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**Top 20 events happening at the library in September**

During September, the library is the place to be! Our calendar is packed with great events, including Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations at various locations, an author event featuring New York Times bestseller Kristine McMorris, and Melrose in the Mix live studio recording featuring singer-songwriter Moody Sunshine. On September 15, the Melrose Center also hosts the first Melrose Film Festival, which will include original film screenings, panel discussions and Q&A sessions from guest speakers in the film industry.

And if you missed our fantastic Potterversary at the Orlando Public Library in July, stop by the Alafaya Branch September 30 through October 6 for Harry Potter Week – play Potter trivia, make Potter crafts and more. Visit [ocls.info/harry-potter-week](http://ocls.info/harry-potter-week) for more information.

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.

**South Creek Small Business Expo 2018**

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Saturday, September 8, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.*

Support small and local businesses at the South Creek Small Business Expo 2018. Vendors will have booths where they will be selling and promoting their unique crafts and services. Join us for a fun community event.

**Painting with a Purpose with a Veteran**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, September 8, 2 p.m.*

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

*Wednesday, September 12, 4:30 p.m.*

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*Saturday, September 15, 2 p.m.*

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, September 22, 10:30 a.m.*

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

*Saturday, September 29, 2:30 p.m.*

Paint and create a masterpiece to honor our veterans. Spend time painting with a local veteran and learn about their time serving our country. Registration required. Ages 6 and up.

### **Melrose in the Mix: Moody Sunshine**

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

*Saturday, September 8, 3:30 p.m.*

Singer-songwriter Moody Sunshine is the featured artist for the August Melrose in the Mix live recording session, sharing her sad girl/boy music with lyrics that might make you think she's read your diary.

Seating is limited. Register at [ocls.info/melroseinthemix](http://ocls.info/melroseinthemix).

### **Perfectly Frank – The Music of Frank Sinatra**

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

*Sunday, September 9, 1:30 p.m.*

Come fly away with Dave DeLuca as he pays tribute to Frank Sinatra! "Perfectly Frank" celebrates the man and his music as well as the great composers, lyricists and musical arrangers who put their indelible stamp on an incredible period in American musical history. Dave DeLuca is an accomplished singer, songwriter, musician and recording engineer who has been performing for over 30 years.

### **Genetic Genealogy in Practice Study Group**

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

*Thursday, September 13, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

Learn how DNA test results can help to confirm, extend and deepen your genealogical research. Each session will focus on specific chapters from the book *Genetic Genealogy in Practice* by Blaine T. Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne. Discussion the chapter's content, topics and ideas along with a review of the chapter's study questions. September's meeting will cover Chapters 1–3. Email [genealogy@ocls.info](mailto:genealogy@ocls.info) to find out how library card holders can get a copy of the book. This program is a series and requires registration for all four meeting dates.

### **Melrose Film Festival**

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

*Saturday, September 15, 10 a.m.*

This September, we're rolling out the red carpet for filmmakers and film enthusiasts alike at the Melrose Film Festival. Join us in the Melrose Center for a day of film screenings, panel discussions and Q&A sessions. We'll be showing short films, animated shorts and music videos selected from among the 2,000-plus submissions received this spring, while also hearing from filmmakers and guest speakers in the industry.

### **So, You Think You Can Latin Dance?**

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, September 15, 2:30 p.m.*

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Herndon! Journey to Puerto Rico, Cuba, Colombia and the Dominican Republic through dance & music. Learn step-by-step how to salsa, merengue, cumbia and bachata!

### **Local Author Festival**

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

*Sunday, September 16, 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.

### **Meet Kristina McMorris: Author of *Sold on a Monday***

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

*Sunday, September 16, 4 p.m.*

Join *New York Times* and *USA Today* best-selling author Kristina McMorris as she discusses her newest novel, *Sold on a Monday*. Inspired by an actual newspaper photo that stunned the nation, this poignant Depression-era story features an ambitious reporter who lands his big break when he photographs a pair of young siblings next to the sign “2 children for Sale” – not foreseeing the grave consequences of that single act. A book sale and signing will follow.

### **Cuisine Corner: Food is our Greatest Medicine – A Chef’s Perspective on Eating for a Delicious Life**

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

*Monday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.*

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*Wednesday, September 26, 11 a.m.*

Learn how to make healthy Latin inspired food in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Chef Rich will debunk the myth that healthy food is expensive, inspire you to save money and educate you on cooking techniques that produce quick healthy delicious meals. To learn more about Chef Rich, visit [1pl8.com](http://1pl8.com). Space is limited. Registration required. Register online at [ocls.info](http://ocls.info) or call 407.835.7323.

### **Exploring Climate Change: *Tales of an Ecotourist***

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

*Tuesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.*

Crossing the far corners of the globe, *Tales of an Ecotourist* showcases travel, from the hot and humid Amazon jungle to the frozen but dry Antarctic, with a simple yet spellbinding lens to better understand the complex issue of climate change. Mike Gunter Jr. is the author of *Tales of an Ecotourist* and chair of the political science department and director of international affairs at Rollins College. Professor Gunter will discuss his book, answer questions from the audience and sign books.

### **Mexican Danza**

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Wednesday, September 19, Noon*

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

*Sunday, September 23, 2 p.m.*

Join us and Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a Mexican Folkloric Dance performance. Enjoy colorful costumes and traditional Mexican music.

### **Create a 3D Video Game**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Tuesdays, September 19–26, 5–7:30 p.m.*

Learn to develop a game prototype in this two-part game design workshop. Create your own first-person style video game using the Unity 3D Game Development Tool. This is a multi-day class.

### **Career Fair**

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

*Tuesday, September 25, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.*

Explore employment opportunities with Central Florida organizations and businesses. Speak with organizations that offer employment training so you will have the career skills to obtain employment. Attendees will have the chance to speak with representatives from Amazon, Aspire Health Partners, Florida Department of Transportation's OnBoard4Jobs Construction Careers and Roads to Jobs Life Skills Program, Hotel Staffing Solutions, Kelly Services, Kelly Educational Staffing, Seaworld, United Against Poverty Orlando, United States Marine Corps and more.

### **Art 101: Frida Kahlo**

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

*Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.*

Famed Mexican artist Frida Kahlo is well known for herself portraits and surrealist style. Her paintings incorporated her life experiences, Mexican folk culture, bold colors and feminist themes. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by learning about the fascinating life of this artist and enjoy a hands on activity inspired by her art. Registration Required. Register online at [ocls.info](http://ocls.info) or call 407.835.7323. This program is intended for an audience 15 years of age and older.

### **Cuisine Corner: Tortillas from Scratch!**

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

*Thursday, September 27, 6:30 p.m.*

Learn how to make tortillas from scratch. Library staff will discuss recipes and demonstrate the making of a homemade tortilla. Space is limited. Registration required. Register online at [ocls.info](http://ocls.info) or call 407.835.7323.

### **Southwest Art Club – Mexican Folk Art Painting with Pastels Workshop**

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Saturday, September 29, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.*

Enjoy this step-by-step workshop using pastels to complete a piece in the style of Mexican folk art. Materials are provided or bring your own. No art experience needed. This is a Community School of the Arts program presented by Women in the Arts Inc. in partnership with the Orange County Library System. To learn more about Women in the Arts Inc., visit [womenintheartsinc.org](http://womenintheartsinc.org). Suggested \$15 donation for materials. Cash or checks made to Women in the Arts Inc. Registration required. Limited space. Ages 18 and up.

### **One Minute Film Festival**

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

*Saturday, September 29, 11 a.m.*

Life Screenings takes a look at what happens when a film festival and library mash-up. The purpose is to create a library beyond a library and a film festival beyond a festival. Enjoy a screening of one minute films that capture the world we love to live in. Coffee and donuts provided for attendees, while supplies last.

### **Welcome to Diagon Alley**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Sunday, September 30, 2 p.m.*

Take a trip to Diagon Alley for all your school supplies. Make a quill, pick your owl and gather your school textbooks.

### **Fall Fiber Festival**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Sunday, September 30, 2–4 p.m.*

Calling all fiber artists!

Join us in a celebration of sewing, knitting, crocheting, weaving and more!

- Explore exhibitor and vendor booths
- View the Yarnfiti Community Art Project installation
- See demonstrations and try family friendly activities
- Compete in speed knitting and serger threading competitions
- Win hand crafted items
- Discover who will walk away with this year's \$250 Fiber Arts Contest Grand Prize

Find contest details, exhibitors and schedules at [ocls.info/fallfiberfest](http://ocls.info/fallfiberfest)

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