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VIRTUAL EVENTS
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PRETTY MONSTERS
STORIES

KELLY LINK

DISCOVER VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR ALL AGES
OPEN HOUR WITH A LIBRARIAN

BOOKS & BEYOND
In June, Orange County Library System published a statement on our website opposing hatred, racism and intolerance. The post was made after protests erupted around the nation, calling for reform in response to the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer.

As an organization, we feel it’s our role to use our resources to bring people together and to create spaces where everyone is welcome. We have long been committed to creating an inclusive environment for our community, and that commitment has only been strengthened by this tragedy.

Over the past month, we have been sharing resources to educate the community about racism, diversity and protest. We’ve had a Read to Understand reading list on our home page, featuring titles from classic and contemporary Black authors on the subjects of race, identity and social justice, as well as titles that are meant to help build your empathy. They’re all available from our collection, and many of them come in print, ebook and audiobook format. Our librarians have also researched and published a Black Lives Matter guide, which is intended as a starting point for those who want to learn more about the movement or about systemic racism in America. In addition to reading recommendations, it features links to podcasts, YouTube videos, informative websites, music and films. If you don’t know where to start your journey toward better understanding, I think this is an excellent place to begin.

We’re also doing some internal education here at the library. Our Training and Development Manager has made a selection of new trainings and learning resources available to our staff, so we can all better understand how implicit bias can influence us in ways we never realized, and how racism impacts everyone. We’re also working on additional anti-racism trainings that will be available to staff and board members later this year, and we discussed at the most recent meeting of our Board of Trustees, this internal dialog will continue. When you know better, you do better – and we are committed to doing the best we can to serve our customers.

In the meantime, we look forward to offering you many opportunities to learn by making available books and movies that can help you expand your horizons, programs that highlight different cultures in our community, and safe environments where everyone is welcome.

You can purchase the pin at Gifts & Greetings located at Orlando Public Library (101 E. Central Blvd.) or online at ocls.info/shop. The pin retails for $10 and all proceeds support the Friends of the Orange County Library System, which underwrites the ticketing system for Local Wanderer.

By local artist Sean Walsh of Secret Society Goods
This month, Orange County Library System welcomes Kelly Link, author of Pretty Monsters, for an event kicking off our NEA Big Read series. However, she is not the first esteemed author the library has welcomed in its history. OCLS has a long tradition of hosting compelling and best-selling writers dating as far back as the library’s inception.

To cite one example, veteran journalist Helen Thomas visited the library on September 21, 2007. During an event called An Evening With Helen Thomas, the venerated reporter read from her book Watchdogs of Democracy? The Waning of Presidential Power and How It Has Failed the Public and discussed her interactions with past presidents and her experiences as a veteran of the White House Press Corps.

While Ms. Thomas sadly passed away in 2013 at the age of 92, her legacy of dogged reporting lives on. Many of her books are still available for checkout in the collection of Orange County Library System, while her 50-plus years of reporting on the Executive Branch can be read through the library’s newspaper archive, Newsbank.

For more information about Helen Thomas’ visit to Orlando Public Library, and other notable moments in Orange County Library System history, visit orlandomemory.info.

Tracing Irish Ancestors
Monday, August 3, 7 p.m.
Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors; this session featuring Ireland. Learn types of documents available and research strategies to utilize.

Genealogy 101
Tuesday, August 4, 1 p.m.
So you want to learn more about your family history but don’t know where to begin? This program will introduce you to genealogical terms and techniques.

Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing Study Group
Wednesday, August 5–19, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for our genetic genealogy study group and learn how DNA test results can help to confirm, extend and deepen your genealogical research.

Lucidchart for Genealogy
Thursday, August 6, Noon
Learn how you can use Lucidchart for your genealogy research. Learn how to build family trees, pedigree charts and more!

Tracing Scandinavian Ancestors, Sweden & More
Monday, August 7, 10 a.m.
Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors; this session featuring Scandinavia, Sweden and more. Learn documents available and strategies to utilize.

Beginning Your Family History Research Online
Tuesday, August 9, 7 p.m.
Learn how to utilize the internet for your family history research. Discover what is and what is not online. Become familiar with the leading genealogy websites as well as some lesser-known gems.

Genealogy Research Question Workshop
Tuesday, August 11, 1 p.m.
Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors, this session featuring France. Learn types of documents available and research strategies to utilize.

Researching Canadian Ancestors
Monday, August 17, 7 p.m.
Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors; this session featuring Canada. Learn types of documents available and research strategies to utilize.

Advanced Genetic Genealogy Study Group
Wednesday, August 26, 6:30 p.m.
Each week we will discuss specific chapters from Advanced Genetic Genealogy: Techniques and Case Studies edited by Debbie Parker Wayne. We found more unique websites that can enhance your genealogy research! We will also discuss the differences between researching in Canadian versus U.S. records and will explore sources such as census, land and probate records.

More Unique Websites for Genealogy Research
Thursday, August 27, Noon
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ADVANCED GENETIC GENEALOGY

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The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is encouraging communities across the country to read through their Big Read program. Showcasing a diverse range of books reflecting many different voices, the initiative aims to inspire conversation and broaden our perspective of the world. Since 2000, the NEA Big Read has funded more than 1,600 programs, reaching well over 5.7 million Americans.

This year, Orange County Library System partnered with Valencia College to successfully apply for the grant. Our Big Read will celebrate Kelly Link’s 2010 book Pretty Monsters with virtual programs and events from August 23 – September 13. Link herself will kick the project off with a virtual author talk.

Now Massachusetts-based, Link was born in Miami, Florida. From a young age, she enjoyed being scared and she loved to read, both of which are reflected in Pretty Monsters, which is considered a young adult work. The Guardian aptly described the collection of short stories as “mixing fantasy, science fiction, the supernatural, the stories...play host to a menagerie of ammortal, ruthless magical beings, talking corpses, vampire ghosts and untrustworthy wizards, talking untrustworthy wizards, talking corpses, vampire ghosts and talking untrustworthy wizards, talking corpses, vampire ghosts and talking untrustworthy wizards...”

Anyone can suggest a title for Big Read, which means they come from a variety of sources including the public, NEA Big Read past grantees and past Big Read panelists. The NEA matches the suggestion with a set of criteria, particularly that the book has the “capacity to invite lively and deep discussion.”

But the works must reflect a variety of genres. Pretty Monsters sits in that collection alongside such noted books as Ray Bradbury’s Fahrenheit 451, Zora Neale Hurston’s Their Eyes Were Watching God and Carson McCuller’s The Heart is a Lonely Hunter.

“I just really love talking to people about stories,” said Link when asked what she enjoys about a Big Read selection meant to her. “I like the idea that there are community events in which everybody has read the same book and then get together and discuss with each other — it’s really exciting regardless of whether or not it’s my book. The idea that it might be my book is really thrilling. The idea that people get to ask me questions, or tell me about something that it made them want to do is really, really exciting.”

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. To learn more about the NEA Big Read, visit arts.gov/national-initiatives/nea-big-read. For more information on this speaker, please visit prhspeakers.com.

For more on our celebration of Pretty Monsters or to receive a free craft pack and copy of the book, visit ocls.info/bigread.
In the early days of the pandemic, when the library made the difficult choice to close its doors and offer services remotely, we received a lot of comments on social media from customers who were also struggling with how to navigate life in quarantine. A common theme that came up was wanting to know what to read while stuck at home. It seemed a great opportunity to create a way to keep our customers well-read and able to access the knowledge and skill applied daily in-person by our librarians.

I reached out to our Learning Central Department and worked with them to develop a new concept: once a week we’d begin a thread on Facebook and Twitter where customers could ask our librarians for recommendations on what to read and we’d reply in real-time to those questions. To my delight, they agreed and Open Hour With a Librarian began on April 9 with five of our librarians ready to field questions from customers from 2 – 3 p.m. The librarians have received all sorts of questions from “I enjoy books by John Grisham and John Sandford. Can you recommend similar authors?” to “What longer picture books or early chapter books with pictures do you suggest for a 3-year-old?”

During this hour on social media, we’re able to help customers that have health conditions which prevent them from visiting us in-person yet or customers that may still be limiting their activities outside of the home. Even though we’ve opened our doors again, we realize that accessibility to those who may not be able or ready to return to life as normal is still incredibly important. So, if you are in a reading rut, you want to educate yourself on a topic, you have children at home that have read through your entire home library 15 times, or you want an expert opinion on a new-to-you genre, join us on Thursdays on the library’s Facebook or Twitter from 2–3 p.m. for Open Hour With a Librarian.
LIBRARY EVENTS

MULTICULTURAL HAIR-CARE MANAGEMENT
Saturday, August 15, 11 a.m.
Explore how to properly detangle tresses with and without hair tools. Also learn about moisturizing basics for those with curly, coily and kinky tresses.

ROCK THE WRAP: HEADWRAP STYLING WORKSHOP
Saturday, August 22, 11 a.m.
This educational and interactive experience provides step-by-step instruction of headwrap styling techniques. Learn about the significance and history of headwrapping.

MONEY TALKS FOR WOMEN
Tuesdays, August 4–25, 6:30 p.m.
Learn about library services such as Morningstar Investment Research Center, goal-oriented tools for saving, investing and more. Registration required.

Open Hour with a Librarian
Thursday, August 6–27, 2 p.m.
Get real-time recommendations from OCLS Librarians on what to read next or what to read on specific topics through Facebook or Twitter.

Family Mood Playlist
Friday, August 7, 1–11 a.m.
CFCArts Music Therapist Ashley Lewis will instruct your family on designing the perfect family mood playlist using the techniques of music therapy.

Tea & Conversation
Saturday, August 8, 2 p.m.
A monthly social designed to bring adults together. Share food, tea and your stories. It is a celebration of everyday life and being in the moment.

Watercolor 101
Monday, August 10, 11 a.m.
Learn the basics of watercolor in a soothing atmosphere.

Introduction to Foundation Center Resources
Monday, August 10, 2:30–5 p.m.
Looking for funding? Get basic information on using this comprehensive directory to win grants and make a difference.

South Creek Social Crafters Meetup
Wednesday, August 12, 11 a.m.
Explore your creativity. Whatever your hobby, let’s get together and craft while meeting new people. Be sure to bring your own work in progress.

Introduction to Calligraphy
Sunday, August 16, 2 p.m.
Explore the basics of the beautiful art form, calligraphy. Students will be introduced to a variety of pens and materials used to create different lettering styles.

Now, more than ever, understanding how to navigate social services and assistance programs is vital. Even in the best of circumstances, figuring out how to connect with organizations that can help with accessing unemployment benefits, healthcare resources, food subsidy, and more is overwhelming. That’s why Orange County Library System is proud to present the second annual Reaching Out: A Community Resource Fair.

This year, the Fair has gone virtual. Attendees will learn about participating organizations through a live presentation streamed on both the library’s Facebook and Youtube page. After the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to get answers to their questions during a live Q&A. Each organization’s information will also be posted so viewers can reach out to specific groups after the Fair ends. We are grateful to welcome Agency for Persons with Disabilities, The Center, Miracle of Love and United Against Poverty as participants in this year’s Reaching Out. Andre Morris, social worker at the library, will also be featured and explain the services that he provides to the community.

OCLS strives to add to our community’s quality of life by fostering a safe learning environment. In these challenging times, it is essential to offer the educational opportunities that Reach Out provides. The library is committed to offering these and other events, even if it means presenting them in new and different ways.

REACHING OUT – A COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR
Saturday, August 15, 2-4 p.m.
Connect virtually with local community services. Various organizations will discuss services they provide, including Orange County Library System.

By Wayne Middleton, Senior Marketing and Public Relations Aide
BOOK CLUBS

Eatonville Children's Book Club
Wednesday, August 5, 3 p.m.
Our very first virtual book club for school age children. Make new friends, establish regular reading routines, and have fun learning through reading, activities and games! Books will be chosen from the Sunshine State Reading List for grades K-5.

Southeast Book Club
Monday, August 10, 7 p.m.
We’ll gather online to discuss a book selection of your choice. Let us know what you enjoyed about your book.

Alafaya Book Club
Thursday, August 13, 7 p.m.
The Alafaya Book Club will meet virtually to discuss The Engineer’s Wife by Tracey Enerson Wood. When her happy domestic life is turned upside-down by her husband’s work as the chief engineer on an under-construction Brooklyn Bridge, Emily Warren Roebling gradually takes over the project to advocate on behalf of worker safety.

Winter Garden Book Club
Thursday, August 27, 6 p.m.
Enjoy a lively discussion about the book selection of the month, Pretty Monsters by Kelly Link, our NILA Big Read (see page 7). This collection of short stories includes The Wrong Grave, in which a boy digs up his girlfriend’s corpse in order to retrieve the poems he buried with her, and Monster, in which a monster uses a cell phone to lure its prey.

DAVID JAMES POISSANT
Thursday, August 20, 7 p.m.
Local author David James Poissant will be live in conversation with librarian, Edward Booker. The virtual event will include discussion about Poissant’s debut novel Lake Life and a Q&A.

WRITERS CORNER

Novel Plot Pacing by the Numbers
Thursday, August 6, 7 p.m.
Does your feedback on plot pacing have you singing laments of a saggy middle or early resolution? Katie Golding, author of Fearless, will guide you through how to perfect your pacing by the numbers.

OCLS Writer's Group
Sunday, August 9, 4 p.m.
Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

Writing a Book in Multiple Points of View
Sunday, August 23, 2 p.m.
Author Ren Hutchings will discuss writing in multiple points of view, including how to craft unique character voices, how to structure a multi-POV novel and how to develop interwoven plot threads.

How to Pitch A Literary Agent
Monday, August 31, 6:30 p.m.
How can writers catch a literary agents’ attention? Literary agent Lucienne Diver will discuss how to craft an effective pitch and increase your chances of obtaining an agent.

WRITING FOR THE MIDDLE GRADE MARKET
Thursday, August 13, 7 p.m.
Middle Grade fiction is written for readers aged 8–12. Learn how to write for tweens with Gail D. Villanueva, author of My Fate According to the Butterfly and Sugar and Spite.
Call 407.835.7494 or stop in the Gifts and Greetings shop at Orlando Public Library today to reserve your time. Same-day appointments are available, but walk-ins are not guaranteed. Shopping groups limited to two adults per appointment. We look forward to welcoming you back safely.

JOBSEEKERS

ALL CLASSES AND PROGRAMS ARE CURRENTLY VIRTUAL. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume
Tuesdays, August 4 & 18, 1:30 p.m.
Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.

Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro
Tuesday, August 11 & 25, 1:30 p.m.
You’ve landed an interview. Now what? Get tips that will help you to practice and prepare, and to write a memorable thank you letter.

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OCLS x StoryCorps
Chickasaw Branch
On Display Through September
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ART & DISPLAY

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Men Painting Women
Orlando Public Library, First Floor
On Display July 1–August 31

Some of the most important male artists in western history are known specifically for their paintings of women. In this exhibit, we have brought together five male Florida artists whose work is mainly focused on the female form. Each approaches depicting women from very different perspectives, both artistically and intellectually.

Cuisine Corner

Savory Mini Pies
Wednesday, August 3, 7 a.m.
Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show you how to make savory mini pies. A family-friendly dish easy for kids to make with easy-to-find ingredients.

Seasonal Veggies
Wednesday, August 12, 6 p.m.
Watch live as Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, shows you how to cook satisfying seasonal veggies.

All classes and programs are currently virtual. Visit our website for details.

Sixty Minutes at StoryCorps

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Learn, Grow, Connect.
ESOL CLASSES

Writing Clearly Intermediate
Mondays, August 3–31, Noon
Fridays, August 7–28, Noon
Writing Clearly focuses on grammar complex ideas, including sentence structures, phrases and vocabulary building.

Speaking Clearly Beginners
Mondays, August 3–31, 1:30 p.m.
Speaking Clearly is designed to introduce learners to the basics of the sounds of English for pronunciation.

English from Zero
Mondays, August 3–31, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, August 5–26, 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays, August 6–27, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Fridays, August 7–28, 10:30 a.m.
Learn and talk about new basic English vocabulary associated with different topics.

Conversation Hour
Mondays, August 3–31, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, August 4–25, 3:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesdays, August 5–26, 3:30 p.m.
Thursdays, August 6–27, 4 p.m.
Fridays, August 14–28, 3 p.m.
Practice your English speaking skills with us in a virtual Conversation Hour. Each session will have specific topics for discussion.

English for Families
Mondays, August 3–31, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, August 5–26, 5:30 p.m.
Join us virtually to practice reading with your children and learn English vocabulary for everyday use. This program meets twice per week for five weeks.

English for Social Interactions
Mondays, August 3–31, 7 p.m.
Learn different English idioms and phrases that are used to communicate on a daily basis.

Writing Clearly for Beginners
Tuesdays, August 4–27, Noon
Thursdays, August 6–27, Noon
A virtual meeting using Zoom where we will review different grammar points in English and basic sentence writing.

English for the Workplace
Tuesdays, August 4–25, 1:30 p.m.
Learn common phrases, vocabulary and interactions in the workplace.

Ask an English Teacher
Wednesday, August 5–26, 4 p.m.
Do you have questions about how to put language together to express yourself well? Do you need more help with topics in other English classes? Well, this is the class for you!

Reading Clearly Intermediate
Wednesday, August 3–26, 12:45 p.m.
Learn, practice and discuss reading strategies and complex English vocabulary.

Speaking Clearly Intermediate
Fridays, August 7–28, 1:30 p.m.
Designed to introduce learners to the rules of spelling and pronunciation of English words and phrases.

Spanish Classes

Spanish from Zero – Basics
Tuesdays, August 4–25, 4 p.m.
The class introduces learners to the basics of Spanish pronunciation, alphabet, sounds, syllables, and vocabulary.

Spanish from Zero – Intermediate Level
Thursdays, August 6–27, 4 p.m.
An introduction to Spanish grammar focusing on the parts of speech, the organization of sentences, vocabulary building, sentence structures, phrases, words stress, sentence intonation and listening comprehension.

CITIZENSHIP

Inspired

Next Chapter

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, August 4–26, 3–5 p.m.
During this four-class program, students will meet to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.
BECOME A FIBER ARTIST
Fiber artists create clothing, décor, toys and art from fabric and yarn. Start your journey as a fiber artist by learning to crochet, knit or sew virtually with the library. Visit ocls.info/fiberarts to view the schedule and sign up for an event or class.

Let’s Knit Level 1
Monday, August 3, 10 a.m.–Noon
Start knitting today! Make a bookmark while learning how to start your project off right, knit basic stitches and finish your work neatly.

Sewing: Introduction to the Sewing Machine
Tuesday, August 4, 10 a.m.–Noon
Ever wanted to sew your own custom clothes, home décor, costumes or accessories? Join us in this basic sewing class and learn about sewing safety, basic sewing machine skills and stitching seams.

Hand Sewing Level 1
Thursday, August 6, 10 a.m.
Learn basic hand sewing stitches and techniques to secure, hem and mend fabric. Learn about hand sewing materials and how to sew basic stitches.

Let’s Crochet Level 1
Friday, August 28, 2–3:30 p.m.
Start crocheting today. Learn the versatile chain and single crochet stitches, perfect for starting a wide variety of projects.

PERFECT YOUR PHOTOSHOP SKILLS
From your first touch-up to creating stunning digital effects, learn the secrets of how to use Adobe Photoshop to create graphics, manipulate photos and create effects.

Adobe Photoshop Level 1
Tuesday, August 4, 10–11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, August 4, 2–3:30 p.m.
Mondays, August 10 & 31, 9:30–11 a.m.
Thursday, August 13, 10–11:30 a.m.
Saturday, August 15 & 22, 10–11:30 a.m.
Monday, August 17, 10–11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, August 19, 12–1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 26, 9:30–11 a.m.
Thursday, August 27, 9:30–11 a.m.
Learn graphic concepts and terminology. Become familiar with the basic tools required to edit and retouch digital images.

Photoshop: Layer Blending Modes
Thursday, August 6, 10 a.m.
Monday, August 10, 7 p.m.
Thursday, August 13, 10 a.m.
Monday, August 17, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, August 19, 10 a.m.
Friday, August 21, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, August 25, 10 a.m.
Thursday, August 27, 1 p.m.
Apply blending modes to image layers to quickly fix problems with exposure, shadows and highlights. Learn to use blending modes to generate artistic and creative effects on photos.

Photoshop: Black and White Effects
Thursday, August 6, 10 a.m.
Monday, August 10, 10 a.m.
Monday, August 17, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, August 18, 10 a.m.
Monday, August 21, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, August 25, 10 a.m.
Thursday, August 27, 1 p.m.
Make photos pop with black and white effects. Learn multiple ways to convert photos to black and white, apply adjustment layers and create enhancing effects.

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**BABY**

Zero to Five Storytime  
Saturday, August 1–29, 10 a.m.  
Sundays, August 2–28, 10 a.m.  
From the rhythm and repetition of nursery rhymes to the use of picture books, songs and flannel board stories, your child will be encouraged to develop early literacy skills.

Tiny Tales  
Mondays, August 3–31, 3 p.m.  
The rhythm and repetition of nursery rhymes are used to introduce very young children to literature. Hold your child in your lap and enjoy this special time together.

Caregiver Connect: Stay and Play  
Wednesdays, August 3–26, 10:30 a.m.  
Connect with other caregivers to meet and mingle. Encourage your little one to say hello to new and old friends as we explore creativity through songs and an activity.

Mother Goose on the Loops  
Wednesdays, August 3–26, 11 a.m.  
Using rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more, we will be interacting together to help develop important pre-literacy skills in our little ones!

**BABY**

**FAMILY**

Let's Do Lunch  
Monday, August 3, 1 p.m.  
Join us, live on Zoom, as library staff cook a quick lunch for the family.

Pajama Party  
Monday, August 3, 7 p.m.  
Put on your pajamas and join us virtually for stories, songs and a craft.

Homeschool Parent Meeting  
Tuesday, August 4, 1 p.m.  
Let’s talk! Come chat with us and fellow homeschool parents about upcoming events and goals for the future.

ArtMazing  
Wednesday, August 5, 2 p.m.  
Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must!

Fantastic Family Fitness Fiasco  
Thursday, August 6, 11 a.m.  
Get moving and work together with your family to complete challenges and have fun.

Flying High  
Thursday, August 13, 11 a.m.  
Design, fold and test paper airplanes in recognition of famous women who dared to fly.

Stretch Across the Universe  
Thursday, August 20, 11 a.m.  
Transform into a meteor, a shooting star or even the moon! Gather the family for a space-themed introduction to yoga.

Basic Drawing Using Grid  
Saturday, August 22, 2 p.m.  
Learn to draw characters and comics.

**TODDLER**

Teddy Bear Storytime  
Monday, August 3–31, 10 a.m.  
The use of picture books, finger plays, songs and flannel board stories will encourage the development of verbal and listening skills for this active age group.

Baby's First Art  
Monday, August 10, 11 a.m.  
First experiences are so incredible to witness! Bring your little one to play, explore and create art pieces that both of you will enjoy.

Guitar Sing-A-Long  
Monday, August 17, 11 a.m.  
Join us for this virtual sing-a-long to fun, familiar songs along with live guitar for you and your toddler. Recommended for babies and toddlers.

**HOUSE BUNNY BASICS**  
Sunday, August 16, 11 a.m.  
Orlando Rabbit Care and Adoptions advises you on the basics of rabbit ownership. Meet bunnies who are looking for a forever home and learn to make your space a “hoppy” place.

**DIVE INTO THE WORLD OF BUSINESS VIRTUALLY**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, August 3–26, 5–6:30 p.m.  
Get to know our virtual program that introduces participants to the world of business and entrepreneurship. Ages 9–14.  
Participants to the world of business virtually for stories, songs and a craft. Put on your pajamas and join us Monday, August 3, 7 p.m. as library staff cook a quick lunch for the family.

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- Wednesday, August 5, 4 p.m. Clues & You

- Thursday, August 11, 11 a.m. Boom, Zoom, Blastoff!

- Tuesday, August 12, 2 p.m. I SEA Sharks

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- Saturday, August 22, 2 p.m. Learn to draw characters and comics.

- Monday, August 10, 11 a.m. First experiences are so incredible to witness! Bring your little one to play, explore and create art pieces that both of you will enjoy.

- Monday, August 17, 11 a.m. Join us for this virtual sing-a-long to fun, familiar songs along with live guitar for you and your toddler. Recommended for babies and toddlers.

- Monday, August 3–31, 10 a.m. The use of picture books, finger plays, songs and flannel board stories will encourage the development of verbal and listening skills for this active age group.

- Tuesday, August 3, 11 a.m. Teddy Bear Storytime

- Wednesday, August 3, 11 a.m. A Perfect Picnic

- Thursday, August 4, 11 a.m. The ants go marching one by one, hurrah! March on in to figure out what makes a picnic perfect. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

- Tuesday, August 6, 11 a.m. A Trip to the Grocery Store

- Wednesday, August 6, 4 p.m. Boom, Zoom, Blastoff!

- Thursday, August 7, 11 a.m. Journey to outer space! Explore the amazing world of stars and more through stories and a craft. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

- Friday, August 7, 11 a.m. If You’re Happy and You Know It!

- Friday, August 21, 2 p.m. Grab those shopping lists! It is time to sort, count and experiment with all things food. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

- Tuesday, August 11, 11 a.m. Boom, Zoom, Blastoff!

- Wednesday, August 12, 4 p.m. Clues & You

- Monday, August 24, 11 a.m. If You’re Happy and You Know It!

- Friday, August 21, 2 p.m. Grab those shopping lists! It is time to sort, count and experiment with all things food. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

- Friday, August 21, 11 a.m. Blurt’s Clues Storytime!

- Monday, August 24, 11 a.m. I SEA Sharks

- Saturday, August 29, 11 a.m. I SEA Sharks

- Sunday, August 30, 11 a.m. I SEA Sharks

- Tuesday, August 31, 11 a.m. I SEA Sharks
Homeschool Junior: Numbers
Wednesday, August 5, 10:30 a.m.
Kick start your little one's education with Homeschool Junior! Join us for a storytime and activities all about numbers. Recommended for homeschoolers ages 3–5.

Animals Around the World
Wednesday, August 5, 10:30 a.m.
Discover exciting animals from all around the world through stories, songs and a craft. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Storybook Fun
Fridays, August 7–28, 10 a.m.
The use of picture books, songs and told stories will encourage your child to read, talk, sing, write and play.

D is for Dinosaur
Friday, August 7, 11 a.m.
Dino time is near, let's give a roaring cheer! We are off on a dinosaur adventure using stories and activities while experiencing a good time together.

Cuentame un Cuento
Friday, August 7, 2 p.m.
The library provides a virtual storytime in English and Spanish suitable for preschoolers. The whole family is welcome!

Homeschool Junior: Weather
Wednesday, August 12, 10:30 a.m.
Kick start your little one's education with Homeschool Junior! Join us for a storytime and activities all about weather. Recommended for homeschoolers ages 3–5.

Plip-Plop Pond!
Friday, August 14, 11 a.m.
Meet all the animals that go "plip-plop" and call the pond their home. We will also complete a pond animal themed craft. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Un-Bee-lievable Honey Bees
Saturday, August 15, 11 a.m.
Little ones can find out what the buzz is surrounding honey bees. Fly into this program for some un-bee-table fun while we do some cute crafts and read stories. You'll bee happy you came!

StoryTime with Croc & Turtle
Saturday, August 15, 11 a.m.
Keep it cool this summer with Croc & Turtle. Join these amazing friends for a fun story, cool craft and activities. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

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Homeschool Junior: Shapes
Wednesday, August 26, 10:30 a.m.
Kick start your little one's education with Homeschool Junior! Join us for a storytime and activities all about shapes. Recommended for homeschoolers ages 3–5.

Octopus Tales
Thursday, August 27, 11 a.m.
Little ones will join us under the sea to learn all about the octopus! We'll sing songs, share stories and fun facts about these beautiful gentle giants.

Lots of Dots
Thursday, August 27, 2 p.m.
Some dots are big. Some dots are small. Some dots fly. Some dots fall. Your preschooler will enjoy stories, activities and crafts around us all.

Alphabet Adventures
Friday, August 28, 2 p.m.
Little ones will learn the alphabet with exciting stories and fun activities.

Daniel Tiger Spectacular
Saturday, August 29, 11 a.m.
Hi Neighbor! Little ones will have a grr-ific time with stories, songs, cooking, drawing, activities and more. Inspired by PBS Kids’ Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood.

Little Chef Funfetti Sugar Cookies
Monday, August 31, 11 a.m.
Pour, mix and repeat! Preschoolers will learn how to make delicious sugar cookie dough to take home and bake. Adult participation is required.
END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION
Saturday, August 1, 2 p.m.
Log on and tune in for our live virtual party on Facebook or YouTube as we celebrate all the new things we’ve learned and stories we’ve read this summer.

Homeschool Meetup: The Gold Rush
Monday, August 3, 1 p.m.
Uncover the secrets of prospectors and understand the causes and impact of the California Gold Rush.

Baby-Sitters Club Fan Meetup
Tuesday, August 4, 1 p.m.
Are you a Claudia or a Kristy? Join us for a celebration of all things BSC, complete with trivia and a craft.

DIY Sock Bunny
Tuesday, August 4, 2 p.m.
Your mismatched socks finally have some use! Tune in for step by step instructions for how to make your very own no sew bunny.

Drawing Club
Tuesday, August 4, 4 p.m.
Try out new drawing techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

All Hail Our Underwear
Wednesday, August 5, Noon
Salute your shorts during this program while reading stories and doing a craft in honor of National Underwear Day!

Homeschool: Flying High
Thursday, August 6, 1 p.m.
Design, fold and test paper airplanes in recognition of famous women who dared to fly. Recommended for lower and upper elementary, tweens and teens.

A World of Pausabilities
Thursday, August 6, 4 p.m.
Take a moment to pause. Learn to identify your emotions and use meditation to control them. Recommended for lower elementary.

A World of Color
Saturday, August 8, 3 p.m.
Create abstract art using vivid colors inspired by the work of Disney artist, Mary Blair.

Homeschool: Choose Your Own Adventure
Fridays, August 7 & 21, 2 p.m.
Ahoy mate! Climbing aboard for a high seas adventure. Recommended for lower and upper elementary, tweens and teens.

Candy Experiments
Friday, August 7, 3 p.m.
We all know candy tastes good, but did you know you can learn from it? These experiments are easy, fun and delicious.

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Create abstract art using vivid colors inspired by the work of Disney artist, Mary Blair.

Homeschool Meetup: The Oregon Trail
Monday, August 10, 1 p.m.
Are you ready for an adventure? We’ll find out how families traveled hundreds of miles by covered wagon.

Slithering Snakes
Monday, August 10, 4 p.m.
Sssssstep right up to learn all about our interesting friend, the snake.

Afternoon Art
Tuesday, August 11, 2 p.m.
Let’s go on an art adventure! Learn about a different artist and artistic style, and then create your own masterpiece.

Homeschool Science: Mold
Tuesday, August 11, 2 p.m.
Fungus and spores and mold, oh my! Explore the fascinating world of mold through experimentation. Recommended for lower and upper elementary, tweens and teens.

Discovering the Deep Sea
Wednesday, August 12, 3 p.m.
What is all the commotion in the ocean? From strange creatures to underwater mountains, discover the amazing deep sea and create a craft.

F is for Florida
Wednesday, August 12, 4 p.m.
Celebrate Florida with crafts, stories and fun! Recommended for lower elementary.

Homeschool Science: Candy Experiments
Thursday, August 13, 1 p.m.
Who knew science could be so sweet? Explore scientific concepts with us using candy! Recommended for lower and upper elementary, tweens and teens.

Sunshine State Jr. Book Club
Thursday, August 13, 4 p.m.
Hear us read aloud one of the Sunshine State Jr (K–2) books, and then enjoy an activity! This month we’re reading When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree by Jaime L.B. Deenihan and Lorraine Rycha.

Homeschool Art Expressions
Friday, August 14, 2 p.m.
Come and be creative as you learn various art techniques.

Coffee Filter Art
Friday, August 14, 4 p.m.
Turn regular coffee filters into colorful art using simple supplies and your creativity.

Cuisine Corner Jr: Pizza Roll Ups
Saturday, August 15, 2 p.m.
Get your fingers on this delicious four-ingredient pizza recipe that is perfect for an after school snack and ready in no time!

Homeschool Meetup: Ellis and Angel Island
Monday, August 17, 1 p.m.
Learn the differences between the two most popular immigration hubs in United States history.

Under the Sea
Monday, August 17, 4 p.m.
Travel under the sea and discover all the treasures therein with stories, activities and a craft. Recommended for lower elementary.
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MOON MYTHS
Wednesday, August 19, 3 p.m.
Do you feel different when there’s a full moon? Do you think it could be made of cheese? Find out what else people across the world believe about the moon.

THE GREAT PAPER AIRPLANE CHALLENGE
Friday, August 28, 3 p.m.
Design it! Fold it! Fly it! Learn about light and construct and test your own paper airplane. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

HOMESCHOOL MEETUP:
Weather Watchers
Monday, August 24, 1 p.m.
It’s hurricane season! Learn how hurricanes and other weather conditions are formed.

FANCY FINGERPRINTS
Monday, August 24, 4 p.m.
Every fingerprint is unique, just like you! Create a special piece of art with your very special fingerprint.

A TRIP TO JAPAN
Tuesday, August 25, 2 p.m.
Explore the land of the rising sun with stories, games and crafts inspired by Japan.

EXCELSIOR!
Tuesday, August 11, 4 p.m.
Recall the life of a man who had a superhero- sized imagination. Cameo trivia, activities and comic book art challenges are all inspired by the late great Stan Lee.

GOING VINTAGE
Tuesday, August 25, 4 p.m.
From bell bottoms to The Beatles, go-go wild as we travel back to the ‘60s with trivia and a craft!

TEEN

ANIME DISCOVERY
Friday, August 7, 7 p.m.
Discover the amazing world of anime, manga, its wondrous stories and its captivating art.

HAVE A MAGICAL DAY!
Saturday, August 8, 11 a.m.
Come join us for some virtual Disney fun! We will be playing games including Name That Tune, Name That Park, Character Quizzes, General Movie Facts and many more.

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GOLDING VINTAGE
Tuesday, August 25, 4 p.m.
From bell bottoms to The Beatles, go-go wild as we travel back to the ‘60s with trivia and a craft!

TEEN ART ADVENTURES:
ROLLED PAPER CRAFTS
Saturday, August 29, 2 p.m.
Use construction paper alongside toilet paper rolls to discover all the amazing things you can make with rolled paper and rolls.

HOMESCHOOL SPANISH
Tuesday, August 18, 2 p.m.
Develop your Spanish skills with us! Recommended for lower and upper elementary, tweens and teens.

HOW DO YOU BURP IN SPACE?
Tuesday, August 18, 2 p.m.
Learn answers to questions you didn’t know you had about outer space and beyond. Enjoy activities and a craft that is out of this world.

DIY LINE ART
Tuesday, August 18, 2 p.m.
Whose line is it anyway? Learn how to create beautiful, bold art using lines, color and patterns. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

HISTORY HAPPENINGS – VIKING VOYAGES
Tuesday, August 18, 2 p.m.
Do you have what it takes to be a Viking? Find out at this fun and history filled program.

MAYOR BUDDY’S BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, August 18, 2 p.m.
Join Mayor Buddy’s Book Club discussion to hear about what we’re reading and explore activities to enjoy from home. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

COLOR CHEMISTRY
Wednesday, August 19, 4 p.m.
Why is an apple red? Experiment with the science of color and explore the basic concepts of light and color.

A GRIFFIN ESCAPE
Wednesday, August 19, 5 p.m.
Channel the cleverness of Cinderella, the wit of Snow White and the skills of the Frog Prince to solve your way out of this Grimm escape room. Recommended for preschoolers, lower and upper elementary.

ANIMAL CROSSING PARTY
Thursday, August 20, 2 p.m.
Explore New Horizons as we celebrate the newest Animal Crossing game! Enjoy crafts and activities involving your favorite animal friends. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

BE A LEADER
Thursday, August 20, 4 p.m.
Calling future leaders! Join us for a look at past leaders and the qualities they share. Enjoy activities, stories and discussions on what it takes to become a good leader.

HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE:
Afternoon with a Balloon
Thursday, August 20, 1 p.m.
You are never too old to have fun with a balloon! Get hands-on with balloon science and games. Recommended for lower and upper elementary, tweens and teens.

HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE:
Germ Science
Tuesday, August 25, 2 p.m.
Explore the disgusting, icky and gooey world of germs with us! Recommended for lower and upper elementary, tweens and teens.

READY, SET, SAIL
Wednesday, August 26, 3 p.m.
Ahoi! Join us junior sailors and explore the world of germs with us! Recommended for lower and upper elementary, tweens and teens.

HOMESCHOOL MEETUP:
Shakespeare for Kids
Thursday, August 27, 1 p.m.
All the world’s a stage! Learn about William Shakespeare and showcase your own acting talent at our fun filled event. Recommended for lower and upper elementary, tweens and teens.

HOMESCHOOL MEETUP:
The Great Migration
Monday, August 31, 1 p.m.
Learn what caused the Great Migration of the early 20th century and its impact on the United States.

CULINARY CORNER Jr. Bear Toasts!
Monday, August 31, 4 p.m.
Make three delicious kinds of bears out of toast and fruit.
LOCATIONS & HOURS
At this time, all locations closed on Sunday

Orlando Public Library
101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Alafaya Branch
12000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32826
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Eatonville Branch
200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch
902 Lee Road, Suite 26, Orlando, FL 32810
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch
7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32818
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

North Orange Branch
1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

South Creek Branch
1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

South Trail Branch
4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr., Orlando, FL 32839
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southeast Branch
5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southwest Branch
7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL 32819
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Washington Park Branch
5151 Raleigh St., Suite A, Orlando, FL 32811
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center
1821 E. Silver Star Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Windermere Branch
530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

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