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FROM THE DIRECTOR

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ally, people wait until the New Year to unveil their fresh new looks and announce exciting changes. Well, we decided not to wait until January to share our makeovers news.

By December 2, two of our branches will have undergone a refresh—the Southwest and South Trail branches have both received new carpets, painting, and shelving that gives those spaces a more inviting, clean and modern look. Our Southeast Branch is currently closed while we put the finishing touches on a refresh there; the branch reopens on January 7 with a new look. Stop by and let us know what you think!

While we were refreshing our branches, our checkout process got a refresh, too. If you’ve visited our locations recently, you may have noticed our new Fast Lane checkout machines. These new checkout systems give our customers access to a product called the cloudLibrary, which allows you to download an app to your smartphone that you can use to scan and store your library card, then scan titles in your stacks and electronically check them out without staff assistance. Scan your books with your phone, then take them to the Fast Lane checkout stations at the front of each location. Place your selections on the pad, and the security features will be deactivated, making checkout(s) faster and simpler than ever.

CloudLibrary also comes with an Express Collection, which offers you access to a variety of never-before-released titles that can be read or listened to on your smartphone. Titles in the Express Collection can’t be checked out for more than seven days, and cannot be placed on hold, making it easier for more people to have access to popular e-books and audiobooks that check out frequently. There’s no waiting for titles in the Express Collection—if the title is listed, it’s available.

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GIVING THE CITY BEAUTIFUL ITS LITERARY DUE

by Scotie Campbell, Marketing Specialist

This isn’t just content for the sake of content. This is something that the reader feels and finds difficult to forget.

Is choose your own adventure story an accurate description of its style? The first chapter of the book is “choose your own adventure” story. In terms of an experience, it’s meant to be interactive. This isn’t a chapter that you can just passively read. You have to flip around. You have to make choices. And you have to (in many cases) get disappointed by the choices you’ve made.

We think the title is a play on Jay McInerney’s, The Book Bright Lights, Big City, are we right? Definitely. We felt the overall inspiration for the book was the Tom Wolfe style “city novel,” the voice is indebted to McInerney. We wanted to write a book about young men making bad decisions in emulation of the older, more successful men around them. In this sense, I think that the ‘80s book is by Sean Walsh, who created the look for our expression. If we’re not “good” at something, we’re encouraged by a comic I made. Too often, I think we’re discouraged from having fun in the act of creation. It’s not “good” at something, we’re told to stop, and to instead pursue the thing that we’re actually good at.

But I think there’s value in thinking something new, in thinking there’s value in the simple act of play. Why not just have fun, and try a new art form, and not worry about what the world will think?

What role do independent publishing houses like Burrow Press play in the book world? Should people read local authors? I don’t think that there would be a book like Bright Lights, Medium-Sized City, if not for smaller publishers like Burrow Press. I think that Orlando is incredibly fascinating, but at the same time, I don’t know that it’s large, New York-based publishers really share that view of the city. I don’t think that Orlando is a “national literature city,” if not for smaller publishers like Burrow Press. I think that Orlando is incredibly fascinating, but at the same time, I don’t know that it’s large, New York-based publishers really share that view of the city. I don’t know that they consider it a viable setting for serious fiction.

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COMICS FOR NON-ARTISTS

Orlando Public Library
Albertson Room
Monday, December 9, 6:30 p.m.
Explore comics and sequential art as a powerful storytelling form for all skill levels, even if you haven’t drawn a panel since elementary school. Bring a pen and paper for this interactive class.

For the full interview with Nathan Holic, visit ocls.info/blog.
LIBRARY EVENTS
ocls.info/events

The Ghost Society
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Sunday, December 1, 2 p.m.
Share your personal experiences, learn what’s new in the paranormal field and discuss books and shows in a casual atmosphere.

Orlando Public Library Pokémon League
Orlando Public Library
Albertson & Magnolia Room
Sunday, December 1 & 15, 3 p.m.
Battle with the Pokeymon Trading Card Game and more. Trainers of all ages and skill levels welcome.

FREE Yoga Class
South Creek Branch
Monday, December 2–16, 6 p.m.
Roll out your yoga mat and get ready to work your body. Tighten your stomach and strengthen your back with simple but challenging poses. Ages 7 and up are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

Happy Faces
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, December 3–17, 10:15–11:45 a.m.
A fun event for patrons of all ages with physical or intellectual disabilities where everyone can participate in stories and activities.

Crafters’ Corner for Adults
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, December 3, 2:30 p.m.
Whether your hobby, you are welcome to come along and share an afternoon of arts and crafts. All supplies provided.

Self Development Workshop
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Tuesday, December 3, 6–7:30 p.m.
Get together with others in our community who want to improve themselves. Learn to utilize the power of a mastermind to focus on one purpose: growth. Based on the books of Napoleon Hill, considered the godfather of self-help.

Positive Flow
Esteville Branch
Wednesday, December 4–18, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Free after school tutoring for grades K–12.

Plant Clinic
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, December 5, 3–5 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.

DIY Magic Wand Pencils
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, December 5, 6–7:30 p.m.
Calling all teen and adult Harry Potter fans – create your own magic wand pencil. Design a wand that is perfect for the wizard in you.

Handmade Greeting Cards
North Orange Branch
Saturday, December 7, 7–11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Monday, December 9, 4 p.m.
Learn the basic principles of card making using card stock, stamps and more. Supplies are limited. Registration recommended. Ages 18 and up.

Gifts From the Heart: Cookie Jars
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, December 7, 2–3 p.m.
Give a gift from the heart this season and treat someone to a cookie jar. Assemble your cookie jar and decorate a tag. Space is limited. Registration required.

Tea and Conversation
South Creek Branch
Sunday, December 8, 2–4 p.m.
This monthly social is designed to bring adults together. Share food, tea and your stories to share. It is a celebration of everyday life and being in the moment.

Creative Coloring for Adults
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, December 9, 6–8 p.m.
Coloring is 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. Ages 18 and up.

Introduction to Foundation Center Resources
Orlando Public Library, Fourth Floor
Monday, December 9, 8–10:30 a.m.
Use this comprehensive directory to win grants and make a difference.

Couponing 101
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.
Simple Truth Foundation gives tips on couponing strategies that will have you cashing in big.

Trap-Neuter-Return Boot Camp
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 1:30–7:30 p.m.
Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando will teach the basics of humanely trapping community cats.

Gaining Financial Control Of Your Divorce
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.
Before making any financial decisions regarding your divorce, become aware of potential pitfalls and learn the smart questions you should be asking.

Food 101—Preservation Techniques
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Wednesday, December 11, 6–7:30 p.m.
Our Food 101 series introduces you to a new topic every month, examining the historical and social significance of what we eat. Samples limited. Registration required.

Snack and Chat: Auto Insurance 101
North Trail Branch
Saturday, December 14, 2 p.m.
Snack and Chat as we discuss the steps to take if you are involved in a motor vehicle accident.

Altered Books
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Saturday, December 14, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
Bring your creativity and discover the possibilities of altered books. Create an adorable small gift box at this month’s meeting. All materials provided. Recommended for teens and adults.

Florida Licensing on Wheels
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, December 17, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Do you need to update your name or address on your driver license or ID? Florida Licensing on Wheels will be offering all these services and more.

Mnemonic Writing
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.
Shannon Schwartz introduces her method of memorizing physics equations using Mnemonic Writing. This technique changes each mathematical symbol into a word in order to assist with retention.

Creative Watercolors
Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, December 19, 6–8 p.m.
Learn the basics of watercolor painting through the use of watercolor pencils and paint.

The Fund For Global Health
South Creek Branch
Friday, December 20, 3:30 p.m.
Learn about global health issues related to the congressional appropriations process, how to write to your senator and how to promote our shared mission of improved health for all.

Savvy Savers
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, December 21, 1–3 p.m.
Become a savvy saver by sharing coupons and savings tips at this monthly meeting.

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UPCOMING

Money Talks for Women
Orlando Public Library, Maitland Center
Wednesday, January 22, 1–3 p.m.
Discuss what works for achieving financial confidence and share money management best practices across the financial spectrum. This is an eight-week series.
Senior Living
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Senior experts will provide information on different senior living options. Registration recommended. To register, contact Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291 or register online at yourfloridahaven.com.

Storytime for Grownups!
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.
Why should kids have all the fun? Enjoy a story or activity as our talented library storytellers entertain. Ages 18 and up.

Tutorial on Residential Living Options
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, December 19, 12:10 p.m.
Learn to evaluate licenses, amenities and services offered for residential living in Central Florida. This seminar is part of the monthly LIFE Information for Elders series. To register, call 407.836.7446.

MODERN PARENTING

Caregiver Connect: Stay and Play
Fairview Shores Branch
Mondays, December 2–30, 10:45 a.m.
Herndon Branch
Mondays, December 2–30, 11:45 a.m.
Tuesdays, December 3–17, 11:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesdays, December 4–18, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesdays, December 4–18, 11:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesdays, December 4–18, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays, December 6–27, 11:30 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursdays, December 5–26, 11:45 a.m.
Fridays, December 6–27, 11:45 a.m.

Connect with other caregivers to meet and mingle while your little one explores imaginary play with new and old friends.

Family Zumba
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 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 for a fun workout. Recommended for adults and children ages 4–13.

MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

Hunter’s Creek Community Band
South Creek Branch
Sunday, December 1, 2:30 p.m.
Hear live music by our very own Hunter’s Creek Community Band.

MUSIC CLUB
South Creek Branch
Thursday, December 12, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Are you ready to rock? This is a chance for individuals to perform and share in their musical talents.

OCLS ALBUM OF THE MONTH CLUB
WHO’S NEXT BY THE WHO
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.
Fellow music lovers rejoice! OCLS has an Album of the Month Club, and you are invited to join in engaging conversation about some of the greatest records ever pressed. Ages 16 and up.

Who’s next
GENEALOGY

Tracing Scottish Ancestors
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 3, 12:30–2 p.m.
This genealogy research series focuses on researching European ancestors. Whichever country your ancestors are from, come learn about types of documents available and research strategies to utilize.

The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.
This week we will study and discuss Chapters 8–12 in *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* (Second Edition) by Blaine T. Bettinger.

Genetic Genealogy in Practice Weekly Study Group
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, December 5, 11 a.m.
A genetic genealogy study group where you can learn how DNA test results can help to confirm, extend and deepen your genealogical research. Registration required.

UNITED STATES GENEALOGY: OHIO
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12, 11 a.m.
Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in the Buckeye state. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

UNITED STATES GENEALOGY: MISSISSIPPI
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 19, 11 a.m.
Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in the Magnolia state. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED
Alafaya Branch
Monday, December 2–23, 5:30 p.m.
During this four-week event, students will meet once each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.

OCLS x StoryCorps
Orlando Public Library, Second Floor
On Display Through December
Last year, StoryCorps recorded memories told by library customers and staff. In conjunction with Orange County Regional History Center’s *Accidental Historian* exhibit, this display of Thomas Thorspecken sketches and library photos documents that project.

OCLS x StoryCorps Listening Party
Orlando Public Library, Second Floor
Friday, December 6, 7 p.m.
An evening of listening to snippets of the StoryCorps recordings with panel discussions with participants and other storytellers. Presented with the support of WMFE.

CALL FOR ARTISTS:
CELEBRATING THE GENIUS OF WOMEN
2020 ART COMPETITION
Women in the Arts and Orange County Library System invite professional female artists to submit their work to be exhibited during Women’s History Month at the library. Selected art will be featured in the upcoming Annual Celebrating the Genius of Women exhibition at Orlando Public Library in March and April 2020. Finalists will be eligible for up to $2,500 in cash prizes for the top three winners. Apply online at womeninthearts.org/art-competition. For more information, call 407.835.7481.

Orange County Library System has a great service for the pre-naturalized residents of Orange County. With this program, OCLS empowers immigrants who have settled in Central Florida to be fully prepared to pass the U.S. Naturalization Test and thereby become full participants of our citizenry. These programs provide help with citizenship questions, practicing the citizenship interview and offer information about the citizenship process. Please note these programs will serve you best if taken as part of a series; registration for participation is usually for the entire 4 week series. However, you may attend any or all of the program sessions as your schedule allows.

This program is for adult learners, and is available for free to Orange County district resident cardholders, fee cardholders and Orange County Property Owner cardholders. If you do not have a card or have a different type of card, please call 407.835.7481 or stop by any of our locations for more information.
THỊT BÒ BẢY MÓN (BEEF SEVEN WAYS)
Windermere Branch
Thursday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.
Feast like it's the holidays in Vietnam with Ha Roda. Learn about the history and culture of the country and make spring rolls inspired by Thịt Bò Bảy Món. Registration required.

Healing Juices
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.
Jeddah from Grounding Roots will teach the benefits of juicing, learn juicing basics like the best prep methods, juicing process and storage.

Eggnog Cheesecake Dip
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, December 10, 6 p.m.
Chef Karen Ross of Karen’s Creative Cuisines shares how to prepare an eggnog cheesecake dip and a pimento cheese spread.

Coquito
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.
Hernando Branch
Thursday, December 12, 6 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.
Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will demonstrate how to make coquito, a traditional Puerto Rican drink. Space is limited.

Tea Education & Tea Tasting
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.
Tea education for everyone from non-tea drinkers, to those who have drunk tea their whole life. Taste two teas and learn about the history of tea, fun facts and different types of tea.

POLVORONES
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Friday, December 13, 2 p.m.
Give the gift of sweetness this holiday! Chef Cristina will teach you how to make Puerto Rican polvorones, sweet melt-in-your-mouth cookies. Space is limited.

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 Transitions
Get help from beginning to end on your job search ocls.info/databases
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The New Rules of Work
by Alexandra Cavoulacos and Kathryn Minshew
In this definitive playbook to the ever-changing modern workplace, Kathryn Minshew and Alexandra Cavoulacos, the co-founders of popular career website TheMuse.com, show how to play the game by the New Rules.

Switchers
by Dawn Graham
Switchers shows you how to land your dream position. Written by a top career coach, licensed psychologist, former recruiter, and a switcher herself.
LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR ENGLISH SPEAKERS

Basic Spanish
North Orange Branch
Tuesdays, December 3–17, 6:30–8 p.m.
Cheekazaaw Branch
Wednesdays, December 4–18, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, December 4–18, 5–6:30 p.m.
Saturdays, December 7 & 14, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
This workshop is for individuals who speak little to no Spanish.

Let’s Speak Spanish!
South Creek Branch
Thursdays, December 5–19, 4:30 p.m.
Learn basic Spanish concepts including the alphabet and their sounds, days of the week, months, numbers and conjugating verbs.

Speaking Clearly Beginners
Alafaya Branch
Sundays, December 1–29, 4–5:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Tuesdays, December 3–17, 7:30 p.m.
A pronunciation class for beginners designed to introduce learners to the basics of the sounds of English.

English Conversation Hour
Orlando Public Library, Fourth Floor
Sundays, December 1–15, 4–5:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Mondays, December 2–23, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, December 3 & 10, 12:45 p.m.
Thursdays, December 5–19, 6:30–8:15 p.m.
While these classes are designed for beginning English learners, each workshop has a specific topic.

Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 3:30 p.m.
This grammar and writing course focusing on grammar and vocabulary for comprehension and vocabulary development.

Improve Your English Reading Workshop
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesdays, December 4–11, 6–8 p.m.
Reading Clearly Intermediate explores English grammar and vocabulary for comprehension and vocabulary development.

Reading Clearly for Beginners
South Creek Branch
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Explore English grammar and vocabulary for comprehension and vocabulary development.

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West Oaks Branch
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A grammar and writing course focusing on grammar and complex ideas, including sentence structures, phrasing and vocabulary building.

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Speaking Clearly Beginners
Alafaya Branch
Sundays, December 1–29, 4–5:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Tuesdays, December 3–17, 7:30 p.m.
A pronunciation class for beginners designed to introduce learners to the basics of the sounds of English.

English Conversation Hour
Orlando Public Library, Fourth Floor
Sundays, December 1–15, 4–5:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Mondays, December 2–23, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, December 3 & 10, 12:45 p.m.
Thursdays, December 5–19, 6:30–8:15 p.m.
While these classes are designed for beginning English learners, each workshop has a specific topic.

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BOOK CLUBS  ocls.info/bookclubs

The library offers several monthly book clubs around the county. Whether you are looking to make new friends and connect with other readers or wanting to establish a regular reading habit, our book clubs are a great place to start.

**Local Author Festival**
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, December 15, 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.

**Choosing a Publishing Path**
South Creek Branch
Thursday, December 19, 7 p.m.
Hybrid author Sarah Nicolas, aka Asia Kane, will present the different book publishing paths available and openly discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each.

**Common Editing Mistakes**
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.
Taylor Smoinds will share her audiovisual outlining technique, showing you how to plot by creating a mood board for each scene with a corresponding instrumental score.

**USING MUSIC TO INSPIRE YOUR WRITING**
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.
Taylor Smoinds will discuss the most common fiction editing mistakes and how to avoid them. She'll provide tips and tricks for getting the most out of your self-editing.

**Writing Wednesday**
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 7-8:30 p.m.
Structured writing time and light refreshments in our Southwest Branch's reading area. Writers of all types and levels are encouraged to attend.

**Local Author Festival**
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Sunday, December 8, 4 p.m.
Scribes of all genres and experience are welcome to join fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

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HOLIDAY FIBER ARTS
Sew, knit and crochet your own holiday decorations and gifts. From unique gift bags to the perfect party dress there’s something for every occasion this holiday season. Register online at ocls.info/fiberarts.

**Sewing: Misses’ and Women’s Dresses**
Orlando Public Library
Monday–Friday, December 2–6, 10 a.m.–Noon
Get ready for holiday party season with a lovely dress. Learn to create stylish looks with princess seams. Students are required to bring fabric and notions.

**Let’s Knit Gift Card Holders**
Southwest Branch
Mondays, December 2 & 9, 10 a.m.–Noon
Create knitted gift card holders while learning how to create cables in knitting.

**Sewing: Holiday Stockings**
Orlando Public Library
Sunday, December 2, 2–4 p.m.
Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.–Noon
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Use a simple pattern to create a custom stocking. Learn basic lining and cuff sewing techniques. Students are required to bring fabric.

**Sewing: Gift Bags for Every Occasion**
Orlando Public Library, Sewing Studio
Wednesday, December 4, 2–4 p.m.
Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m.–Noon
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, December 7, 2–4 p.m.
Impress that special someone in your life by wrapping their gift in a handmade gift bag. These gift bags can be made for any occasion. They are fast and easy to make and each one is unique.

**Let’s Crochet Granny Squares – December**
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, December 7, 4–6 p.m.
Crochet a classic granny square. Work in the round and use increase stitches to make a square.

**Let’s Crochet Mini Holiday Stockings**
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, December 12, 6:30–7:45 p.m.
Practice counting stitches and creating single and double crochets in this unique project.

**Let’s Crochet Candy Cane Ornaments**
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, December 6, 6:30–7:45 p.m.
Sunday, December 13, 2–3:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 10, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 1:30–7 p.m.
Create timeless mini crocheting ornaments: for decorations or gifts. Practice counting stitches and creating single and double crochets in this unique project.

**Let’s Knit Tiny Tree Ornaments**
Orlando Public Library
Sundays, December 15 & 22, 4–5:30 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, December 16 & 23, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday & Wednesday, December 17 & 18, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, December 21, 3–4:45 p.m.
Create cute candy cane ornaments for decorations or gifts. Practice counting stitches and creating double crochets in this project.

**Let’s Crochet Mini Stocking Ornaments**
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, December 21, 2–3 p.m.
Create sweet tiny tree ornaments decorated with stripes, beads and buttons. Practice garter and stockinette stitch while learning to seam and attach buttons and beads.

**Let’s Crochet Mini Holiday Stockings**
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, December 17, 2–3 p.m.
Friday, December 20, 2–3:30 p.m.
Create fun mini holiday stockings that make great gifts. If you can crochet a granny square then you’re all set to learn this quick project.

**Let’s Crochet Mini Holiday Wreaths**
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 6–8 p.m.
Learn how to crochet mini holiday wreaths. Previous crochet experience recommended.

**Hang Handmade Ornaments**
Add handmade flair to your holiday decorations this season. Craft: crochet and knit sweet ornaments for decor or gifting.

**Music in the Library: Hungrytown**
Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.
Rockinghorse Branch
Sunday, December 22, 2–3 p.m.
Walden Branch
Enjoy some fun and festive holiday songs performed by the Central Florida Accordion Club. To learn more, visit cfaccordionclub.com

**Calligraphy for the Holidays**
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Monday, December 16, 4–5:30 p.m.
Create gift tags and place cards, embellish holiday decorations, and get help addressing envelopes for the holiday season. Feel free to bring your favorite calligraphy pens. Ages 18 and up.

**Cuisine Corner: Stressless Holiday Entertaining**
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.
Chef Warren teaches you to enjoy the holidays without spending all of your time in the kitchen. Get great ideas for appetizers and the main course. Registration required.

**Let’s Crochet Scandinavian Fabric Stars**
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 2–3:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.
Turn your scrap fabric into beautifully intricate Scandinavian fabric stars. Learn how to iron and fold fabric into an eight-pointed star for decoration or gifts. No sewing required.

**Let’s Crochet Holiday Wreaths**
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 6–8 p.m.
Learn how to crochet mini holiday wreaths. Previous crochet experience recommended.

**HOLIDAY SEWING PARTY**
Celebrate your year of sewing with us! Wear and share your sewing projects while mingling with other sewing enthusiasts.

**END OF THE YEAR SEWING PARTY**
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, December 17, 4–6:30 p.m.
Celebrate your year of sewing with us! Wear and share your sewing projects while mingling with other sewing enthusiasts.
CREATE AN ELECTRONIC GINGERBREAD HOUSE
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, December 14 & 21, 1–3 p.m.
Tuesday, December 17, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Light up your table with this playful model house. Learn electronics and RGB lighting while assembling your unique creation. Electronics and frame will be provided. Students are encouraged to bring additional decorative elements such as buttons, yarn, rhinestones or plastic candies. Materials fee: $15.

CREATE A LASER ENGRAVED LIGHTED ACRYLIC SIGN
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Friday, December 6 & 12, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 17, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Celebrate your interests or make a unique gift for someone. Learn about electronics and laser engraving. Design it, learn about laser engraving and build it. Materials fee: $5.

CREATE A LASER ENGRAVED CUTTING BOARD
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Thursday, December 5 & 8, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Are you ready to entertain or need a unique gift? Create a simple and easy custom laser engraved cutting board you design yourself. Materials fee: $5.

NEW! THE 12 PRINCIPLES OF ANIMATION IN 3D
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Friday, December 13, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, December 17, 3 p.m.
Explore the 12 principles of animation and the influence they have had on 3D animation tools. Apply the principles using the Graph Editor in Maya to create an effective animation.

2020 MELROSE AWARDS SUBMISSION DEADLINE
The deadline to enter the 2020 Melrose Awards is December 9. If you’ve created a project this year in the Melrose Center, you can win cash prize! For information, visit ocls.info/melroseawards.

WHAT’S NEW?
**BOOKS IN THE DISNEY COLLECTION**

- **Designing Disney’s Theme Parks:** The Architecture of Renaissance by Carol Ann Marling. A roster of authors from a wide range of disciplines look at the parks from their historic forebears to their influence on urban planning.

- **Walt Disney’s Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs:** Adapted from Grimm’s fairy tales illustrated with original drawings based on the Walt Disney motion picture, this is the 50th Anniversary Edition of the 1937 book.

- **Marc Davis in His Own Words:** Imagining the Disney Theme Parks (Volumes 1 & 2) by Pete Doctor & Christopher Merritt. Marc Davis was one of Disney’s “Nine Old Men” and an core animators of Disney animated films, who later became a designer of rides at Disneyland and Walt Disney World. A recent addition to the collection.

- **They Drew as They Pleased:** The Hidden Art of Disney’s Golden Age, the 1930s by Didier Ghez. Showcases four early pioneer Disney animators and features artwork developed by them for the Disney shorts from the 1930s.

- **Ink & Paint:** The Women of Walt Disney’s Animation by Mindy Johnson. Meet the pioneering women who brought hand-rendered animated stories to life during the golden age of animation.

- **The Walt Disney Film Archives:** The Animated Movies 1921–1968 by David Gerstein. This is a lavishly illustrated history of Disney animation, featuring hundreds of original production drawings.

- **The Architecture of Reassurance:** Disney Inspired Urban Planning by Thomas Schuenke. A history of the Disney parks from their historic forebears to their influence on urban planning.

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- **Walt Disney’s Mickey Mouse:** The Ultimate History by Daniel Kothenschulte. With unlimited access to Disney’s vast historical collection as well as public and private collections, the authors bring Mickey’s success story to life through concept and story sketches, background paintings and animation drawings as well as historical photographs.

- **Disney's Silhouettes** by Alafaya Branch. Disney Silhouettes Alafaya Branch. Wednesday, December 4, 4:30 p.m. Make silhouette paintings of your favorite Disney characters. Recommended for lower and upper elementary. Registration required.

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- **Bibbidi Bobbidi Bubble Playtime** by Alafaya Branch. Wednesday, December 4, 10:15 & 10:45 a.m. Help your child with their motor development skills in this interactive bubble class. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

- **What’s Kids Music Lab:** Disney Song Maker by Alafaya Branch. Saturday, December 7, 10:30 a.m. Create Disney-themed beats and melodies with the color-coded Chrome Experiments: Music Lab. Ages 10–12.

- **Frozen Sing-Along Celebration!** Alafaya Branch. Saturday, December 7, 11:30 a.m. Celebrate the release of Frozen 2 with fun activities based on the Frozen series.
**EARLY LEARNING** ocls.info/earlylearning

**BABY**

**Tummy Time Sensory Play**
Eatonville Branch
Monday, December 2, 11 a.m.
Interact with your little one as they play in their surroundings, stimulate their senses and become little expediters. This class requires adult participation and floor blankets are encouraged.

**Sing-A-Long with Friends**
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, December 3, 10:15 a.m.
A brief sing-a-long to familiar songs for you and your baby or toddler.

**Mother Goose on the Loose**
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.
Use rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more interact together to help develop important pre-literacy skills in our little ones.

**Baby’s First Ornament**
Alafaya Branch
Monday, December 9, 11 a.m.
Share your love for our forever friends with a craft. Push puppets are welcome.

**Bubble Playtime**
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, December 5, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, December 13, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, December 23, 10 a.m.
Help your child with their motor-development skills in this interactive bubble class. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

**Play with Me**
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, December 5, 11 a.m.
Little ones are invited to bring their favorite person to this special event. Read, sing, craft and come dressed for a mess with your extraordinary caregivers.

**Llama Pajamas**
Orlando Public Library
Friday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.
Rise and shine it's pajama party time. Dress in your favorite PJs for a Llama Llama Red Pajama inspired good time with stories and activities. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

**Baby’s First Art**
Herndon Branch
Monday, December 16, 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.

**Baby Bookworms**
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.
Introduce your baby to important literacy practices that encourage learning and developmental growth.

**Baby Bath**
Herndon Branch
Monday, December 23, 11 a.m.
Bring your baby to sing, play and work on developing motor skills.

**Baby’s First Galaxy Art**
Herndon Branch
Monday, December 30, 11 a.m.
Dress for a mess. Your baby will use edible paint to create their first interstellar masterpiece.

**Parachute Play**
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, December 16, 10:30 a.m.
A special playtime for toddlers with rhymes, songs and tons of parachute fun.

**Sharing Station**
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, December 16, 11 a.m.
An exciting pajama party just for your little ones with stories, games and crafts. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

**Teddy Bear Parade**
Orlando Public Library
Monday, December 16, 11 a.m.
You can create art from anything, anyway – all you need is your imagination. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

**Who Hoots?**
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, December 17, 10:30 a.m.
Calling all little yogis and wigglers! This special movement storytime focuses on motor development and is filled with stories, songs and fun. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

**STEAM Playground**
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, December 17, 10:30 a.m.
Explore the winter season with stories, crafts and songs.

**Literacy & Locomotion**
Southwest Branch
Friday, December 27, 10:30 a.m.
Explore a winter wonderland through a story and hands-on activities to warm up your little fingers.

**Party in Your PJs**
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, December 16, 11 a.m.
You and your favorites can have a party in your PJs.

**Playground**
Southwest Branch
Saturday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.
A special playtime for toddlers with rhymes, songs and tons of parachute fun. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

**Baby Bash**
Herndon Branch
Monday, December 2, 11 a.m.
Little ones are encouraged to bring their favorite teddy for songs, stories, crafts and, of course, a teddy bear parade.

**Who’s Reading What?**
North Orange Branch
Monday, December 9, 11 a.m.
You can create art from anything, anyway – all you need is your imagination. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

**Busy Builders**
Herndon Branch
Saturday, December 21, 11 a.m.
Fun independent play and building activities. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

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Little Chef: Teddy Bear Toast
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 11 a.m.
Enjoy mexican inspired dish. Registration required.
Little Chef: Mexican Burritos
North Orange Branch
Monday, December 2, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about hispanic foods while you mash, spread and roll a delicioso Mexican inspired dish. Registration required.
Little Chef: Bean Burritos
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.
Every month we learn and explore with our favorite characters. Design your own bean burrito.
Little Chef: Winter Cake in a Jar
North Orange Branch
Monday, December 30, 11 a.m.
Learn about what makes snow and get your hands messy as we combine ingredients to build a snowman.
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Chickasaw Branch
Friday, December 6, 11 a.m.
Enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. An interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either language. The whos family is welcome.
Happy Hour
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, December 17, 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy stories, crafts and activities all about buttons.
Library Pop-Up Lake Nona: Yehaa Bob!
Valencia College, Lake Nona Campus. 12550 Narcoossee Rd.
Saturday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.
Join us for stories, crafts and activities all about buttons.
Decide and Learn in the Magical School for young witches and wizards.
Get your hands messy as we combine ingredients to build a snowman.
It’s cold outside. Be sure to button up before coming to the library. Join us for stories, crafts and activities all about buttons.
If you mash, spread and roll a delicioso Mexican inspired dish. Registration required.
Get ready for winter with fun stories, activities and crafts starring our favorite cold weather friends.
Come out and sing along, clap along and laugh along with one of America’s funnest entertainers, Yehaa Bob.
Calling all preschoolers to freely craft featuring some icy friends.
Little Picasso
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.
Join us for fun and games with an exciting winter treat in a jar. Layer festive cake, sweet frosting and colorful sprinkles to make a delicious gift.
Storybook Fun
Alafaya Branch: 10:45 & 11:45 a.m.
Storytime and Craft
North Orange Branch: 10:45 a.m.
Storytime and Craft
South Trail Branch: 10:45 & 11:45 a.m.
Storytime and Craft
Windermere Branch: 10:45 & 11:45 a.m.
Storytime and Craft
Orlando Public Library: 10:30 a.m.
It’s cold out there! Warm up with stories, math, science, activities and a craft featuring some icy friends.
Little Chef: Teddy Bear Toast
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.
Learn to make teddy bear toast for a healthy breakfast or snack. Caregiver participation is required. Registration required.
Can You See What I See?
North Orange Branch
Thursday, December 11, 11 a.m.
Is it a duck or a rabbit? It depends on how you look at it. Play with what you see with stories, games and crafts.
Learn to make teddy bear toast for a healthy breakfast or snack. Caregiver participation is required. Registration required.
Babushka’s Books
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.
Grab your wands and catch the Howler Wolf for fun and games with an exciting Yehaa Bob! Come out and sing along, clap along and laugh along with one of America’s funnest entertainers, Yehaa Bob.
Calling all preschoolers to freely craft featuring some icy friends.
Storytime and Craft
North Orange Branch: 10:45 a.m.
Storytime and Craft
South Trail Branch: 10:45 & 11:45 a.m.
Storytime and Craft
Windermere Branch: 10:45 & 11:45 a.m.
Storytime and Craft
Orlando Public Library: 10:30 a.m.
It’s cold out there! Warm up with stories, math, science, activities and a craft featuring some icy friends.
Little Chef: Teddy Bear Toast
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.
Learn to make teddy bear toast for a healthy breakfast or snack. Caregiver participation is required. Registration required.
Can You See What I See?
North Orange Branch
Thursday, December 11, 11 a.m.
Is it a duck or a rabbit? It depends on how you look at it. Play with what you see with stories, games and crafts.
Family Yoga
Winter Garden Branch
Mondays, December 2–23, 10:30 a.m.
Family yoga geared towards preschoolers, school-age children and their caregivers. Mats will be available.

Kids Yoga
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 3, 11 a.m.
Yoga helps to develop focus and concentration, practice good posture, clear the mind and strengthen the mind-body connection.

Holiday DIY Crafts
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, December 3, 6 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 4 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, December 5, 3:30 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, December 12, 4 p.m.

Jumbo Family Game Night
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 4:30 p.m.

Kingdom of Board-om
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.

ArtMazing
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, December 28, 2:30 p.m.
Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this monthly all ages event.

Cocoa and Construction
South Trail Branch
Monday, December 9, 4:30 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Monday, December 23, 1 p.m.

It Doesn’t Snow in Florida
Fairview Shores Branch
Monday, December 23, 10:30 a.m.

Gingerbread Build-Off
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, December 14, 1:30 p.m.

Holiday Friendship Bracelets & Keychains
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 10, 5 p.m.

Frugal Feasts
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 5 p.m.

Apple Cider & Crafts
Fairview Shores Branch
Monday, December 30, 1 p.m.

Cocoa and Construction
South Trail Branch
Monday, December 9, 4:30 p.m.

It Doesn’t Snow in Florida
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Winter Festival
Hiawassee Branch
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Holiday Friendship Bracelets & Keychains
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 10, 5 p.m.

Frugal Feasts
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 5 p.m.
Food Discovery
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 p.m.
Explore the various holiday traditions from around the world with Food Discovery. Supplies are limited. Registration required.

Fantastic Beaks
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 3, 5 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursday, December 5, 3:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.
Washington Park Branch
Monday, December 23, 2:30 p.m.
All birds have beaks. Find out why there are different kinds of beaks and how birds use them to eat, hunt and gather food.

First Year Potion Class
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 3:30 p.m.
Calling all First Year Wizards. It's time to practice your potion making skills. Create your own chocolate wand and magic potion. Space is limited. Registration required.

The REP Readers Featuring Miracle in Bedford Falls
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 21, 2 p.m.
Discover theater in a whole new way through this unique, interactive workshop. Participants will receive a voucher to attend an upcoming performance of Miracle in Bedford Falls at Orlando Repertory Theatre.

Library Pop-Up: Horizon West Waterlegh Community Clubhouse
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop
Thursday, December 5, 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy a storytime and craft program filled with fun for the whole family right in your own neighborhood 12/5: Storytime and Craft
12/14: Outer Space with DuDad’s Lab
12/28: Storytime & Craft

Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Discussion Group
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.
Mayor Buddy’s Book Club is a weekly discussion group where you can meet other book club members, share experiences, and have fun. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

Tissue Paper Monet
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, December 5, 5 p.m.
Learn about famous artist Claude Monet and make a tissue paper painting to take home.

Wizarding Crafts
Winter Garden Branch
Friday, December 6, 3:30 p.m.
Create your own wizarding wand, house bracelet and other Harry Potter inspired crafts. Recommended for lower elementary, upper elementary and tweens. Registration required.

Icy Science
Fairview Shores Branch
Monday, December 2, 4 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Thursday, December 5, 4:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, December 6, 3:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Monday, December 16, 4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 18, 2:15 p.m.
Hernndon Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 4:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, December 26, 11 a.m.
Combines ice, cold and fun for experiments that will make your teeth chatter.

Wishing for Winter
South Trail Branch
Monday, December 2, 4 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 4 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.
Hernndon Branch
Friday, December 20, 2 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, December 28, 2, 3, and 4 p.m.
Celebrate the season with cool activities.

Game Day
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, December 17, 4 p.m.
Play a wide selection of games from Dance Dance Revolution, chess, Battle Sheep, Castle Panic and more.

Marshmallow Games
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 3:30 p.m.
On your mark, get set... GO! Learn about marshmallows and compete in a variety of games featuring this ooey, gooey sweet treat.

Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Celebration
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 11, 4 p.m.
Celebrate the completion of our latest book. Win prizes and be there for the announcement of our next book club title.

Wi Love Gaming
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, December 13, 3:30 p.m.
If you love gaming like we love gaming, come get your game on at the library. Join us for action-packed fun with the Nintendo Wii and more.

Angels Paws to Read
North Orange Branch
Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, December 28, 11:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, December 28, 11:30 a.m.
Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a lovable, furry listener. Be An Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry presents this reading program for children featuring certified therapy dogs.

Cookie Decorating
Washington Park Branch
Friday, December 9, 3:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, December 20, 3 p.m.
Hernndon Branch
Saturday, December 21, 3:30 p.m.
Frosting, sprinkles, candy and cookies...what more could you want? Stop in and express your creativity by decorating a sugary treat. Then enjoy the best part of all, eating it.

Winter Wonderland
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 17, 5 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 4 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursday, December 19, 3:30 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Saturday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, December 28, 2, 3, and 4 p.m.
Even though it’s not very cold, it really is winter! These winter-themed stories and crafts will get you into the spirit of colder weather.
Southwest Homeschool Club, Jr.
Southwest Branch
Monday, December 16, 1 p.m.
Support your homeschool curriculum with hands-on learning in the areas of science, math, history, art and literature. Recommended for lower elementary.

Jane Austen For Kids
Orlando Public Library
Monday, December 16, 3:15 p.m.
Celebrate one of the world’s most famous authors with a tea party, games and crafts.

Maker Monday
Alafaya Branch
Monday, December 16, 4:30 p.m.
Discover the maker in you as we complete challenges, STEM projects and experiments. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens. Registration required.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Grinch Cupcakes
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, December 19, 3:15 p.m.
Celebrate the season Grinch-style! Get creative transforming a plain cupcake into one that Cindy Lou Who would totally approve. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

Cookies and Milk with a Cop!
North Orange Branch
Saturday, December 21, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Friday, December 27, 10:30 a.m.
Come meet a local police officer, enjoy a story and, of course, cookies and milk.

Read to Sydney
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, December 26, 11:45 a.m.
Read to Sydney is a local therapy dog organization that encourages children to practice their reading skills with an attentive furry listener. All ages are welcome to join Thom and his dog Toby.

Do You Want to Build a Snowman?
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 28, 11:30 a.m.
Make various types of snowmen, from clay, to paper, to felt!

Construction Toys for Kids
Herndon Branch
Saturday, December 28, 2 p.m.
Learn the basics of building and learning with Snap Circuits, K’NEX and Magformers.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Pizza Roll Ups
South Trail Branch
Monday, December 30, 4:30 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.

Waterless Snow Globes
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, December 3, 3:15 p.m.
Create a mini winter wonderland in a jar to keep or give as a gift. Supplies limited. Registration required.

Teen Art Adventures: Paint Chip Art
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, December 7, 2 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, December 10, 3:30 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Thursday, December 12, 4 p.m.
Hawassee Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 4–7 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, December 19, 4–6 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, December 26, 2 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, December 26, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Have a little cocoa, watch a little movie and make a little craft. Test your doodling skills for a creative cup of cocoa.

Escaping Winter Madness
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, December 17, 3:15 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Thursday, December 19, 4 p.m.

Does the winter break have you cooped up and going a little stir crazy? Avoid the madness with crafts, an escape room and possibly a yeti or two.

Will It Waffle?
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, December 17, 3:15 p.m.
Using a waffle maker and a few ingredients, we will attempt to answer the question: will it waffle? Of course batter will, but what about chocolate chip cookie dough or cinnamon rolls?

Minute to Win It: Winter Edition
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, December 17, 4:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, December 20, 3:30 p.m.

It’s time to chill. Put your best to the test with our winter-themed challenges.

Animanga Hero Club
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, December 26, 6:30–8 p.m.
Be a hero with games, trivia, crafts, prizes and of course discussion of your favorite anime and manga.
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101 E. CENTRAL BLVD. ORLANDO, FL 32801

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ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY 9 A.M.–6 P.M.
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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.

EATONTOWN BRANCH
200 E. KENNEDY BLVD., EATONTOWN, FL 32751
HOURS: MONDAY–THURSDAY 10 A.M.–8 P.M.
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10 A.M.–5 P.M.

FAIRVIEW SHORES BRANCH
902 LEELA ROAD, SUITE 26, 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
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10 A.M.–5 P.M.

HIWASSEE 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
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10 A.M.–5 P.M.
SUNDAY 1 P.M.–6 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.

WINDEMORE BRANCH
530 MAIN ST., WINDEMORE, 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
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