

Winter Holiday Section

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Oh What Fun!

Winter Film Festival

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Fridays, December 2–30, 11 a.m.

Relax and watch a few of your favorite festive films celebrating winter holidays!

Accordion Craze

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, December 3, 11 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m.

Herndon Branch

Saturday, December 17, 11 a.m.

Get in the holiday spirit with this lively showcase of music by the Central Florida Accordion Club.

Step By Step Dance Studio Presents: It's A Holiday!

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, December 4, 2 p.m.

Revel in a song and dance celebration of all the wonderful things the winter season brings us presented by Step By Step Dance Studio Inc.

Holiday Concert & Book Fair

South Creek Branch

Sunday, December 4, 2:30–5:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season with an exciting holiday concert and find the perfect gift at our year end book fair.

Enjoy a live performance by percussionist Antone Affronti and pianist Peter George. Antone and Peter will perform holiday favorites and popular standards.

Marie M. Loeffler, Solo Handbell Artist

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, December 11, 2 p.m.

Enjoy a concert of inspiring music performed by solo handbell artist Marie M. Loeffler. The delightful stories behind the songs are combined with amusing bell facts and techniques in this engaging musical event. To learn more about Marie, visit belldancer.net.

Holiday Calligraphy

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.

Want to try your hand at calligraphy? Join us for a fun time of creating festive holiday cards and gift tags! No experience needed. All supplies provided. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

DIY Gift Card Holders

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.

Gift cards are a popular gift, but they're not the most exciting present to open. Create your own holiday gift card holders with a unique and personalized touch. We'll provide the supplies and templates to help you get started, you bring the creativity! Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Dickens Holiday Celebration

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, December 17, 11 a.m.

Make merry with fun and festive holiday songs performed by the Orlando Dickens Carolers.

Winter Book Festival

South Trail Branch

Saturday, December 10, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Meet and greet local authors at our Local Authors Festival hosted by Nicole Lo'real Jamison. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing. Giveaways and light refreshments will be offered.

Local Author Festival

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, December 18, 2 p.m.

A book is a gift you can open over and over again. Meet and greet local authors at our Local Authors Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Children's

Let it Snow

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, December 1, 3 p.m.

Hiawasse Branch

Saturday, December 3, 2:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, December 6, 5 p.m.

Herndon Branch

Thursday, December 29, 10:30 a.m.

It doesn't snow in Florida, but we have some winter activities to brighten the season and keep you cool. Ages 6–12.

Holiday DIY Crafts

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, December 2, 3 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, December 10, 2 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Tuesday, December 13, 4 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, December 13, 5 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, December 14, 2 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Thursday, December 15, 3 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Thursday, December 15, 3:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch

Saturday, December 17, 2 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, December 22, 4:30 p.m.

Create handmade decorations, ornaments or simple gifts for the Holiday season. Ages 6–18.

I Spy Winter

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, December 6, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, December 13, 10 a.m.

Explore a winter wonderland through a story and hands-on activities to warm up your little fingers.

Registration recommended. Ages 2–4.

Cookie Decorating

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, December 6, 3 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.

Hiwassee Branch

Saturday, December 10, 2:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, December 14, 2:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Friday, December 16, 3:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Saturday, December 17, 2 p.m.

Southwest Branch

Monday, December 19, 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, December 20, 5 p.m.

Edgewater Branch

Tuesday, December 27, 6 p.m.

Frosting, sprinkles, candy and cookies... what more could you want? Stop in and express your creativity by decorating a sugary treat. Then enjoy the best part of all, eating it! Ages 6–18.

Countdown to Winter

Windermere Branch

Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, December 13, 10:15 a.m.

Herndon Branch

Thursday, December 22, 10:30 a.m.

4-3-2-1! Winter is coming soon! Help us get ready for winter with fun stories, activities and crafts starring some of our favorite cold weather friends. Ages 3–5.

Holiday Cookie Craze Party

North Orange Branch

Wednesday, December 14, 5:30 p.m.

Come spend quality time with your child frosting and sprinkling cookies. Registration required. Ages 3–12.

How to Survive Winter Madness and a Big Fat Yeti

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, December 15, 3 p.m.

Is there a big fat Yeti lookin' at you a little too close to lunchtime? Do you worry about becoming an abominable snow snack? Is all this worry driving you to winter madness? Let us answer all your questions with tips and tricks on how to survive winter madness and a big fat Yeti. Ages 11–18.

Gingerbread Houses

Washington Park Branch

Saturday, December 17, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, December 17, 2 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 20 & 21, 10:30 a.m.

Herndon Branch

Wednesday, December 21, 3:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch

Thursday, December 22, 6 p.m.

Looking for something sweet and tasty to do this winter? Bring your building skills and join us for a Gingerbread House decorating event. Ages 6–12. Space is limited. Registration required.

How to Decorate a Gingerbread Person

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, December 17, 11 a.m.

Enjoy a story and gingerbread cookie decorating! Ages 6–12.

Wishing for Winter

North Orange Branch

Saturday, December 17, 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the season with cool activities. Ages 6–12.

Easy Holiday Ornaments

South Creek Branch

Saturday, December 17, 11 a.m.

Join us for an easy ornament project that includes a sweet-smelling cinnamon stick! All supplies will be provided. Ages 3–5.

Holiday Film Frenzy

Orlando Public Library

Monday – Friday, December 19–23, 10 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Monday & Thursday, December 19 & 22, 11 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday – Thursday, December 20–22, 1 p.m.

Edgewater Branch

Wednesday, December 21, 6 p.m.

Southwest Branch

Tuesday & Friday, December 20 & 23, 10:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Saturday, December 31, 10 a.m.

Enjoy family-friendly holiday films with us!

Frosty Florida Crafts

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, December 20, 6:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, December 22, 10:30 a.m.

Get crafty for the holidays! Drop in to celebrate the season with easy projects to gift or keep. Ages 6–12.

Winter Welcome Party

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, December 21, 3–4 p.m.

Come celebrate the shortest day of the year! We'll be welcoming winter with stories, activities and crafts at this winter solstice themed event. Temperatures might still be high but that won't stop us from enjoying everything chilly. Ages 6–12.

Happy Noon Year!

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, December 27, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Friday, December 30, 11:15 a.m.

Edgewater Branch

Friday, December 30, 2 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Saturday, December 31, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, December 31, 11:30 a.m.

Make some noise and ring in the noon year with your little ones! Join us for fun and games with an exciting countdown at noon. Ages 3–8. Southwest Branch event ages 3–12.

Teen

Holiday Teen Clothing Swap

Edgewater Branch

Friday, December 2, 2 p.m.

It's time to clean out your closet! Enjoy a fun and guilt-free afternoon of shopping at the library. Bring your gently used clothing and accessories and swap them for new-to-you items. Ages 13–18.

It's a Wrap

Edgewater Branch

Saturday, December 3, 2 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Monday, December 12, 3:30 p.m.

Unwrap your knowledge in a competitive episode of holiday trivia and games that will make you want to spread the cheer! Ages 11–18.

Cocoa and a Craft

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, December 8, 6 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, December 9, 3 p.m.

Herndon Branch

Wednesday, December 14, 3:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch

Monday, December 19, 6 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, December 28, 4 p.m.

Join us for a little cocoa, a little movie and a little craft. Test your doodling skills for a creative cup of cocoa. Ages 11–18.

Holiday Movie and Crafts

Hiawassee Branch

Saturday, December 17, 2 p.m.

'Tis the season to show us your ugliest holiday sweater during this holiday movie and teen craft spectacular! Ages 13–18.