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COMING SOON
Library to Adanson Marketplace

14th Annual Southwest Author Series, presented in Fairview Shores Branch
Doors open at 6 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.
She will speak about her writing and sign copies of her books. A book sale will follow the presentation. The event is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 17, Noon

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NEW LIBRARY COMING SOON

Library to Adanson Marketplace

902 Lee Road, Suite 26

OPENING SUMMER 2019

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Thursday, June 13, 8:15 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Library U is an interactive learning experience to assist educators in achieving instructional goals.
In this full-day event, you will learn information that can be shared in the classroom with students and fellow educators. Topics this year include: STEM, Coding, Fiber Arts, Video/Audio Studio, Virtual & Augmented Reality, Digital Resources and more! Agenda topics subject to change. All participants have the opportunity to earn a $75 honorarium and in-service points.
Visit ocls.info/libraryu for more information.
Application deadline Monday, April 15.
FROM THE DIRECTOR

Libraries equal strong communities.

That’s the theme of this year’s National Library Week, a national initiative sponsored by the American Library Association to encourage people to celebrate the contributions libraries (and library workers) make that help shape the world we live in.

Think, for a moment, what libraries do for those around you. They give parents a place to supplement their children’s education and social development. They give students research assistance and tools to further their studies. They offer opportunities for those in need to better themselves so they can have hope for a brighter future. They make technology – even state-of-the-art technology – and training accessible to all, no matter their socioeconomic status. They provide entertainment and enrichment to anyone with a library card. Libraries level the playing field, giving everyone a chance to grow into the best person they can be.

Most of the time, libraries do their work quietly without asking for recognition or thanks – our satisfaction comes from seeing how the work we do impacts people’s lives – but once a year we do like to remind the public not to take libraries for granted. All kinds of libraries – public, private, academic and specialty – really do create stronger communities. So I hope you’ll take some time during National Library Week, April 7–13, to visit your local library and reconnect with us.

On Monday, April 8, the American Library Association releases its annual State of America’s Libraries Report, which will include a list of the Top 10 Frequently Challenged Books of 2018. On Tuesday, April 9, it’s National Library Workers Day, when we recognize the people who work hard to make sure your library is the best it can be. On Thursday, April 11, it’s Take Action for Libraries Day, when we ask you to tell us your story about how a library helped shape your life – share your stories on social media, using the hashtag #LearnGrowConnect and tag us in your posts. We’d love to know how we’ve had an impact on you!

LIBRARY AFTER HOURS

FEATURING BRITTANY HENNESSY

Orlando Public Library
Friday, May 10, 7–9 p.m.

Content creators and social media influencers call Brittany Hennessy’s Influencer an absolute “must-read” as the former Senior Director of Influencer Strategy & Talent Partnerships at Hearst Magazines Digital Media. Hennessy provides invaluable insights on how to build a standout personal brand on social media in her best-selling book. Hear from the author in person and participate in a Q&A session. Book sale and signing to follow the event.

This event is supported by the Friends of the Orange County Library System.

MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

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Student Recital
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, April 7, 2 p.m.

Young musicians will perform classical pieces. This group is under the direction of local voice instructor and musician Aleksandra Vargas.

NICHOLAS ROBERTS
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m.

Nicholas Roberts is an indie-pop musician based in Orlando. After leaving a corporate job, Roberts has been releasing a new song every month since June 2017 and has garnered over 750,000 plays on Spotify and Apple Music. His latest single, Before It Begins, was distributed via Warner Music. His songs have been featured on MTV, CNN and FOX Sports. To learn more about Nicholas, visit nicholasrobertsmusic.com.

ART

ocls.info/artdisplay

American Propaganda, 1936–1943: Selected Posters of the Works Projects Administration
Orlando Public Library, 2nd Floor Traveling Exhibit Space
On Display April 2–July 3

From 1936 to 1943, the United States faced deep economic challenges brought about by the Great Depression and the impending threat of a second world war. During this time, the Works Projects Administration, a department of the U.S. government established by Franklin D. Roosevelt as part of the New Deal, produced over 35,000 posters related to government-sponsored health, safety and tourism programs. On view are a selection of these posters, which illustrate a period of significant social and economic change in the United States.

Art Exhibit: Harmony of Origami and Chinese Water Color
Southwest Branch
On Display April 6–June 30

Artists Al Aki and Patricia Steele Radovich blend the art forms of origami and Chinese watercolor into a harmonious and bold approach in this exhibit.
Creative Coloring for Adults
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, April 4, 6–8 p.m.
Everyone loves coloring. It’s a great way to relax and unwind while channeling your inner child. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite colored pencils or markers.

Snack & Learn: Good Food for Your Gut
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 p.m.
Your stomach will not react well to everything you eat. Find out which foods help keep your digestive system running smoothly and which you should avoid with Jamila Way, DNP of Orlando Primary Care Snacks provided

I Want to Become a Citizen – Including Mock Interviews
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando Center for Justice will discuss the requirements for citizenship applications and will stage mock interviews in small groups to help you learn what to expect. Registration recommended.

Introduction to Pilates
Orlando Public Library, Learning Central
Wednesday, April 10, 3–5 p.m.
Learn about the Foundation Center’s online resources such as GrantSpace.org, Foundation Grants to Individuals, and Foundation Directory to find what you can use these sources of grant information. Registration required.

Let’s Get Tangled
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, April 13, 2:30 p.m.
Need to pause and take a break? Well, ZenTangle, termed “artistic meditation,” might just be the trick. As you become engrossed in your patterns, one stroke at a time, you can almost feel your worries and stress melt away.

Stress Buster Art: Found Poem Art
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, April 17, 7–8:30 p.m.
Enjoy a guided breathing meditation to help reduce your daily stress and anxiety and learn to use meditation to live with more peace, compassion and wisdom. Chairs will be provided. Ages 13 and up. Registration recommended.

Concert Club
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m.
Arts and crafts aren’t just for kids! Release your inner child and come to adult concerts this month, we’ll make dreamcatchers.

Pedestrian Safety with Best Foot Forward
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, April 18, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, April 24, 2 p.m.
The Metro Orlando area is consistently ranked as the most dangerous place in the country for pedestrians. How did we get here and what are local officials doing to reverse this deadly trend? Hear how you can put your best foot forward for pedestrian safety.

Introduction to Pilates for Adults
South Trail Branch
Thursday, April 18, 4:25, 2 p.m.
Exercise your way to fitness in this introduction to Pilates class. Learn simple moves that will work your muscles, help alignment and encourage flexibility. Comfortable exercise or loose-fitting clothing required; yoga mats encouraged. Registration required. Register online at ocls.info/nextchapter or call 407.835.7323. You are welcome to attend multiple classes.

Orlando Public Library
Pokémon League
Sunday, April 14, 3 p.m.
Calling all trainers! Battle for fun or for glory with the Pokémon Trading Card Game and video games. Earn cool prizes, meet other trainers and have fun. Trainers of all ages and skill levels welcome.

Community Yoga
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, April 14, 3 p.m.
Step out of your comfort zone and join us for an experience you won’t forget! All levels and body types are welcome. Bring comfy clothes, water and an open mind. Yoga mats will be provided or bring your own. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Meditation for Everyone
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, April 17, 7–8:30 p.m.
Orlando Center for Justice will discuss the requirements for citizenship applications and will stage mock interviews in small groups to help you learn what to expect. Registration recommended.

Altered Books
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, April 20, 1:30–4:30 p.m.
Scrapbook, journal, cookbook, planner? Possibilities of altered books. Chairs will be provided. Ages 13 and up. Registration recommended.

Container Gardening
Southwest Branch
Monday, April 22, 7 p.m.
Master Gardener Denny Wild from the UF/IFAS Extension Orange County Office will give you tips on starting your own container garden. Learn the many advantages and how easy it is to grow herbs, flowers and even vegetables right out of containers from your own household.

Street Buster Art: Found Poem Art
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, April 24, 10:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Join us for a relaxing art-adventure celebrating National Poetry Month. Repurpose old magazines, newspapers and textbooks to create a found poem work of art. No art experience required. All supplies provided. Ages 18 and up. Registration required. Limited seating.

Food 101: Cheese
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.
The Food 101 series introduces you to a new topic every month, examining the historical and social significance of what we eat. Learn about cheese and how it’s consumed around the world. Samples limited. Registration required.

Hiawassee Library Open House
Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, April 25, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Learn about Hiawassee Branch’s resources and the community services provided by the Pine Hills Neighborhood Center for Families (PHNCF). This event is presented in partnership with PHNCF.

Celebrate World Tai Chi and Qigong Day
Southwest Branch
Saturday, April 27, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Celebrate World Tai Chi and Qigong Day with a class led by Sfu A’i Aki that includes breathing exercises, standing meditation and healing exercises. Sfu A’i Aki is certified by Tai Chi Healthways and has over 10 years’ experience. No prior experience needed. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes (flat soles, no sandals). Chairs provided if needed. Registration recommended. Ages 13 and up.

Downsizing in Five Easy Steps
North Orange Branch
Monday, April 29, 1:30–3 p.m.
Consider downsizing as a gift to your children! Discover the steps that will make downsizing easier to manage and less overwhelming. This event is an extension of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flagavan, Certified Senior Housing Professional. Registration recommended. To register, contact Mike Flagavan at 407.340.3291 or visit yourfloridahaven.com under the Smarter Senior Seminar Series section.

An Evening of Coffee, Tea and Stories for Adults
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.
Relax, take a break from your daily routine and enjoy the company presented by the library’s talented storytellers. Find your inner storyteller and swap anecdotes with other adults as you enjoy light refreshments. Refreshments available while supplies last.
Autism Spectrum Disorders: From Diagnosis to Action
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, April 6, 1 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m.

Today, 1 in 59 children are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Early identification and treatment are essential for best development. Learn the red flags for diagnosis, first steps to take when ASD is suspected or diagnosed and local resources to help maximize a child's abilities.

Music and Movement
Herndon Branch
Mondays, April 22–May 20, 11 a.m.

Children can sing, chant, move, dance, listen and play simple instruments in these action-filled classes. Each lesson features movement activities for coordination, body awareness and control, and exploration of space and emotions. Presented by Central Florida Community Arts, a continuum of arts education and experiences for a lifetime. To learn more, visit cfcarts.com.

Recommended for ages 2–4. Space is limited. Registration required. Register online or call 407.835.7323.

Family Zumba
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, April 24, Noon

Get your family moving with this energizing workout class! Learn basic Zumba moves to help you dance your way to fitness. Zumba uses dance aerobics to create a fun workout. Comfortable exercise clothing and cross training or aerobic style shoes are recommended. Recommended for children ages 4–13 and adults.

Beginner Watercolor Techniques
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.

Watercolor is an artistic medium like no other. Experiment with the basics of watercolor and explore a variety of different painting methods to achieve astonishing results. Ages 18 and up. Space is limited. Registration required.

Plant Clinic
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, April 4, 3–5 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, April 11, 2–4 p.m.

Bring your plants, get your soil pH tested and ask questions! Master Gardener Volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office will be available to answer your gardening questions and to assess any plant issues.

MEET THE AUTHOR: MELANIE BENJAMIN
14th ANNUAL SOUTHWEST AUTHOR SERIES
FRIDAY, APRIL 12 | 6:30 P.M.

The 14th Annual Southwest Author Series, presented in partnership with The Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips, features Melanie Benjamin. She will speak about her writing and sign copies of her books. A book sale will follow the presentation. The event is free and light refreshments will be served. Doors open at 6 p.m.

SOUTHWEST BRANCH
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ocls.info/events/southwestauthorseries
Do you speak English and have an interest in understanding some English. Well, they can participate if they understand basic grammar for English learners. Participants must have a basic understanding of English. Even if participants do not speak English well, they can participate if they understand some English.
Genealogy Research Project: From Start to Finish
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.
Get your genealogy research on track. Learn how to organize information at the beginning of your genealogy research project in order to help you develop and implement an effective research plan.

Genealogy 101 - Your Family's History: Where to Begin?
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, April 4, 11 a.m.
This program will introduce you to genealogical terms, techniques and sources. Get helpful suggestions on how you can begin to research your family’s story.

NGSO Case Study: DNA Helps Identify Molly Morelli’s Father
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.
Let’s walk through the steps Jill Morelli, certified genealogist, used in her DNA case study for identifying the unknown father of a woman born in 1920 in Wisconsin.

Organizing Your Family History Research
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, April 11, 11 a.m.
Whether you are just beginning your family history quest or are a seasoned researcher, learn how to organize your genealogy documents and do your research in a systematic manner.

Utilizing the General Register Office (GRO) Records
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.
The GRO oversees civil registration in England and Wales maintaining records of all births, marriages and deaths dating back to 1837. Learn how to utilize this resource in your genealogical research.

Exploring FamilySearch.org
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, April 18, 11 a.m.
FamilySearch is a tremendous, free source for family history research. Learn how to navigate this website and to make the most of the information that it contains.

Basic Genealogy
Southeast Branch
Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m.
Begin your genealogy search at the library. Learn how to use HeritageQuest, Ancestry and websites to research your family history.

Genealogy Research Question Workshop
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.
Sharpen your genealogy skills and learn about resources by sharing your research questions. Genealogists are invited to submit one research question in advance. Staff will lead a group discussion workshop sharing information on genealogy resources, research and methodology to start finding answers. Registration is required and a submitted research question is recommended. Contact genealogy@ocls.info or 407.835.7651 for more information.

20 Unique Websites for Your Genealogy Research
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, April 25, 11 a.m.
New websites and features appear on the internet almost daily. Explore these 20 unique websites that are indispensable for both beginning and experienced researchers.

National Coin Week Celebration
Herndon Branch
Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m.
Learn about collectible coins and what is involved with the hobby. Discuss The Great Coin Hunt, coin values and important tips. This program is intended for collectors of all ages, from beginner to advanced.

Memory Jars
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, April 23, 10:30 a.m.
Capture those special moments and bottle up your favorite memories in a jar. Library staff will provide materials to create your own memory jar. Space is limited. Registration required. To register, visit ocls.info or call 407.835.7223.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & COLLECTOR'S FAIR
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, April 14, 2–4 p.m.
Local collectors and vendors will have their historical treasures on display in anticipation of Preservation Week. Connect with history experts and discover ways to collect and preserve your own memories, collections and memorabilia for generations to come. Exhibitors include Central Florida Coin Club, Central Florida Railroad Museum, Daughters of the American Revolution, EPIC, Orange County Regional History Center, Orlando Memory, Sharori’s Teapots, Weavers of Orlando, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Orlando Adventurer’s Guild, and more.

Storytime for Grownups!
West Oaks Branch
Tuesdays, April 9 & 23, 2 p.m.
Why should kids have all the fun? Visit the library and enjoy a story or activity as our talented library storytellers entertain ages 18 and up! Be sure to check out your local branch for unique event details. For more information, visit ocls.info/grownupstorytime.

Senior Living Affordability Options
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, April 24, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Deciding which senior living option is suitable for your situation can be complicated. Senior experts will provide information different senior living options. This event is part of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flahaven, Certified Senior Housing Professional. Registration Recommended. To register, contact Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291 or visit yourfloridahaven.com under the Smarter Senior Seminar series section.

Complementary, Alternative and Energy Medicine – An Integrative Approach to Healing
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, April 18, 12:10 p.m.
Complementary and alternative medicine includes a variety of healing approaches and therapies taken from ancient healing practices observed around the world. Western medicine has traditionally not incorporated these complementary approaches, but that is changing. This seminar is part of the LIFEd Information for Elders series presented by the Orange County Library System and Orange County’s Commission on Aging. Call 407.836.7446 or email ofcenaging@ocfl.net to register. A small lunch is provided to the first 70 people to RSVP.
GET THE TOOLS YOU NEED TO LAUNCH YOUR CAREER!
Get the tools you need to pound the pavement and step forward in your career. Whether you are looking for a new job or hoping to advance, the library can help you prepare!

CAREER ACADEMY
JOIN US FOR WEEKLY SESSIONS COVERING INFORMATION FROM FINDING A JOB, TO WRITING A THANK YOU NOTE, TO STANDING OUT WITH EMPLOYERS.

- Searching for Jobs
  Orlando Public Library
  Tuesday, April 2, 1:30 p.m.
  Uncover resources and formulate strategies to search and apply for jobs.

- Resume Writing
  Orlando Public Library
  Saturday, April 6, 9:30 a.m.
  Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 p.m.
  Create and refine your resume to best reflect your qualifications.

- Improve Your Interview
  Orlando Public Library
  Saturday, April 13, 9:30 a.m.
  Tuesday, April 23, 1:30 p.m.
  Give your interview skills a boost and show why you are the best person for the job!

- Cover & Thank You Letters
  Orlando Public Library
  Tuesday, April 16, 1:30 p.m.
  Go the extra mile and compose the perfect cover letter and thank you letter.

- Career Online High School
  A second chance! Career Online High School (COHS) is an accredited program that enables students to earn their high school diplomas while gaining real-world career skills. For more information, visit ocls.info/COHS.

- Practice and Perfect Your Professional Interview Skills
  With online courses ranging from an introductory Fast Track, to a more comprehensive Mastery Track, and courses on how to handle negotiating your job offer and strategies for your first 90 days; Big Interview is packed with lessons that will help you land your dream job! ocls.info/databases

COOKING WITH THE FAMILY
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, April 3, 6 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Saturday, April 6, 1 p.m.
Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will make an easy recipe that you can fit into your family’s busy schedule by preparing ahead of time. Yamira will share tips on how to involve the whole family in the planning and making of this delicious meal. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit breakingbreadwithmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

Staying Sauced
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m.
Sauces add instant flavor to any dish. Explore the infinite combinations of tantalizing tastes and textures of different sauces. Presented by Joycelyn Bryant, owner of Joycelyn’s Southern Kitchen. Registration required.

Homemade Jams and Jellies
South Creek Branch
Monday, April 29, 6 p.m.
Virginia Hartley, owner of Ginger’s Jams, Jellies and Such…, will have you cooking up the best jams in town! Get tips on making your own jams and jellies and try tasty samples. To learn more about Ginger’s Jams, Jellies and Such…, visit gingersjams.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

ESCAPE THE DAILY RIND
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.
Library staff will keep you sharp while presenting this grate cheesy event. Space is limited. Registration required.

BE A FRIEND!
JOIN TODAY
Help support your library by becoming a Friend of the Orange County Library System. Membership starts at just $15 per year and it comes with some benefits, including discounts in our bookstore and gift shop and invitations to special members-only preview sales. Visit oclsfriends.info and join today!

COOKING BY THE BOOK
Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, April 4, 6:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.
Farah Davids is back with recipes straight from your favorite books. Learn to prepare iconic dishes from A Series of Unfortunate Events and Charlotte’s Web. Be ready to enjoy the fruits of your labor after you reach the final chapter. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

MAY 16-19
EVERYTHING 50% OFF
*May 16, 5–7 p.m.
*May 17, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
*May 18, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
*May 19, 1:30–4:30 p.m.
*Member Preview
New members welcome to join at the door.
Members receive an additional 10% off, for an incredible savings. Memberships start at just $15 annually.

THIRD FLOOR BOOKSTORE
Orlando Public Library | 101 E. Central Blvd.

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MEET THE AUTHOR  ocls.info/meettheauthor

Local Author Festival
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, April 28, 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.

Writers Workshops

Choosing a Publishing Path
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m.
Hybrid author Sarah Nicolas, aka Aria Kane, will present the different publishing paths available and openly discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each.

OCLS Writers Group
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Sunday, April 14, 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.

Creating & Maintaining a Blog
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m.
Author and editor Arielle Haughee will show you how to set up a blog, find a theme, create engaging content, keep readers coming back and stay on a schedule.

Southeast Book Club
Away by Amy Bloom
Southeast Branch
Monday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.
Arriving in America alone after her family is destroyed in a Russian pogrom, Lillian Leyb receives word that her daughter Sophie might still be alive and embarks on a risky odyssey to find the missing girl.

Central Florida Book Club
Killer of the Flower Moon by David Grann
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday, April 9, 10:15 a.m.–Noon
A true account of the early 20th century murders of dozen of wealthy Osage and law-enforcement officials, citing the contributions and missteps of a fledgling FBI that eventually uncovered one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

Hiawassee Book Club
A Well-Behaved Woman by Therese Fowler
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, April 15, 6:30–8 p.m.
Marrying into the newly rich but socially scorned Vanderbilt clan, a formerly impoverished Alva navigates society snubs and dark undercurrents in the lives of her in-laws and friends while testing the limits of her ambitious rule-breaking.

Alafaya Book Club
I’ll Be Gone in the Dark by Michelle McNamara
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m.
An atmospheric snapshot of a moment in American history and a chilling account of a criminal mastermind and the wreckage he left behind. It is also a portrait of a woman’s obsession and her unflagging pursuit of the truth, helping unmask the Golden State Killer.

Southwest Book Club
The Aviator’s Wife and The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb by Melanie Benjamin
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, April 23, 7–8:45 p.m.
Discuss historical fiction books about two remarkable women by New York Times best-selling author Melanie Benjamin. Pick one or read both! Benjamin is the featured author at the Annual Southwest Author Series on Friday, April 12 at the Southwest Branch. See page 9 for more details.

BOOK CLUBS  ocls.info/bookclubs

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BOOK CLUBS: LITERARY CROCHET SERIES

Discuss a classic book while creating super-cute, friendly characters from the story.

Hooks and Books: Ann of Green Gables
Orlando Public Library
Friday, April 12 & 26, 4 p.m.

Do you love literature, poetry and music? Would you like to socialize with others who share your interests? Join our Spanish-language book club!!

THE BUSINESS OF BOOK WRITING
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.
Author Kerry Evelyn will discuss what she’s learned from her experiences with indie publishing and help you plan out and establish a timeline for setting up your business and getting your book published.

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16 LEARN, GROW, CONNECT.

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To build up a library is to create a life,” Argentinian author Carlos María Domínguez once said. “It’s never just a random collection of books.” When you take a look at the Orange County Library System and the communities we serve, you get some sense of what Domínguez means.

This month we celebrate National Library Week (April 7–13) and this year’s theme, Libraries = Strong Communities, has us thinking about the diverse communities that surround our 16 locations. Since our start in 1923, we’ve seen many changes and contributed to the growth of the Greater Orlando area. As our county has grown, our community has become more and more of an exciting melting pot of diverse cultures and our staff has reflected that.

Orange County Library System works hard to make sure everyone has a seat at the table. Our diversity is key to the strength of our community.

A customer requested more books for kids about Islam and Muslims. Our team quickly added some to the collection. The customer was so happy we acted on her suggestion.

- Crystal

Our downtown library gets visitors from all over the world - from Koreans to Brazilians. I’m always intrigued with hearing about where they come from and how much they love the library.

- Luis
REFRESH THIS SPRING
Update your spring wardrobe and home essentials. Stroll through spring events with soft floral skirts, graceful shawls and home decor.

Sewing: Fitted Skirt – Intermediate Level
Orlando Public Library
Monday–Thursday, April 8–11, 10 a.m.
Create a simple fitted skirt from start to finish using professional patterns, overlapped and sewing machines in this four-day series. We will teach you sewing techniques for finished seams using professional sergers.

Let’s Crochet Bunnies – Beginner Level
Edgewater Branch
Monday, April 15 & 22, 6 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, April 20 & 27, 10 a.m.

Let’s Knit Bunnies – Beginner Level
West Oaks Branch
Monday, April 15 & 22, 6 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Sunday, April 21 & 28, 10 a.m.

CRAFT BUNNIES
Craft bunnies for your buddies. Crochet and knit cute softies for yourself, family and friends. Everyone from beginners to intermediate crafters can create adorable bunnies.

Let’s Crochet Bunnies – Beginner Level
West Oaks Branch
Monday, April 15 & 22, 6 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Monday, April 8 & 15, 5:30 p.m.

Let’s Crochet Bunnies – Intermediate Level
Orlando Public Library
Fridays, April 5 & 12, 10 a.m.

Let’s Knit Bunnies – Beginner Level
West Oaks Branch
Monday, April 15 & 22, 6 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, April 20 & 27, 10 a.m.

NEW! Let’s Crochet Shawls
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday–Thursday, April 23–25, 2 p.m.
Create a unique and colorful table runner using simple knitting techniques with fabric strips in this three-day series. Add your own touch to home décor or make that special someone a one-of-a-kind gift.

NEW! Let’s Crochet Shaws
Orlando Public Library
Sunday, March 30–August 31, 3 p.m.
Crochet a beautiful triangular shawl in this six-day series. Master new stitches and techniques while creating a graceful accessory. Classes meet on the last Saturday of each month.

NEW! Sewing: Quilted Table Runner
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday–Thursday, April 23–25, 2 p.m.
Transform your plastic bags into lightweight, strong and weather-resistant fabric. Discover how to turn your bags into plastic yarn (PLARN) connect individual strands into a ball and pattern ideas for your new creation.

SPRING INTO PHOTOSHOP
Take your photos to the next level with Adobe Photoshop’s professional grade tools and effects. Fundamentals to advanced skills we’ve got a class for you.

Adobe Photoshop Levels 1–4
West Oaks Branch
Level 1 & 2 – Tuesday, April 2, Noon & 1:45 p.m.
Level 3 & 4 – Wednesday, April 3, Noon & 1:45 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch
Level 1 & 2 – Tuesday, April 2, 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Level 3 & 4 – Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Edgewater Branch
Level 1 & 2 – Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m. & 7:45 p.m.

North Orange Branch
Level 1 & 2 – Thursday, April 4, 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Level 3 & 4 – Thursday, April 11, 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch
Level 1 & 2 – Friday, April 5, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
Level 3 & 4 – Saturday, April 6, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Orlando Public Library
Level 1 & 2 – Saturday, April 6, 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.
Level 3 & 4 – Sunday, April 7, 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Level 1 & 2 – Monday, April 8, 5:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.
Level 3 & 4 – Monday, April 15, 5:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
Level 1 & 2 – Thursday, April 11, 5 p.m. & 6:45 p.m.
Level 3 & 4 – Thursday, April 18, 5 p.m. & 6:45 p.m.

Retouch your photos and create original artwork. Become familiar with selection and editing tools, manipulating images and applying effects.

Black and White Effects
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday, April 9, 7:45 p.m.

West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, April 10, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, April 12, 11:15 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, April 18, 2 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, April 20, 2 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, April 27, 2:30 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.

Color Correction
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, April 4, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, April 12, 2:45 p.m.

Edgewater Branch
Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Monday, April 22, 6:45 p.m.

Alafaya Branch
Thursday, April 25, 6:45 p.m.

Take an average photo and make it pop. Learn basic color correction techniques and make global and local adjustments to images in Adobe Camera Raw.

Let’s Crochet Upcycled Bags – Beginner Level
Orlando Public Library
Fridays, April 19 & 26, 10 a.m.
Transform your plastic bags into a reusable tote in this two-day series. Learn how to turn your bags into plastic yarn (PLARN) and then crochet them into a strong, stylish tote.

Let’s Knit: Turn Your Plastic Bags into Yarn – Beginner Level
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, April 23, 10 a.m.
Transform your plastic bags into lightweight, strong and weather-resistant yarn. Discover how to turn your bags into plastic yarn (PLARN), connect individual strands into a ball and pattern ideas for your new creation.

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MELROSE FILM FESTIVAL

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MELROSE FILM FESTIVAL SEEKS TO HIGHLIGHT THE WORK OF IMAGINATIVE FILMMAKERS ACROSS THE GLOBE.

Interested in submitting your short film, animation or music video to win cash prizes?

Submissions will be accepted April 14–June 14 at FILMFREeway.COM/MELROSEFILMFESTIVAL.

The festival will be held in September in the Melrose Center, featuring screenings of selected films, industry panels and Q&A discussions.

MAKE YOUR MUSIC SOUND AMAZING – GUITAR
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Thursday, April 4, 6 p.m.
Learn to incorporate traditional guitar techniques into your digital 3D animation.

MELROSE MEETUPS:

Photo – Portfolio Review
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesday, April 9, 6 p.m.
Bring in your portfolio and get matched with a pro photographer for feedback on your work. These 10-minute review sessions will be first come, first served.

3D Animation – The Twelve Principles
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, April 13, 4 p.m.
Discover how the 12 principles of traditional animation can greatly improve the quality of your own 3D animations.

3D Animation – Retargeting Motion Capture Data
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, April 27, 4 p.m.
Learn to animate a 3D character using motion capture data. We will explore Autodesk Maya’s tools and attributes to accurately reattach the animations from a motion capture data file to a 3D character.

MELROSE IN THE MIX: JOHN JOHN BROWN
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, April 6, 3:30 p.m.
Elmore Magazine calls John John Brown “one of the more promising young names in folk music today.” He will be visiting the Melrose Audio Studio for the April Melrose in the Mix live recording session. Seating is limited. Register today at ocls.info/melroseinthemix.
Recommended for lower and upper elementary. This is one circus! From a bed of nails to a pin and rope spinning and a whole lot more! Don’t miss the show! Settle in for a trip to the farm as we watch the classic story of Charlotte’s Web come alive on the big screen. Recommended for families.

Celebrate spring with fun for the whole family! Register online or call 407.835.7323. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
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One Book, One Community: Cuisine Corner Junior
Orlando Public Library

Celebrate some terrific, radiant, humble pig and his spider friend with snacks, crafts and activities! Recommended for families.

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Eight notes on a music staff, eight colors in a standard crayon box and only eight actual magic effects BUT when you combine them, they offer an infinite number of opportunities for creativity! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Join ArtBards to create a model made of LEGO elements. For more information visit ExplodingBacon.com/FLLJR, this year’s science experiments and brick building.

Each year, FIRST LEGO League Jr. presents a new and exciting challenge to ignite the creativity of children ages 6–9. While exploring the real world theme, teams use basic engineering concepts to build a model made of LEGO elements. For more information visit ExplodingBacon.com/FLJR.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE JR.: MISSION MOON EXPO

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, April 6, 2019, 2 p.m.

This promotion is for OCLS juvenile cardholders (0–17 years) with a regular property owner or tenant in good standing white supplies last. In person check out only. Not valid on previous checkouts, home delivery or book download. Voucher can be used to purchase a complimentary ticket to an Orlando Pride game in May 2019 with the purchase of an adult ticket. Vouchers will not be mailed. Voucher may be redeemed online at OrlandoPride.com/OCLS.

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Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 3 p.m.

Just in time for blueberry pie, oh my! Take a bite of this comforting, no-bake fruit pie inspired by Mrs. Zuckerman’s delicious dessert in Charlotte’s Web. This year’s One Book, One Community selection. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

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BABY

Mother Goose on the Loose
Southwest Branch
Mondays, April 1–29, 5:15 p.m.
A Spanish immersion Mother Goose on the Loose with interactive songs, rhymes and activities to grow your baby’s early literacy and Spanish skills!

Mama Gansa
Southwest Branch
Mondays, April 1–29, 5:15 p.m.
A brief sing-a-long to familiar songs for you and your baby or toddler.

Sing-A-Long with Friends
Winter Garden branch
Tuesdays, April 1–30, 9:15 a.m.
Sing-a-long to familiar songs with a live guitar for you and your baby or toddler.

Guitar Sing-A-Long
Alafaya branch
Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.
Sing-a-long to familiar songs with a live guitar for you and your baby or toddler.

Baby’s First Art
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, April 3–24, 11 a.m.
Explore and create art pieces that both of you will enjoy. Bring your little one to play, explore and create art pieces that both of you will enjoy.

BABY BOOKWORMS

Southwest Branch
Friday, April 1–29, 10:30 a.m.
Read and Learn! Play! Introduce your baby to important literacy practices that encourage learning and developmental growth.

TOODLER

Hoppity-Hop-Hop!
Alafaya Branch
Monday, April 1, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, April 2, 11 a.m.
Both locations will bring a super fun interactive event complete with stories, games and activities for the whole family!

Artsy Toddler
Southwest Branch
Monday, April 1, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, April 1, 10:30 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, April 12, 11 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Thursday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, April 29, 11 a.m.
The arts go marching one by one, hurrah! March on in to figure out what makes a picnic perfect. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Pajama Party
Alafaya Branch
Monday, April 1, 6 p.m.
Put on your PJs and join us for a nighttime story time! Enjoy stories and songs for the whole family!

Bubbles Playtime
Winter Garden Branch
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, April 3, 10:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, April 4–18, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, April 15, 10:30 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, April 19, 11 a.m.
Help your child with their motor-developments in this interactive bubble class. Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Fish-tastic Fun
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, April 2, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, April 3, 10 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, April 19, 10 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, April 25, 11 a.m.
We will explore the sea with fish-tastic stories, crafts and activities full of under the sea fun! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

A Perfect Picnic
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, April 8, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, April 12, 11 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Thursday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, April 29, 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.

Literacy & locomotion
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.
Help your child learn by playing as we weave early literacy practices into fun interactive stories, songs, rhythm and dance. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Party in your PJs
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, April 3 & 17, 6:30 p.m.
Contact us for an exciting pajama party just for you! Don’t forget to wear your PJs. Get ready for fun with stories, games and crafts. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Peek-a-Boo Bunny
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, April 4, 11 a.m.
Hop your way through an adventure filled with everything bunny-see! Bring a friend to sing and play through interactive stories, activities and more! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Storytime Crafts
South Creek Branch
Mondays, April 1 & 8, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesdays, April 2–30, 10:35 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, April 3–24, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursdays, April 4–25, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Fridays, April 5–26, 10:30 a.m.
Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Toddler G.A.M.E.S.
South Creek Branch
Fridays, April 5 & 19, 2 p.m.
Growing, Active, Musical, Educational, Silly – join us for a super fun interactive event for your little ones.

Toddler Playground
Southwest Branch
Monday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.
Students use unstructured play to advance their physical and cognitive development and have fun! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Green Grass Grows All Around
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, April 8, 11 a.m.
There once was a tree, a pretty little tree, the prettiest little tree that you ever did see! Join us for stories, songs and activities about the greenery growing all around us.

Parachute Play
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Bring your toddlers to enjoy rhymes, songs and tons of parachute fun. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Book Character Classics
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, April 10, 10 a.m.
Help us bring our favorite children’s book characters to life with stories, games and crafts. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Animation & Coloring
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.
Join your friends to color and watch your favorite stories leap from the pages to the big screen. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Earth Day, Hooray!
North Orange Branch
Friday, April 19, 11 a.m.
Come for a sunny day as we enjoy stories, games and crafts from Earth Day Hooray! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Make Believe Dress and Play
North Orange Branch
Friday, April 19, 11 a.m.
Dress up your little one and join us for a fun storytelling experience. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Science Tots
Southwest Branch
Monday, April 22, 10:30 a.m.
Dress for a mess and dive in to STEAM-centered learning for your little one. Through exploration, play and hands-on discovery toddlers will have the opportunity to develop important skills that will prepare them for the future.

Busy as a Bee
Southeast Branch
Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m.
Buzz on down to the library to learn about bees and engage in skill building activities guaranteed to keep your little one busy. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Sesame Street Storytime
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m.
Come for another day as we enjoy stories, games and crafts from Sesame Street. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Bugs and Other Creepy Crawlies
Alafaya Branch
March 29–April 13, 10:30 a.m.
Our favorite insects are everywhere! Explore creepy-crawly things through stories, songs and art experiences!

You Are My Sunshine
North Orange Branch
Monday, April 22, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate a positive mindset by singing songs, reading stories and completing crafts and activities to make your little one smile! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Southwest Branch
Tuesday, April 16, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, April 26, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, April 29, 10:30 a.m.
From crawling caterpillar legs to colorful wings, flutter by to explore the lives of beautiful butterflies. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.
WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A CRAYON?  
Windermere Branch  
Monday, April 1, 10:30 a.m.  
North Orange Branch  
Tuesday, April 2, 11 a.m.  
South Creek Branch  
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Winter Garden Branch  
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Eatonville Branch  
Tuesday, April 30, 10:30 a.m.  
West Oaks Branch  
Tuesday, April 30, 11 a.m.  
Get creative with us and help your child increase important developmental skills using crayons.

COLOR YOUR WORLD!  
Southeast Branch  
Wednesday, April 24–25, 10 a.m.  
Create art with crayons at this weekly event!

PRESchool

Measure It!  
Chickasaw Branch  
Monday, April 1, 11 a.m.  
How many? How long? How heavy?  
It 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, register and attend all eight sessions. Visit ocls.info/ready for more information.

Cuentame un Cuento: Tell Me a Story Bilingual Stories and Fun  
Chickasaw Branch  
Friday, April 5, 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.

Earth Day, Birthday!  
Hiawassee Branch  
Friday, April 5, 11 a.m.  
Spring has sprung and it’s time for birds to make their nests! Join us for a celebration of the season with a bird’s nest inspired treat. This class is a “Mommy or Daddy and me” event. Registration required.

How Does a Seed Grow?  
Herndon Branch  
Monday, April 11, 10:30 a.m.  
Celebrate Earth’s birthday with stories, games and activities to honor our planet on her special day.

Little Chef: Bird’s Nest Treats  
West Oaks Branch  
Tuesday, April 9, 11 a.m.  
Hiawassee Branch  
Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.  
Herndon Branch  
Thursday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.  
South Trail Branch  
Saturday, April 20, 20 p.m.  
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Fun and Easy Spanish for Kids  
Chickasaw Branch  
Tuesday, April 16–May 7, 10:30 a.m.  
A four-week fun and interactive Spanish class for preschoolers. We will be using Little Pim Online Language Learning for Kids.

A Trip Around the World: Asia  
Chickasaw Branch  
Friday, April 19, 11 a.m.  
Pack your suitcase and get ready to set off as we introduce basic geography through stories, activities and crafts.

STorybook Fun  
Orlando Public Library: Mondays, 10:30 a.m.  
South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.  
Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.  
Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.  
Hiawassee Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.  
Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.  
Alafaya Branch: Fridays, 10:45 a.m.  
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STorybook STEAM  
Southwest Branch  
Friday, April 26, 10:30 a.m.  
Listen to a story and complete a STEAM challenge that invites you to imagine, plan, create and improve upon a story-related project.

Peter Rabbit’s Garden Party  
Chickasaw Branch  
Friday, April 26, 11 a.m.  
Peter Rabbit loves Mr. McGregor’s garden and you will too at this wonderful garden party. Hop into the library for stories, crafts and a bunny good time!

Rainy Day Fun  
South Creek Branch  
Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.  
Are you ready for some rainy-day fun? Enjoy stories, songs and crafts at the library all about the rain.

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Orlando Public Library: Mondays, 10:30 a.m.  
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South Trail Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

STorytime  
ocls.info/storytime

Join our professional storytellers for storytime designed to help your child develop early literacy skills through picture books, songs, finger plays, movement activities and more.

LEARN, GROW, CONNECT.

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Winter Garden Branch
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Windermere Branch
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Craft your own 3D cactus that lives forever, doesn’t need sun or water and is perfect for our planet Earth. Use the force of your imagination to create your own dream cactus and make a porg. Recommended for families.

Family Volunteering: STEAM Kits
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, April 6, Noon

Volunteer together as a family! Upper elementary, middle, high school students and their accompanying adults are invited to help assemble STEAM kits at this two-hour community service event. Registration recommended.

Morning Walk!
Southeast Branch
Tuesday, April 9, 10 a.m.

Take a walk around the library and feel energized the rest of the day!

Sensory-Friendly Family Film
North Orange Branch
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South Creek Branch
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Hunt for eggs around the library and enjoy a sweet surprise!

Family Maker
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m.

Make spaces foster learning through hands-on tinkering. Discover the maker in you as we complete challenges, STEAM projects and experiments. Registration required.

May the Force Be with You
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, April 30, 5 p.m.

Use the force to create Star Wars-inspired crafts and geek out with rebel relay. Recommended for tweens and teens.

Artstyle: Star Wars Origami
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, May 1, 3 p.m.

Use the art of origami to create Star Wars characters. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

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Southwest Branch
Thursday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.

Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Star Wars Storytime
Southwest Branch
Friday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a reading of Chewie and the Porgs and make a porg. Recommended for toddler and preschoolers.

STEAM Storytime
Winter Garden Branch
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Game Day
Edgewater Branch
Tuesdays, April 2 & 16, 4 p.m.

Play everything from Monopoly and chess to Polkemon and more at our Cool to Do After School series!

International Children’s Book Day
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, April 2, 5 p.m.

Celebrate International Children’s Book Day by creating your own doodles and writing the stories that go with them.

Book Bingo
West Oak Branch
Tuesday, April 2, 5 p.m.

BINGO! Celebrate International Children’s Book Day by playing bingo; you could even win a book to take home!

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.


ArtStyle
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, April 3, 3 p.m.

Create art in the style of famous artists. A different artist will be featured each month.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Pop’T Canvas
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, April 3, 4 p.m.

Celebrate all that is special about Pop-Tarts. Add your own twist as you use your imagination to make a blank canvas pop-tart. Food will be served at this event; please see staff about specific needs concerning food allergies.
In our Cool to Do After School series, we’ll explore science-related topics to include physics, earth science and more. Registration required.

**LEGO Block Party**

**Winter Garden Branch**

**Tuesday, April 9, 4:30 p.m.**

**Winter Garden Branch**

**Saturday, April 7, 2:30 p.m.**

Is there anything you can’t build with LEGO? Let’s find out! We provide the LEGO; you provide the creativity! LEGO bricks will be provided but cannot be taken home with you.

**Drop In Chess & Games**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Wednesdays, April 10 & 24, 2 p.m.**

Drop in for chess or other games at the library—rule sheets are provided! All ages.

**Exploring Math with Orlando Math Circle**

**Edgewater Branch**

**Wednesday, April 10, 3 p.m.**

Through problem solving with patterns, numbers and shapes your child can learn to be a better thinker and problem solver.

**Fiber Arts Experience**

**Southwest Branch**

**Wednesday, April 10, 3 p.m.**

Come become a part of the fiber arts trend! From visual art to wearable art, a different experience awaits you each month.

**Handy Crafts**

**Edgewater Branch**

**Wednesday, April 10, 4 p.m.**

Explore topics from emerging trends in fiber arts at our Cool to Do After School series!

**LEGO One Scoop**

**Alafaya Branch**

**Wednesday, April 10, 4:30 p.m.**

Create greatness with one single scoop! The challenge is on! Let’s see what you can build! Bricks for play will be provided but cannot go home with you.

**Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Discussion Group**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Thursday, April 11, 2:15 p.m.**

Join the Mayor Buddy’s Book Club discussion group to talk, meet other book club members, share experiences and have fun. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

**A Cheese-tastic Happening**

**Hiawassee Branch**

**Friday, April 12, 3 p.m.**

Use your creation skills with cheese, bread and other fixings to make a cheese-tastic treat!

**Super Science**

**Alafaya Branch**

**Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m.**

Each month we will conduct awesome new experiments and learn all about chemistry, physics, earth science and more. Registration required. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

**Creating Writing for Kids: Picture Poetry**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Saturday, April 13, 2:30 p.m.**

Learn to create beautiful poetry to form pictures, inspired by the book *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech.

**Shakespeare for Kids**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Saturday, April 13, 2:30 p.m.**

Have some fun and learn a lot as we introduce the "cool" side of Shakespeare recommended for upper elementary.

**Poetry Playground**

**North Orange Branch**

**Monday, April 15, 11 a.m.**

Save the date and don’t forget the time. Join us for some fun and rhyme. The library becomes a Poetry Playground with crafts, movement and sound. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

**Macram-April**

**Eatonville Branch**

**Monday, April 15, 3:30 p.m.**

Learn some macramé basics and complete a small project to keep. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

**Tinker Time**

**Southwest Branch**

**Wednesday, April 17, 3 p.m.**

Explore the world of tinkering and learn new things you never knew you never knew! Registration required.

**Cuisine Corner Junior: Picnic Time**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Saturday, April 20, 12:30 p.m.**

Spring is here! Make some tasty food that’s perfect for a picnic. Food will be served at this event; please see staff about specific needs concerning food allergies.

**Cuisine Corner Junior: Fluffy Bunny Cakes**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m.**

As we hop into spring, what better way to welcome in the sunshine than with a bunnyrific cupcake? We’ll show you how to turn a plain ol’ cupcake into an animal work of art that you can eat too! Food will be provided but cannot go home with you.

**Cuisine Corner Junior: Mac & Cheese**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Saturday, April 20, 4:30 p.m.**

Kids go green and watch as poetry grows in our library garden of fun, rhymes and crafts.

**Creative Writing for Kids: Picture Poetry**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Monday, April 22, 4:30 p.m.**

Join Mayor Buddy’s Book Club to celebrate the completion of our latest book, win prizes and hear the announcement of our next book club title. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

**A BIG Look at Why**

**Chickasaw Branch**

**Wednesday, April 24, 6 p.m.**

Big kids with big questions get big answers! These interactive activities will explore why things are the way they are.

**Animanga Hero Club**

**Alafaya Branch**

**Thursday, April 25, 6 p.m.**

Be a hero with games, trivia, crafts, prizes and of course discussion of your favorite anime and manga. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

**Help! I’m Endangered!**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Friday, April 26, 3 p.m.**

What do giant pandas, gorillas and Brazilian three-toed sloths have in common? They are all endangered, and many more species are dwindling each day. Find out how as we celebrate Earth Day and all living things on our planet.

**Poetry Grow**

**Winter Garden Branch**

**Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.**

Kids go green and watch as poetry grows in our library garden of fun, rhymes and crafts.

**Ninja Training: Spring Fitness**

**Alafaya Branch**

**Saturday, April 27, 11:30 a.m.**

Have fun and know some basic martial arts techniques and receive a handshake.

**STEM Club**

**Herndon Branch**

**Monday, April 29, 6 p.m.**

**Southwest Branch**

**Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.**

Help your medium. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

**Angel Paws to Read**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Saturday, May 4, 2 p.m.**

Each month we will conduct awesome new experiments and building technology with K’NEX, Snap Circuits, littleBits and so much more!
**TEEN & TWEEN EVENTS**

**Afterschool Adventures with Hero Spark**
Orlando Public Library
Mondays–Thursdays, April 1–30, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
Gaming and homework help collide at the library. Complete your homework with the help of a tutor and then join your peers for an awesome adventure playing Dungeons & Dragons. Recommended for tweens and teens.

**Time Out for Teens**
Southwest Branch
Tuesdays, April 2–30, 5 p.m.
Get together with other teens to talk about school and other issues while participating in fun activities to help you relax, de-stress, learn new life skills and become a better you! Recommended for tweens and teens.

**HAPPY LITTLE TREES**
North Orange Branch
Saturday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.
Grab a brush, mellow out and paint some happy, little trees the Bob Ross way. Remember, there are no mistakes, only happy accidents! Supplies limited. Registration required.

**Battle of the Cupcakes**
South Creek Branch
Saturday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.
Test your cupcake decorating skills and compete against your friends for cupcake glory.

**Community School of Arts Open House**
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, April 6, 2 p.m.
Learn about Hiawassee Branch’s resources, services, classes and the upcoming Art Summer Camp presented in partnership with Women in Arts Inc. and the Community School of Arts. Registration required. For more information, visit womeninthearts.org.

**Word Up!**
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, April 10, 2:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, April 10, 4:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Monday, April 29, 4:30 p.m.
Challenge yourself with anagrams, palindromes, onomatopoeias and more. You will never look at words the same way again!

**DIY Miniature Zen Gardens**
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, April 27, 2:30 p.m.
Construct a Zen garden from rocks and gravel while exploring the art of abstraction.

**Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Celebration**
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, April 24, 4 p.m.
Join Mayor Buddy’s Book Club to celebrate the completion of our latest book, win prizes and hear the announcement of our next book club title.

**Gaming at the Library!**
If you love gaming like we love gaming, come get your game on at the library! Join us for action-packed fun at multiple locations. Visit ocls.info/GamingEvents for dates, times and locations.

**UPCOMING IN MAY**

**Kindergarten Bootcamp**
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Is your child entering kindergarten in Fall 2019? If so, join us for a Kindergarten Bootcamp where you and your child will participate in fun activities that will help them with the social and academic skills needed for school success! Receive free tools and resources to use at home with your child to give them the best possible start on their new journey.

**Tertulia Cuatro Gatos 12th Anniversary**
South Creek Branch
Friday, May 17, 5:30 p.m.
Come experience music, art, and more! This program will be conducted in Spanish.

**North Orange Branch 30th Anniversary**
North Orange Branch
Saturday, May 25, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Celebrate 30 years with us! Thank you for being our customers! Join our festivities with fun events and prizes throughout the day.

**Career Online High School Graduation**
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m.
Three cheers for this year’s graduating class! Come and clap for their resiliency in achieving this important milestone.

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Orlando Public Library
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LOCATIONS

Orlando Public Library
101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Hours: Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.–6 p.m.

Alafaya Branch
12000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32826
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.–6 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Eatonville Branch
200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Edgewater Branch
5049 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32810
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Herndon Branch
4324 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32803
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch
7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32818
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

North Orange Branch
1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.–6 p.m.

South Creek Branch
1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.–6 p.m.

South Trail Branch
4600 S. Orange Blossom Trl, Orlando, FL 32839
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Southeast Branch
5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Southwest Branch
7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL 32819
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Washington Park Branch
5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center
1821 E. Silver Star Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.–6 p.m.

Windermere Branch
530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday Hours:

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CLOSURES

EASTER
The Orange County Library System will be closed Sunday, April 21 in observance of the Easter holiday. The library system will resume normal hours on Monday, April 22.

DÍA DE PASCUA
El sistema de bibliotecas del condado de Orange estará cerrado el domingo, 21 de abril debido a la celebración del día de Pascua. El sistema de bibliotecas abrirá en sus horas regulares el lunes, 22 de abril.

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