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 “Framed!” by James Ponti, who will be at the next Celebration on December 13. See what we are reading and sign up for the club at mayor.ocls.info.

The CREATE Space
Orlando Public Library
Fridays, November 3 & 17, 3 p.m.
What will you create today? Explore, experiment or be entertained. Ages 6–18.

Fuel Fitness Fun
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, November 4, 11 a.m.
What are the best foods to eat to fuel your body before a fun workout? Come join us to find out, eat a snack and get active! Ages 6–12.

Construction Toys for Kids
Herndon Branch
Saturdays, November 4 & 18, 2 p.m.
Learn the basics of building and learning with Snap Circuits, KNEX and Magformers. Ages 6–12.

Southwest Homeschool Club: 17th Century Life
Southwest Branch
Monday, November 6, 1 p.m.
Travel back in time and find out what life was like for Native Americans and pilgrims living in the 1600s. Learn about their homes, clothes and food with fun stories and activities. Ages 6–12.

Maker Monday
Alafaya Branch
Mondays, November 6–27, 4:30 p.m.
Maker spaces foster learning through hands-on tinkering and play. Discover the maker in you as we complete challenges, STEM projects and experiments. Ages 8–15. Registration required.

Philanthroparty!
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, November 8, 4:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursday, November 9, 3:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, November 25, 3 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, November 28, 4 p.m.
Learn more about parties with a cause. Collect ideas and tips for giving back while having a great time! Ages 8–18.
Ohana Means Family Film Fest
Washington Park Branch
Monday, November 6, 4:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Monday & Tuesday, November 20 & 21, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, November 22, 2 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday & Wednesday, November 21 & 22, 10:30 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday & Wednesday, November 21 & 22, 2 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, November 21, 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, November 22, 1 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, November 25, 2 p.m.
Enjoy a kid-friendly film fest that celebrates families of all shapes and sizes. All ages.

Games Galore
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, November 7, 4:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Monday, November 13, 4:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, November 21, 2:30 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, November 25, 3 p.m.
Bring the whole family to the library and join us as we celebrate National Game and Puzzle Week. Ages 6–12.

Celebrate Veteran’s Day
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, November 7, 5 p.m.
Show your support and make a patriotic craft to honor our national heroes. All ages.

Fitness Fun
South Creek Branch
Saturdays, November 11 & 25, 3 p.m.
Learn new exercise routines with friends to help keep you in great shape. We’ll prepare ourselves for the upcoming holiday season with healthier habits. Ages 10 and up.

Cool to Do: Add It Up!
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday, November 14, 5 p.m.
Put your brain to the test. Play number games and solve puzzles to become an amazing math whiz. Ages 6–12.

Newspaper Forts
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, November 14, 5 p.m.
Design and build a newspaper fort that you can play in. The whole family is invited to participate! Ages 9–12.

STEM Club
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, November 15, 6 p.m.
Come and join us as we have fun with science experiments and building technology with KNEX, Snap Circuits, littlebits and so much more! Ages 6–12.

Family Science Night
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, November 16, 6 p.m.
Explore science as a family with books and hands-on activities. This four-week series will feature a different scientific topic each week. Ages 6–12. Registration Required.

Cookies & Milk with a Cop
North Orange Branch
Saturday, November 18, 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. Ages 6–12. Sponsored in part by the Apopka Police Department and Gerther McDonald’s.

Lego One Scoop
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, November 18, 2 p.m.
Create greatness with one single scoop! The challenge is on so let’s see what you can build! Bricks for play will be provided but cannot go home with you. Ages 6–12. Registration Required.

Science You Can Eat
South Creek Branch
Saturday, November 18, 2:30 p.m.
Come in hungry because you are going to eat your science experiment! Ages 6–12.

Space Cases
Southeast Branch
Saturday, November 18, 3 p.m.
Do you enjoy space exploration? Then join us for a space themed series, where we explore the world just outside of our planet. Explore Space with us and enjoy activities, games and crafts. Ages 6–13.

Small World: India!
Washington Park Branch
Monday, November 20, 4:30 p.m.
Travel with us as we explore our planet and discover unique cultures through activities, food, language and music. This exciting series will focus on a different country each month! Ages 5–14.

Build a Giant World
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, November 21, 10:30 a.m.
Put your creativity hard hats on and get ready to work together to construct a giant tower! Ages 6–12.

Add It Up!
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, November 21, 5 p.m.
Put your brain to the test. Play number games and solve puzzles to become an amazing math whiz. Ages 6–12.

Homeschool Field Trip: Discovering Central Florida’s Native Americans
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, November 28, 2 p.m.
Explore Central Florida with the Native Americans who inhabited the Northeast and Central Florida areas! Ages 8–15. Registration required.

Fantastic Foamy Fountain!
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, November 28, 4:30 p.m.
Kids enjoy a fun-filled program of silly science. Make the ooiest and the gooiest foam! Stories, activities and crafts with a science twist! Ages 6–12.

Turkey Toppers
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, November 21, 5 p.m.
Calling all Chemists! It’s foamy fountain time! Learn how to make your own foam at this hands-on messy science event. Registration Required. Ages 6–12.

Loopy Turkeys
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, November 22, 2:30 p.m.
It’s the day before Thanksgiving and your appetite is ready, but is your table? We will be making fun turkey hats that you can wear as you gobble up your feast. Ages 6–12.

DIY DREAMCATCHERS
South Trail Branch
Thursday, November 2, 4:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, November 8, 3:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursday, November 16, 3:30 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Thursday, November 16, 4 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, November 21, 6 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.

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LET'S TALK TURKEY
Washington Park Branch
Tuesday, November 21, 5 p.m.
It’s almost Thanksgiving – let us help you dress up for the holiday! We will be making fun turkey hats that you can wear as you gobble up your feast. Ages 6–12.

Talkin’ Turkey
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, November 22, 4:30 p.m.
Come watch The Fresh Prince of Bel Air’s Thanksgiving episode and enjoy some holiday snacks and crafts. All ages.

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It’s the day before Thanksgiving and your appetite is ready, but is your table? We will be creating paper turkey decorations for your holiday display. Ages 6–12.
STEP OFF

Sign up to perform at the 12th Annual Step Off held Saturday, February 4, 2018, 2:30 p.m. at the Orlando Public Library! Step Teams in Orange County (ages 11–18) can sign up at ocls.info/stepoff. Teams will be chosen at random from all entries received and will be notified if selected to participate. Deadline for entries is Friday, December 15.

Have a Magical Day!
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, November 2, 4 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesday, November 14, 4 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Monday, November 20, 5 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Monday, November 27, 4:30 p.m.

What is the fastest ride at Walt Disney World? Who lives at 17 Cherry Tree Lane? Put your knowledge to the test with trivia, games and quizzes about all things Disney! Ages 11–18.

Home Depot Workshop: The Art of Creating Tile Mosaic Designs
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, November 11, 1–3 p.m.

Learn how easy and fun it is to create your own mosaic tile design at this hands-on two-hour workshop with Home Depot. Join the Home Depot team to explore mosaic tile backsplash ideas and learn to create attractive and visually diverse patterns at home.

Hungry for a Movie!
Hawasse Branch
Monday, November 13, 6 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, November 21, 4 p.m.

Take a break this holiday season and catch up with Katniss, Peeta and Gale with a screening of The Hunger Games. Ages 13–18.

Teen Art Adventure: Paint Chip Art
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, November 14, 3:15 p.m. Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, November 14, 4 p.m.
Hawasse Branch
Wednesday, November 15, 3:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, November 15, 4:30 p.m.

Paint chips can be found in every color imaginable. Combine interesting colors and shapes to create unique art. Ages 11–18.

Kindness Counts
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, November 25, 1 p.m.

What are you thankful for this year? Find out how random acts of kindness can make a difference as we show our appreciation and pay it forward. Ages 11–18.

Meet the Author: James Ponti
North Orange Branch
Saturday, November 18, 2 p.m.

Meet the author of Framed! and the Dead City trilogy. James Ponti received the prestigious Edgar Award for best juvenile mystery for Framed!, which is on the Sunshine State Young Reader Award lists for both Grades 3–5 and 6–8. His new book, Vanished!, is the second in the T.O.A.S.T. series. Sponsored in part by the Florida Library, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. Registration required. Register at ocls.info/sunshineseries.

Writing Workshop with James Ponti
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, November 29, 4 p.m.

Calling aspiring writers, ages 9–14! Edgar Award-winning writer James Ponti presents a writing workshop for kids and teens with interactive writing exercises and writing tips. Ponti is the author of Framed! and the Dead City trilogy. Ponti has a degree in screenwriting from the University of Southern California and has written and produced television shows for Nickelodeon, Disney Channel, PBS, History Channel and Golf Channel. 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.

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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
Sunday 1 pm - 6 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

Sunday Hours:

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CLOSURES

Library Staff Development Day
The Orange County Library System will be closed Friday, November 10, 2017.

Dia de Desarrollo del Personal de la Biblioteca
El sistema de bibliotecas del condado de Orange cerrará el viernes, 10 de noviembre del 2017.

Thanksgiving Day
The Orange County Library System will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, and will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. All locations will resume normal hours on Saturday, November 25, 2017. Happy Thanksgiving!

Día de Acción de Gracias
El sistema de bibliotecas del condado de Orange va a cerrar a 6 p.m. el miércoles 22 de noviembre y estará cerrado el jueves 23 de noviembre y el viernes 24 de noviembre debido a la conmemoración del Día de Acción de Gracias. Todas las localidades abrirán de nuevo a sus horas regulares el sábado 25 de noviembre, 2017. ¡Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias!

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