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**The library gets spooky this October with Technoween, *The Great American Read* picks America's favorite novel and more**

Visit the library this October for lots of spooky fun-filled events. On October 14 the Melrose Center hosts Technoween, where the whole family can enjoy some technological Halloween fun. Enjoy a performance from Orlando's own original steampunk storytelling troupe, Phantasmagoria, an appearance from the Tourist City Ghostbusters, a costume contest and so much more.

Join us at the downtown library on October 21 as we celebrate the conclusion of *The Great American Read*. Come dressed up as your favorite literary character or author and cast your final vote to choose America's favorite novel.

We also continue honoring Hispanic Heritage month on October 6 as we welcome Dr. José Manuel García for *Voices from Mariel* – Oral Histories of the 1980 Cuban Boatlift. Experience the story of Dr. García's journey as a teenage refugee from Cuba through discussion and his documentary, followed by a book sale and signing. See below for more detail.

If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, feel free to contact us as 407-835-7323. Check us out online at [www.ocls.info](http://www.ocls.info) for a complete listing of library events.

**Nature Walk and Book Talk**

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Monday, October 1, 10:15 a.m.–Noon

Do you enjoy taking a walk and love to discuss books? Then join the Southwest Library this month for a casual nature walk followed by a lively book discussion at a local park. For more information including

event date, book title, and park location, contact Sandy via email: southwest@ocls.info or call 407.835.7323. Enjoy the benefits of exercising your mind and body! Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Light refreshments provided. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

**From Pages to Plate: *Frankenstein***

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

*Wednesday, October 3, 6 p.m.*

It's not easy being green, but the recipes can be! Join Chef Farah Davids as she inspires you with a monster "thrill" cheese, eyeball soup and Frankenstein green smoothie inspired by Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Space is limited. Registration required. To register call 407.835.7323 or visit ocls.info.

**Do It Yourself DNA Research Open Forum**

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

*Wednesday, October 3, 6:30 p.m.*

Received your DNA test results and don't know what to do next? Come spend an evening analyzing your own 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.

**Booktoberfest: Wonderland**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Friday, October 5, 6:30 p.m.*

Don't be late for this very important date! Booktoberfest takes over the library for one night every year. Sample a tasty variety of beers from America's Oldest Brewery, Yuengling Beer, and enjoy some light bites from Roque Pub, Pom Pom's Teahouse & Sandwicheria and more. Challenge your friends to a game of giant chess or a game of croquet, play trivia, try beer from a selection of local microbrews, and learn about the brewing process from a brewmaster. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Orange County Library System, which helps fund important library programs and initiatives.

***Voices from Mariel* – Oral Histories of the 1980 Cuban Boatlift**

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

*Saturday, October 6, 3 p.m.*

Between April and September 1980, more than 125,000 Cuban refugees fled their homeland, seeking freedom from Fidel Castro's dictatorship. Dr. José Manuel García, author of *Voices from Mariel*, emigrated on the Mariel boatlift as a teenager and will discuss stories from this powerful moment in history. Following a book sale and signing, enjoy a screening of the *Voices from Mariel* documentary.

**Community Arts Fest**

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Saturday, October 6, 6–8 p.m.*

Local artists will exhibit their works and meet other artists from the Hunters Creek/South Chase area. Live music from pianist/vocalist JJ Speights and refreshments will be provided. Are you a local artist that would like to exhibit their work at the Community Art Fest? Contact Julie Ventura at 407.835.7316 or ventura.julie@ocls.info to apply.

**Melrose in the Mix: Ka Malinalli**

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

*Sunday, October 7, 3:30 p.m.*

Singer-songwriter Ka Malinalli will be the featured recording artist for October. She will perform a solo acoustic set of her brand new original material in the traditional trova music style. Seating is limited. Register at [ocls.info/melroseinthemix](http://ocls.info/melroseinthemix).

### **From Pages to Plate: The Color Purple**

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

*Monday, October 8, 6 p.m.*

“Celie’s breakfast was all but gravy for Shug Avery who was used to upper crust living,” wrote Alice Walker in her Pulitzer Prize winning novel. Chef Farah Davids will show you how to prepare an old-fashioned breakfast of ham, eggs, grits and gravy fresh from the pages of Alice Walker’s *The Color Purple*. Space is limited. Registration required. To register call 407.835.7323 or visit [ocls.info](http://ocls.info).

### **YouTube Live Production for Families**

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

*Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m.–Noon*

Does your child show interest in becoming a YouTube vlogger, but you don't know where to begin with helping them get started? Team up with your child in this video production workshop to get a jump start on your first YouTube channel video. During this workshop, you will learn each stage of the production process to create a high-quality Intro YouTube Video. Parent/Guardian must sign up with at least one child.

### **Technoween**

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

*Sunday, October 14, 1:30–4:30 p.m.*

Join us for a terrifyingly good time for the whole family! Featuring a performance from Phantasmagoria – Orlando’s original steampunk storytelling troupe, an appearance from The Tourist City Ghostbusters, a children’s costume contest, a horror movie trivia contest and much more!

### **Victorian Horror Troupe: PHANTASMAGORIA**

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

*Sunday, October 14, 2 p.m.*

Enjoy a performance from the critically acclaimed Victorian Horror Troupe, Phantasmagoria, as they present a variety of selections from their stories, poems, sideshow and dances – all to set the mood for a phantabulous and wonderful Halloween season!

### **Cuisine Corner: Ghoulish Delights**

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

*Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m.*

Sink your teeth into some indulgent treats. Library staff will demonstrate how to make Halloween inspired desserts. Space is limited. Registration required.

### **First-Time Home Buyer Workshop**

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

*Saturday, October 20, 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, visit [operationhope.org](http://operationhope.org). Registration

required. Call or text Porsha Porter at 407.446.1931 or email [Porsha.Porter@OperationHOPE.org](mailto:Porsha.Porter@OperationHOPE.org) to register.

***The Great American Read Finale Celebration***

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

*Sunday, October 21, 2 p.m.*

Join WUCF and book lovers across Central Florida to celebrate the finale of *The Great American Read!*

Dress up as your favorite literary character or author and cast a final vote for America's favorite novel.

Registration required. To register, visit [wucf.org/events](http://wucf.org/events).

**Trick or Treat Safe Zone**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.*

Young ghouls and goblins will enjoy trick or treating throughout the Orlando Public Library and the Orange County Regional History Center along with creepy crafts, candy and a scavenger hunt! Costumes are encouraged.

**Halloween Special FX Makeup 10!**

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

*Saturday, October 27, 2–4 p.m.*

Join us at the West Oaks Branch's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Special FX Makeup program! Together we will learn how to create some cool and gross effects for your Halloween costume.

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