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Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 19, Noon

GIFTS & GREETINGS
Orlando Public Library
407.835.7494

Monday–Thursday: 11 a.m.–2 p.m. & 4–7 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
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Sunday: 1:30–4:30 p.m.

BOOKSTORE
Orlando Public Library
407.835.7495

Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
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What’s in the Vault?
Your library card is your ticket to bringing thousands of movie and TV titles home for free. We’ve got the most popular titles, from drama to comedy to action and even an extensive foreign film collection.

Save your money for popcorn and candy and check out the DVDs available at the Library. We’ll even deliver them right to your door!

For more information, visit ocls.info/library-vault.
FROM THE DIRECTOR

Last month I received a phone call that made my day. Mr. Ken Melrose, the man whose Melrose Family Foundation provided the original funding that made the Orange County Library System’s Melrose Center possible, called to tell me that he will be donating another $500,000 to fund an endowment for the center’s ongoing work.

For those of you who don’t know the story, the Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation and Creativity was founded in 2014 after Mr. Melrose made a million-dollar donation to the library so we could build a high-tech center that would give the public access to an exciting new technology-education space. Today, the Melrose Center is a place of great possibility. People can use the space to collaborate with others, or take a class to learn to use the latest in design software. Melrose Center users have access to fully-equipped audio, photo and video studios, podcasting booths and editing bays. They can use our Fab Lab to stay on top of advances in 3D printing, virtual and augmented reality, electronics, programming and more. Through classes and hands-on learning opportunities, the Melrose Center puts people in touch with the technologies that shape the world we live in. Mr. Melrose made the donation that founded the center in the memory of his mother, Dorothy Melrose, a former Orange County Public Schools teacher who had an interest in technology education. We think we’ve created a space she’d be very proud of.

We are so grateful to Mr. Melrose for his continued support of the work we do, and we plan to thank him the best way we know how—by continuing to give our customers access to cutting edge technology and library service through our Melrose Center offerings.

If you’re interested in seeing the kinds of things that the Melrose Center has to offer, turn to pages 22 and 23. This month, we’ll have classes in making green-screen videos, photography and how to use our maker space for some fun DIY holiday projects. Later in the month, public voting begins for the Melrose Awards, which recognizes some of the best work made using Melrose Center resources. You can vote for your favorite projects in digital media design, photography, video and audio until the end of the month.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Consider making a donation to the Friends of the Orange County Library System as part of your year-end giving. The Friends help the library enhance the programs and services we offer to our community. With your gift, you can help support STEM classes for children, adult education programs, our Summer Reading Program and more.

Make your contribution online at ocls.info/give or mail your gift to:

FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
Attn: Community Relations Department
101 E. Central Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32801
Florida Revealed: The Art of JJ Dennis
Southwest Branch
On Display Through December
The photographs and mixed media pieces in this exhibit show the many different aspects of our intriguing and often underappreciated state. JJ Dennis is a local freelance writer and artist specializing in mixed media art, altered books and digital photography/manipulation. For more information, visit jjdennis13.blogspot.com.

Meet the Artist: JJ Dennis
Southwest Branch
Saturday, December 8, 1:30–3 p.m.
Meet JJ Dennis as she discusses Florida Revealed. Dennis will also demonstrate techniques used to make a small book. Light refreshments will be served.

Life is 3D
Orlando Public Library, Second Floor Traveling Exhibit Space
On Display Through February
Explore a selection of stereoscopic images printed on archival materials and viewable with traditional red/blue 3D glasses. For more information about this exhibit, visit lifeis3d.com.

Call for Artists: Celebrating the Genius of Women 2019 Art Competition
Women in the Arts Inc. and the Orange County Library System invite professional female artists to submit their work to be exhibited during Women's History Month at the library. Finalists will be chosen from the entries submitted. Selected art will be featured in the upcoming Annual Celebrating the Genius of Women exhibition at the Orlando Public Library in March and April 2019. Finalists will be eligible for up to $2,000 in cash prizes and gallery representation at Baterbys Art Gallery for the top three winners. Apply online at womeninthearts.org/art-competition. For more information, call 407.835.7481.

JINGLE BOARDS
Orlando Public Library, First and Third Floors
On Display Through December
Celebrate the art of skateboarding with Jingle Boards, a holiday themed visual exhibition featuring sculptures, photography and skateboard decks from over twenty local artists. Brought to you by Boarded Up, The Art of Skateboarding, Getaboard Foundation and TrezMark Art.

Third Thursday Gallery Hop: Jingle Boards Closing Reception
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Thursday, December 20, 6–7:30 p.m.
Meet and interact with the featured artists of the Jingle Boards exhibit during the Downtown Arts District's Third Thursday Gallery Hop.

NINA SWOPE
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, December 9, 2 p.m.
Hear holiday standards and classical selections performed by this professional acoustic and electric violinist. Hailing from Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, Swope and her family immigrated to America in 1992, shortly after the collapse of the U.S.S.R. She has collaborated with Sofia Carson, OneRepublic, STYX, Bernadette Peters and Ramin Djawadi, and has been featured by ClassicFM, Yamaha Music USA, Yamaha Music EUROPE and other industry organizations. To learn more, visit ninaviolinist.com.

Looking for the Perfect Holiday Gift? Check out Gifts & Greetings to find creative and affordable bookish gifts for everyone on your list.

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ART ocsl.info/artdisplay

Music in the Library ocsl.info/mil

Sean Gaskell Features the West African Kora
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, December 2, 2 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesday, December 4, Noon
This performance, featuring an ancient 21-stringed harp called a kora, will showcase traditional songs in addition to Gaskell’s own compositions. Gaskell, who has performed on this instrument in shows across the U.S., The Gambia and Senegal, studied the kora under the instruction of Gambian musicians Malamini Jobateh and Moriba Kuyateh.

Cocoa Peppermint Sugar Cookie
Gifts & Greetings
cocopeppermint.com

Skip the Mall, Shop Local
OCALS PUBLIC LIBRARY, 101 E. CENTRAL BLVD., ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801

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Altered Books

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, December 1, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Scrapbook journal, cookbook, planner? Bring your creativity and explore all the possibilities of altered books. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring any embellishments, recipes or photos to personalize your creation. Recommended for teens and adults.

Orlando Public Library

Pokémon League

Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Sundays, December 2 & 16, 3 p.m.

Calling all trainers – join the official Orlando Public Library Pokémon League! Battle with the Pokémon Trading Card Game, Pokémon video games, and even Pokékén Tournament! Earn cool prizes, meet other trainers and have fun.

Tai Chi for Health

Southwest Branch Library
Wednesday, December 5, 11 a.m.

Introduce yourself to Tai Chi principles of movement. Presented by Jon Malone, Tai Chi master instructor. Malone teaches Tai Chi and Qigong at the Theatre South Playhouse and the Orlando Health UF Health Cancer Center. No prior Tai Chi experience needed. Wear comfortable clothing and flat shoes, no sandals.

In the Spotlight

BASIC BIKE REPAIR

South Tail Branch
Saturday, December 8, 11 a.m.

Get tips on how to fix a broken chain, flat tire and more! Learn basic bicycle repair for a safer and smoother ride! This event is presented in partnership with Kinsey Square and Cycle and Sprouts. Cycles and Sprouts is a community-based agriculture and bicycle repair program in Holden Heights that seeks to improve overall community health and wellness and create on-ramps to economic opportunity.

Creative Coloring

Hiawassee Branch
Monday, December 10, 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, Learning Central
Wednesday, December 12, 3–5 p.m.

Learn about the Foundation Center’s online resources such as GrantSpace.org, Foundation Grants to Individuals, Foundation Directory Online and how you can use these sources of grant information. Registration required. To register, call 407.835.7323 or visit ocls.info.

Craft Club

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, December 12, 7 p.m.

Craft Club offers the opportunity for you to create on-ramps to economic opportunity.

Creative Watercolors

Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, December 13, 6–8 p.m.

Join us as you learn the basics of watercolor painting through the use of watercolor pens and paint.

An Introduction to Spices of India

West Oaks Branch
Sunday, December 16, 2 p.m.

Almost all Indian cuisine includes a spice or two that delivers a flavorful and robust taste. We will introduce you to some of the most popular Indian herbs and spices and share which are used in different Indian dishes. Learn what a masala dabba is and how it is used, as well as how Indian spices are used as home remedies.

An Introduction to Spices of India

Winter Garden Branch
Monday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.

Do you like to be creative? Make your own Sharpie mug in this adult crafting event. All materials will be provided. Registration required.

Food 101: Chile Peppers

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, December 19, 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 chile peppers and how they’re consumed around the world. Samples limited, registration required.
Explore and learn English in a classroom with an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) instructor or practice independently at one of our Open Language Labs. Visit ocls.info/ESOL to view workshop dates, locations and times.

Do you speak English and would you like to learn a second or third language? Visit ocls.info/language for classes, book recommendations and online resources.

NEW!
ENGLISH CLASSES FOR FAMILIES
Chickasaw Branch
Mondays & Tuesdays, January 8–March 12, 6–8 p.m.
Saturdays, January 12–March 16, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
This 10-week series is designed to develop English skills for the whole family. Bilingual teachers will help parents and children work on their language skills and provide strategies to address challenges they may face at work or school. Snacks will be provided. Sponsored in part by the Florida Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Please be prepared to attend all class sessions.

Open Language Lab Including ESOL
Various Locations
Explore and learn English or another language of your choice via computer-based learning in an Open Language Lab. Choose from ELLIS, Pronunciator, Mango Languages or Rocket Languages.

Practice Makes Perfect
Various Locations
Each week an Adult Literacy League certified instructor helps you build your confidence. This program is presented through partnerships between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League Inc.

Speaking Clearly and Writing Clearly: Beginner and Intermediate
Southeast Branch & South Creek Branch
This ESOL series focuses on listening comprehension, pronunciation, spoken, grammar and written English.

English from Zero
Alalaya Branch, Southeast Branch, South Trail Branch, Chickasaw Branch, Hiawassee Branch, Southwest Branch, Windermere Branch, North Orange & Washington Park Branch
ESOL workshops, vocabulary and basic grammar for English learners with no English language skills.

English Conversation Hour
Southeast Branch, South Creek Branch, Washington Park Branch, Chickasaw Branch & Winter Garden Branch
Practice your English speaking skills and chat with us in a casual setting.

Improve Your English
Reading Workshop
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesdays, December 5–26, 6–8 p.m.
Improve your English conversational skills, vocabulary, pronunciation and comprehension by reading a book. This workshop is presented through a partnership between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League Inc. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call 407.422.1540 or visit adultliteracyleague.org.

NUEVO EN ESPAÑOL
Ofrecemos clases básicas para estudiantes de inglés.
Para ver fechas, lugares y horarios de los talleres. Visite ocls.info/espaula.

¡NUEVO! CLASES DE INGLÉS PARA LA FAMILIA
Chickasaw Branch
Lunes y miércoles, 8 de enero–12 de marzo, 6–8 p.m.
Sábado, 12 de enero–16 de marzo, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Esta serie de diez semanas está diseñada para desarrollar habilidades de inglés para toda la familia. Instructores bilingües ayudarán a los padres e hijos a trabajar en sus habilidades lingüísticas que podrán enfrentar en el trabajo o la escuela. Patrocinado en parte por el Florida Humanities Council y National Endowment for the Humanities.
If you are a senior citizen in Orlando, there are several workshops and seminars available to you. Here are some dates and locations:

**Art & Music Workshops for Active Seniors**
- West Oaks Branch: December 5, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- North Orange Branch: December 12, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Centennial Branch: December 19, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- West Orange Branch: December 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

These workshops are provided to the first 50 people to RSVP.

**Introduction to Pilates for Adults**
- Avalon Park Branch: December 1, 10 a.m.
- Central Library: December 2, 10 a.m.
- Lake Nona Branch: December 6, 10 a.m.
- Celebration Branch: December 10, 10 a.m.
- Forest Park Branch: December 16, 10 a.m.
- Edgewater Branch: December 21, 10 a.m.
- Cascades Branch: December 23, 10 a.m.
- Overland Park Branch: December 29, 10 a.m.

These sessions are led by Certified Pilates Instructor and are recommended. Register online at ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

**Arts Workshops for Active Seniors**
- West Oaks Library: December 4, 18, 2 p.m.
- Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room: December 11, 11:30 a.m.

These workshops require no special equipment and are suitable for beginners.

**DNA and Genealogy**
- Orange County Regional History Center: 65 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL
- Sunday, December 2, 2 p.m.

Learn the basics of genetic genealogy and discover how DNA can help you answer genealogical questions. We will explore the different types of tests that are available in the market today and discuss which companies to consider for your testing purposes. Several case studies will be shared to demonstrate how valuable DNA can be in family history research.

**Storytime for Grownups!**
- West Oaks Branch: December 6, 6:30 p.m.
- North Orange Branch: December 8, 6:30 p.m.
- West Oaks Branch: December 9, 6:30 p.m.
- South Orange Branch: December 11, 6:30 p.m.
- Barbara Wood Branch: December 13, 6:30 p.m.
- International Drive Branch: December 14, 6:30 p.m.
- Sheehy Branch: December 15, 6:30 p.m.
- West Orange Branch: December 17, 6:30 p.m.
- Saint Cloud Branch: December 18, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for storytime with a unique storytime told by our talented professional storytellers. Each branch will have a unique storytime. Check out your local branch for details. For more information, visit ocls.info/nextchapter.
MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Herndon Branch
Monday, December 3, 17 a.m.
Preschoolers will explore and learn in these action-filled classes where they can sing, chant, move, dance and listen. Each session 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. Ages 24 months to 4 years. Space is limited. Recommended for adults and children ages 4–17.

BACK2BASES clcs.info/back2basics

Plant Clinic
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, December 6, 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 and to assess any plant issues.

First-Time Home Buyer Workshop
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, December 8, 10:15 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
Operation HOPE Inc., a nonprofit HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency, will present a first-time home buyer class where participants will learn about the home-buying process from start to finish in this first-time home buyer class presented by Operation HOPE Inc. Attendees will receive a certificate that meets the requirements for both Orange County and State of Florida Down Payment Assistance Programs. Registration required. Call or text Porsha Porter at 407.466.1931 or email Porsha.Porter@OperationHOPE.org to register. To learn more, visit operationhope.org.

CREDIT AND MONEY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
Southeast Branch
Monday, December 17, 6–8 p.m.
Learn the basics of credit and the fundamentals of money management in this workshop presented by Operation HOPE. Discover the skills you need for financial well-being. To learn more about your local Operation HOPE, visit operationhope.org. Registration required. To register, visit ocls.info/operationhope.

CAREER ACADEMY
Get job-smart and join us for weekly in-depth sessions! Look for open labs on select dates to put these professional skills into practice.

Career Academy: Searching for Jobs
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, December 4, 1:30 p.m.
Uncover resources and formulate strategies to search and apply for jobs.

Career Academy: Resume Writing
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, December 1, 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 1, 11 a.m. (Open Lab)
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Create and refine your resume to the best to best reflect your qualifications.

Career Academy: Cover & Thank You Letters
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, December 8, 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 8, 11 a.m. (Open Lab)
Tuesday, December 18, 1:30 p.m.
Go the extra mile and compose the perfect cover letter and thank you letter.

CAREERSEEKERS clcs.info/jobseekers

Get the Tools You Need to Pound the Pavement and Step Forward in Your Career!

In-depth jobseeker classes are available online, at multiple library locations and in multiple languages. Certificates of completion are available to enhance your professional portfolio.

Get Your Family Moving with this Energizing Workout Class
Wednesday, December 19, Noon
Chickasaw Branch
Get your family moving with this energizing workout class that uses aerobics to create a fun workout. Learn basic Zumba moves to help you dance your way to fitness. Comfortable exercise clothing and cross-training or aerobic shoes recommended. Recommended for adults and children ages 4–17.

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**BOOK CLUBS**

**Central Florida Book Club**
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 11, 10:15 a.m.—Noon
On the second Tuesday of each month we discuss a wide range of books in this club. In December, we will classic novel inspired by Mark Twain. Released in 1876, this story of Tom and his friend Huck is enduring classic.

**Hiawassee Book Club**
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, December 17, 6:30–8 p.m.
December’s selection is The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Two leaders share their hard-won wisdom about living with joy even in the face of adversity, sharing personal stories and teachings about the science of profound happiness and the daily practices that anchor their emotional and spiritual lives.

**Southwest Book Club**
Southwest Branch
Monday, December 17, 7–8:45 p.m.
Join us for this month’s book selection. There is no book selection this month; instead, share your favorite book with others. Learn about new authors and books to put on your to-read list. Relax and enjoy light refreshments. A delightful evening for all who love books and reading! Ages 18 and up.

**Winter Garden Book Club**
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, December 19, 7 p.m.
There is no book selection this month; instead, share your favorite book with others. Learn about new authors and books to put on your to-read list. Relax and enjoy light refreshments. A delightful evening for all who love books and reading! Ages 18 and up.

**Alafaya Book Club**
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, December 20, 6:30 p.m.
The Alafaya Book Club’s December selection is The White Queen by Philippa Gregory. The story of Elizabeth Woodville, who, catching the eye of the newly crowned king, Edward IV, marries him in secret and ascends to royalty.

**Happiness in a Changing World**
South Creek Branch
Monday, December 17, 6:30–8 p.m.
Do you enjoy taking a walk and love to discuss books? Join the Southeast Branch for a casual walk followed by a book discussion with Mike Gunter, chair of the political science department and director of international affairs at Rollins College and author of Tales of an Ecotourist. Gunter’s book showcases travel, from the hot and humid Amazon jungle to the frozen but dry Antarctic, as a simple yet spellbinding lens to better understand the complex issue of climate change. Comfortable clothing and shoes encouraged. Light refreshments provided. Registration recommended for ages 18 and up. In case of inclement weather, contact southwest@ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

**Local Authors Festival**
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, December 16, 2–4 p.m.
Singed books make the best gifts! Meet and greet local authors at our Local Authors Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.

**OCLS Writers Group**
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Sunday, December 9, 4 p.m.
Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

**Choosing a Publishing Path**
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.
Revision can seem like a daunting task, but it’s really a matter of finding what works for you. Join editors Racquel Henry and Arielle Haughee in a guided overview of the revision process. Learn where to start, the different rounds of revision and prioritizing issues to break down per round. Discover the importance of critique partners and what should be included on your editing checklist.

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**Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club**
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**Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club**
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 6:30–8 p.m.
Do you enjoy taking a walk and love to discuss books? Join the Southeast Branch for a casual walk followed by a book discussion with Mike Gunter, chair of the political science department and director of international affairs at Rollins College and author of Tales of an Ecotourist. Gunter’s book showcases travel, from the hot and humid Amazon jungle to the frozen but dry Antarctic, as a simple yet spellbinding lens to better understand the complex issue of climate change. Comfortable clothing and shoes encouraged. Light refreshments provided. Registration recommended for ages 18 and up. In case of inclement weather, contact southwest@ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

**Local Authors Festival**
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, December 16, 2–4 p.m.
Singed books make the best gifts! Meet and greet local authors at our Local Authors Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.

**OCLS Writers Group**
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Sunday, December 9, 4 p.m.
Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

**Choosing a Publishing Path**
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
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**REVISING YOUR WRITING**
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
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Holiday Showcase: Accordion Craze
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 1, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Saturday, December 15, 11 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 22, 11 a.m.
Get in the holiday spirit with this lively showcase of holiday music by the Central Florida Accordion Club. To learn more about the Central Florida Accordion Club, visit cfaccordionclub.com.

Family Holiday Festival
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, December 1, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Holiday cheer is here! Again! You are invited to our Second Annual Family Holiday Festival. Bring the whole family to have a holiday photo taken, make a holiday bracelet, enjoy holiday stories and crafts for the kids. Light refreshments will be served. Enter to win a fantastic family prize. Registration required.

Winter Film Festival
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Mondays, December 3–17, 11 a.m.
Join us to watch a few of your favorite festive films celebrating winter holidays!
12/3: The Perfect Holiday
12/10: The Nightmare Before Christmas
12/17: Disney’s A Christmas Carol (2009)

Cuisine Corner: Easy Holiday Meals
Washington Park Branch
Thursday, December 6, 6 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 15, 11 a.m.
Discover how you can make holiday meals that are delicious and nutritious. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to create easy holiday dishes. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit breakingbreadwithmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required. Register online at ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

Defuse Holiday Stress with Meditation & Breathing
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, December 11, 7 p.m.
Learn to reduce stress during the holiday season using deep breathing techniques and meditation. Presented by certified yoga instructor Meg Salenik. Students will receive a list of books available at the library to continue their self-study.

Hark! The Figgy Pudding!
The History of Christmas Carols
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Thursday, December 13, 6 p.m.
This musical program is an interactive storytelling event that uncovers the histories behind the most beloved Christmas carols and songs. What is a “carol” anyway? Who is the true love in “The Twelve Days of Christmas”? Why was the song “Santa Claus is Coming to Town” based on a tragic event? What is a “welkin” and what does it have to do with angels harking? Discover the dirty little secret behind “Deck the Halls” and so much more! Audiences will be treated to dynamic solos and several chances to sing along during this festive seasonal event.

Holiday Cookies
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, December 15, 2:30 p.m.
Learn easy ways to dress up holiday cookies for the season. Get an overview of ways to decorate cookies, tools of the trade and fun ideas for holiday cookies.

Stress Buster Art: Holiday Calm
Southwest Branch
Saturday, December 22, 10:15 a.m.
Color, create, paint and meditate! Relax and unwind at the library. Join us for a de-stressing holiday art adventure. No art experience required. All supplies provided. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

For more winter holiday events, see pages 28–35.
TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS  ocls.info/classes

HOUR OF CODE  ocls.info/hourofcode
Join millions worldwide in an Hour of Code event at the Orange County Library System during the first week of December. Hour of Code is a nationwide initiative led by Computer Science Education Week, csedweek.org and code.org to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and programming.

QuickBooks Pro 2018 Levels 1–4
In this four-part series, learn the basic features of QuickBooks Pro to organize your business or personal finances.

FIBER ARTS CLASSES AND EVENTS
Quick Gifts
The holidays are right around the corner, but there's still time to create personalized, handmade gifts. Crochet, knit and sew these quick gifts for everyone on your list.

Sewing: Holiday Stockings – Beginner Level
Orlando Public Library
Sunday, December 2, 1:15 p.m.
Monday, December 10, 10 a.m.
Friday, December 21, 10 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, December 12, 1 p.m.
Friday, December 21, 2 p.m.
Stockings are a must-have for the holidays. Use a simple pattern to create a custom stocking for yourself or as a gift. Learn some basic lining and cuff sewing techniques.

Let’s Knit! Twisted Turban Headbands – Beginner Level
Orlando Public Library
Sunday, December 9, 1:30 p.m.
Create chic turban headbands with a fun twist. Practice casting on and working knit stitches while learning to create a faux cable cross and seaming with the whip stitch.

Let’s Knit! Practice Lab
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, December 9, 3:30 p.m.
Join us to practice knitting! An experienced instructor will be available to answer questions.

WhizKids: Code with Dash Robots
(Ages 6–8)
Edgewater Branch
Monday–Wednesday, December 3–5, 3:30 p.m.

WhizKids: Code with Dash Robots
(Ages 9–12)
Edgewater Branch
Monday–Wednesday, December 3–5, 5 p.m.

WhizKids: Code with JavaScript
(Ages 9–12)
Southwest Branch
Monday, December 3, 4 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, December 5, 4:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 8, 3 p.m.

WhizKids: Code with Lightbot
(Ages 9–12)
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 4, 3 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, December 5, 6 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 8, Noon
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 8, 2 p.m.

TechKrew: Code with CodeCombat
(Ages 13–17)
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 5, 3:30 p.m.

TechKrew: Code with JavaScript
(Ages 6–8)
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 8, 10:30 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 8, 12:30 p.m.

WhizKids: Code with Lightbot
(Ages 6–8)
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 5, 3:00 p.m.

WhizKids: Code with SpriteBox
(Ages 7–10)
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, December 5, 4:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, December 6, 5 p.m.

WhizKids: Code with Tynker
(Ages 9–12)
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, December 6, 3:30 p.m.

WhizKids: Code with Swift Playgrounds (Ages 13–17)
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 8, 1:30 p.m.

QuickGifts: Code with Code Studio
(Ages 9–12)
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 5, 3:30 p.m.

QuickGifts: Code with the Foos
(Ages 6–8)
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, December 5, 4:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 8, 10:30 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 8, 12:30 p.m.

QuickGifts: Code with Osmo
(Ages 6–8)
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 5, 3:00 p.m.

QuickGifts: Code with Scratch
(Ages 7–10)
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, December 5, 4:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, December 6, 5 p.m.

QuickGifts: Code with Tynker
(Ages 9–12)
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, December 6, 3:30 p.m.

TechKrew: Code with Swift Playgrounds (Ages 13–17)
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 8, 1:30 p.m.
HOLIDAY FAMILY PHOTOS
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Sunday, December 9, 2–5 p.m.
The holiday season is here! Families and groups are invited to have their holiday-themed portraits taken in the Photo Studio. Bring a USB drive to save your photos.

PUBLIC VOTING FOR THE MELROSE AWARDS
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
December 9 – December 31
Public voting for the Melrose Awards is open from December 9 – December 31. Weigh in with your choice for the best Audio, Video, Photo and Digital Media Design projects made in the Melrose Center this year at melroseawards.ocls.info.

NEW!
MERRY MAKERS: IT’S A WRAP!
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Sunday, December 9, 1:30–5 p.m.
Use maker tools in the Melrose Center Fab Lab to make your own unique holiday wrapping paper or gift bag. Children under 11 must have adult supervision.

NEW!
HOW TO MAKE GREEN SCREEN VIDEOS
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Monday, December 10, 2 p.m. Sunday, December 16, 2 p.m.
Want to add some excitement to your video project? Learn to light and shoot a green screen movie. Apply and adjust the Ultra Key Effect in Adobe Premiere to create a perfect composition.

NEW!
MELROSE MEETUPS: AUDIO – START MAKING MONEY WITH YOUR MUSIC
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Wednesday, December 12, 6–7:30 p.m.
Join us for a new meetup series designed to help independent music creators understand the business of making music. Join our discussion on exploring the many options available for generating revenue streams in the industry.

Photo: Camera Level 1
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Thursday, December 13, 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 19, 3 p.m.
Explore the basic operations of the Photo Studio cameras and lenses to optimize your photography skills. Learn basic camera setting and the use and care of camera lenses.

Photo: Camera Level 2
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Thursday, December 13, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 19, 4:30 p.m.
Demystify the complex concepts of exposure. Learn how aperture, shutter speed and ISO affect the focus, sharpness, composition of your photos.

Photo: Camera Level 3
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Thursday, December 13, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 19, 6 p.m.
Lenses are an essential part of photography. Explore the differences between prime and zoom lenses and understand how focal length affects field of view and composition.

Photo: Camera Level 4
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Thursday, December 13, 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 19, 3 p.m.
Learn about the basic operations of the Photo Studio cameras and lenses to optimize your photography skills. Learn basic camera setting and the use and care of camera lenses.

Photo: Camera Level 5
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Thursday, December 13, 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 19, 4 p.m.
Demystify the complex concepts of exposure. Learn how aperture, shutter speed and ISO affect the focus, sharpness, composition and exposure of your photos.
Come to the seventh annual OCLS LEGO Contest and show off your LEGO creation. Join us for fun demonstrations and vote in the People’s Choice Award! Categories are Pre-K to Kindergarten, Grades 1–3 and Grades 4–6. Visit ocls.info/legocontest for complete rules and guidelines. Sponsored by the Friends of the Orange County Library System, LEGOLAND, Wonderworks and NAWIC.

**EARLY LEARNING**

**ALL LOCATIONS**

**BABY**

Sing-A-Long with Friends
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, December 4–18, 10:15 a.m.
Join us for a brief sing-a-long to familiar songs for you and your baby or toddler.

Mother Goose on the Loose
**All Locations**
**December 5–26, 1 p.m.**
Using rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more, we will be interacting together to help develop important pre-literacy skills in our littlest ones. Recommended for babies.

Mama Gansa
**Southwest Branch**
**Wednesdays, December 5–19, 1 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. Recommended for babies.

Guitar Sing-A-Long
**Alafaya Branch**
**Wednesday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.**
Sing-a-long to familiar songs with a live guitar. Recommended for babies and toddlers.

Baby Bash
**Southwest Branch**
**Friday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.**
Bring your baby to our fun series where we will sing, play and work on developing motor skills. Recommended for babies and toddlers.

**TODDLER**

Arty Toddler
**Alafaya Branch**
**Monday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.**
**Southwest Branch**
**Monday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.**
**Chickasaw Branch**
**Thursday, December 13, 11 a.m.**
Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create! Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences. Registration recommended. Recommended for toddlers.

**EARLY LEARNING**

**ALL LOCATIONS**

**BABY**

**RIBBIT II AT LEU GARDENS!**

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Textile Inspectors
Chicksaw Branch
Monday, December 17, 11 a.m.
Soft or hard? Rough or smooth? Enhance your toddler's sensory development with hands-on discovery of a variety of textures. Recommended for toddlers.

Peppermint Pals
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, December 18, 11 a.m.
They are red and white and sure smell nice! Join us for stories, crafts, and activities inspired by sweet peppermint treats. Recommended for toddlers.

Toddler Work of Art
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 19, 10 a.m.
Spread the winter cheer through fun DIY art projects. Toddlers will paint, color, or glue their way through crafts made for you! Registration required. Caregiver participation encouraged and dress for a mess! Recommended for toddlers.

PBS Kids Time!
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.
Every month we learn and explore with our favorite PBS characters! Enjoy a story, craft, and episode. This month we're exploring space with Ready Jet Go! Created in partnership with WUCF, Central Florida's PBS Station.

Parachute Play
Southwest Branch
Monday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.
Join us with your toddlers for a special parachute playtime. Enjoy rhymes, songs and tons of parachute fun! Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Recommended for toddlers.

Party in Your PJs
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, December 11, 11 a.m.
Come over 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.

Adventure from the Hundred Acre Wood
Chicksaw Branch
Monday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.
Join Silvia Zuniga from Vertical Food Growers for a garden adventure. Bring your little one to experience the amazing world of veggies, fruits and flowers. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

PBS Kids Time! Daniel Tiger Pajama Party
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a special PBS Pajama Party all about Daniel Tiger with awesome crafts, stories, episodes and activities. Wear your favorite tiger gear (or PJs), bring a tiger buddy and join the fun.

Cookie Creations
Southeast Branch
Friday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.
Create your own sweet treat to eat or give to a loved one at our annual cookie decorating event. Recommended for toddlers, preschoolers and lower elementary.

PRESCHOOL

Countdown to Winter
Windermere Branch
Saturday, December 1, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Saturday, December 1, 3 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, December 5, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
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North Orange Branch
Thursday, December 20, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, December 20, 2 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Friday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
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4-3-2-1! Winter is coming soon! Help us get ready with fun stories, activities and crafts starring some of our favorite cold-weather friends. Recommended for preschoolers.

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**Welcome!**

Welcome to Early Learning programs designed to help your child develop early literacy skills through picture books, songs, fingerplays, movement activities and more.

**TODDLER TIME** (ages birth–3 years)

- South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
- Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- North Orange Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
- Alafaya Branch: Thursdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
- Orlando Public Library: Mondays & Saturdays, 10:15 a.m.

**STORYBOOK FUN** (ages 3–5 years)

- South Creek Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- West Oaks Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
- Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
- Alafaya Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- Orlando Public Library: Mondays & Saturdays, 10:45 a.m.

**SMARTY PANTS** (ages birth–5 years)

- Edgewater Branch: Mondays, 10:45 a.m.
- Washington Park Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
- Eastonville Branch: Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
- Haines Corners Branch: Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
- South Trail Branch: Fridays, 10:45 a.m.

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**LITTLE CHEF: WINTER CAKE IN A JAR**

**Orlando Public Library**

- Monday, December 3, 11 a.m.
- Windermere Branch
- Tuesday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.
- West Oaks Branch
- Thursday, December 13, 2 p.m.
- South Creek Branch
- Wednesday, December 19, 10:30 a.m.
- Herndon Branch
- Thursday, December 20, 10:30 a.m.
- South Trail Branch
- Wednesday, December 26, 11 a.m.
- Hainesville Branch
- Friday, December 28, 11 a.m.

Warm your helping hands to assemble a winter treat in a jar. Layer festive cake, sweet frosting and colorful sprinkles to make a delicious gift! Learn cooking skills such as kitchen safety, layering, measuring, smearing, tasting and presentation as you interact with a delicious recipe. Recommended for preschoolers.

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**Cuentame un Cuento: Tell Me a Story**

**Orlando Public Library**

- Monday, December 3, 11 a.m.
- South Trail Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- Hiawassee Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
- Chickasaw Branch: Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
- Washington Park Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
- Edgewater Branch: Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
- Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
- North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
- Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.
- Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
- Alafaya Branch: Thursdays, 10:15, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
- Orlando Public Library: Mondays & Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

**Visit ocls.info/storytime** for more information.
Construction Toys for Kids
Heronndon Branch
Saturday, December 1, 15 & 29, 2 p.m.
Learn the basics of building and learning with Snap Circuits, K’NEX and Magformers. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

African Cats
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 1, 2:30 p.m.
Get set for an incredible adventure to one of the wildest places on Earth – the African savanna. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Southwest Homeschool Club: History of Timekeeping
Southwest Branch
Monday, December 3, 1 p.m.
What is time? Why do we measure it? You will find the answers to these questions and many more as we explore different ways of measuring time throughout history. Seating is limited. Registration required. Recommended for upper elementary.

Maker Monday
Alafaya Branch
Mondays, December 3–17, 4:30 p.m.
Discover the maker in you as we complete challenges, STEM projects and experiments. Registration required. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

Gingerbread People
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, December 4, 4:30 p.m.
Come and decorate your very own gingerbread person. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Game Day
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday–Friday, December 26–28, 11 a.m.
Play everything from Xbox and chess to Pokemon and more at our Cool to Do After School series! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

LEGO Block Party
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, December 4 & 18, 6:30 p.m.
Is there anything you can’t build with LEGO? Let’s find out! We provide the LEGO – you provide the creativity. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Stuffed Crepes with Mason Jar Whipped Cream
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 5, 2:15 p.m.
Come join the Publix Aprons Cooking School chefs as we show you how to make quick and easy whipped cream in a mason jar. No fancy equipment necessary, just a mason jar and a fine hole. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

Neo-Plastic Art
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, December 5, 3 p.m.
Learn to create your own art using the neo-plastic style of Dutch painter Piet Mondrian. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Gingerbread Build-Off
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, December 5, 3:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, December 12, 4:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 15, 2:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, December 15, 4 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, December 20, 11 a.m.
Heronndon Branch
Saturday, December 22, 2 p.m.
Grab your gum drops and frosting, because it’s time to construct the gingerbread house of your dreams! Registration recommended. Supplies limited. Recommended upper elementary and tweens.

Ratatouille Movie & Craft
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, December 5, 4:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, December 8, 2 p.m.
Heronndon Branch
Tuesday, December 11, 4 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, December 18, 3:30 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, December 18, 6 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, December 19, 4 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Friday, December 21, 2 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, December 25, 11:30 a.m.
Anyone can cook! Enjoy a feast for your eyes with a showing of Ratatouille and a craft! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Discussion Group
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.
Join the Mayor Buddy’s Book Club discussion group to talk, meet other book club members, share experiences and have fun. See what we are reading and sign up for the club at mayor.ocls.info. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

It Doesn’t Snow in Florida
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, December 6, 6 p.m.
It may not snow in Florida, but that doesn’t mean we can’t make our own winter fun. Join us to discover, learn and play with our own version of the mysterious white frozen stuff from up north. Recommended for families.

Kingdom of Board-om
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.
Come one, come all and join the Kingdom of Board-om as we explore both classic board games and the cutting edge of current gaming! All ages.

The CREATE Space
Orlando Public Library
Friday, December 7, 2 & 2:30 p.m.
What will you create today? Explore, experiment or be entertained. Recommended for upper elementary.

Gingerbread House Decorating
SouthEast Branch
Saturday, December 8, 2 p.m.
Use your imagination to decorate your gingerbread house. Bring your building skill! Space is limited. Registration required. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Wedding Dress Decorating
SouthEast Branch
Saturday, December 8, 2 p.m.
Join us to discover, learn and play with our own version of the mysterious white frozen stuff from up north. Recommended for families.

Southwest Homeschool Club, Jr.: Knights
SouthWest Branch
Monday, December 10, 1 p.m.
Travel back in time and learn what it was like to be a knight in the Middle Ages. Seating is limited. Registration required. Recommended for lower elementary.

Weird But True
Edgewater Branch
Monday, December 10, 5 p.m.
Ormond Branch
Monday, December 10, 6 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Monday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, December 12, 2 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursday, December 13, 4 p.m.
It may not snow in Florida, but that doesn’t mean we can’t make our own winter fun. Join us to discover, learn and play with our own version of the mysterious white frozen stuff from up north. Recommended for families.

Hands Candy
Edgewater Branch
Wednesdays, December 12 & 26, 4 p.m.
Explore topics from emerging trends in fiber arts at our Cool to Do After School series! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

STEAM Club
Southeast Branch
Wednesday, December 12, 4 p.m.
Join us for an afternoon of scientific fun as we put our STEAM skills to the test. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

It Doesn’t Snow in Florida Movie Marathon
North Orange Branch
Thursday, December 13, 4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday–Friday, December 26–28, 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday–Friday, December 26–28, 11 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday–Friday, December 26–28, 1 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday–Friday, December 26–28, 2 p.m.
Southwest Homeschool Club
Saturday, December 15, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Saturday, December 15, 11 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Friday, December 20, 10:30 a.m.

Frosting, sprinkles, candy and a cookie... 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! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.
Children's events continued

ARCTIC TALES

Edgewater Branch
Monday, December 3, 5 p.m.

Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, December 11, 3:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 11, 5 p.m.

Hernando Branch
Wednesday, December 12, 3:30 p.m.

Southwest Branch
Wednesday, December 12, 3:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch
Saturday, December 15, 11 a.m.

South Trail Branch
Thursday, December 27, 11 a.m.

Bring! Zip up your jacket and get ready for some cold weather stories, activities and crafts from the top of the world! Recommended for lower elementary.

WINTER WONDERLAND

West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, December 4, 5 p.m.

Hernando Branch
Wednesday, December 5, 3:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, December 5, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, December 8, 2:30 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.

Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, December 12, 4:30 p.m.

Southwest Branch
Wednesday, December 19, 3:30 p.m.

South Trail Branch
Saturday, December 29, 11 a.m.

Even though it’s not very cold, it really is winter! Join us for winter-themed stories and crafts to get into the spirit of colder weather. Recommended for upper and lower elementary.

Celebrate National Cupcake Day @ Your Library

North Orange Branch
Saturday, December 15, 2 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate National Cupcake Day. Kids will decorate a holiday-themed cupcake. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Frozen Sing-A-Long
Southeast Branch
Saturday, December 15, 2 p.m.

Warm up your voices and experience Frozen, the Sing-Along Edition, for the first time in forever! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

STEAM Storytime
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, December 15, 10:30 a.m.

Science! Technology! Engineering! Art! Math! Storytime! Gather the family to listen to a story and work together on a STEAM based project. Recommended for lower and upper elementary families.

Science and Robotics
Edgewater Branch
Monday, December 17, 5 p.m.

Join us for our Cool to Do After School series where we’ll explore science-related topics, including science fair experiments, math concepts, engineering, plants, biology and food science. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

STEM Club
Hernando Branch
Monday, December 17, 6 p.m.

Join us as we have fun with science experiments and building technology with KNEX, Snap Circuits, littleBits, and so much more! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Holiday DIY Crafts
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 19, 2:15 p.m.

Create handmade decorations, ornaments or simple gifts for the holiday season. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Let It Snow
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, December 19, 3:30 p.m.

These winter activities will brighten the season and keep you cool. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Let It Snow
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, December 19, 3:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch
Wednesday, December 12, 3:30 p.m.

These winter activities will brighten the season and keep you cool. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Afternoon Art
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, December 20 & 27, 5 p.m.

Join us for an art adventure! Learn about a different artist and artistic style each month, then create your own masterpiece. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Icy Science and a Movie
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, December 20, 6:30 p.m.

Embrace the cold and have some fun while exploring an icy experiment and movie screening. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Icy Science
North Orange Branch
Friday, December 21, 11 a.m.

Combine ice, cold and fun for experiments that will make your teeth chatter! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Family Maker
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 22, 2 p.m.

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

Noon Year’s Celebration
Southwest Branch
Friday, December 28, 11:15 a.m.

Join us for our very own children’s version of New Year’s Eve. The fun will include making crafts, noise makers, yummy treats, New Year’s resolutions and counting down to noon with a balloon-drop finale! Recommended for children of all ages.

Bento Box
Southeast Branch
Saturday, December 29, 3 p.m.

Discover a perfectly portioned, creative, fun way to pack and serve lunch for your kids, or even for you to take to work. Recommended for all ages.

Angel Paws to Read

Sign up to practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a lovable, furry listener. Visit ocls.info/paws for dates, times and locations.

Ministry presents this reading program for children featuring certified therapy dogs. Visit ocls.info/paws to read for dates, times and locations.
Brain Games
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, December 1, 2 p.m.
It doesn’t make sense to me! Find out what you never knew you didn’t know with wacky common-sense games. Recommended for teens and tweens.

Afterschool Adventures with Hero Spark
Orlando Public Library
Mondays–Thursdays, December 3–20, 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. Sharpen your pencils and swords, because you’ve never had homework and writing help like this before!

Summer-Style Winter Party
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, December 5, 3 p.m.
Let’s get together to celebrate this winter season, summer-style! Recommended for teens and tweens.

Nail Polish Art
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 8, 2 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Wednesday, December 19, 6 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, December 20, 4:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, December 20, 5:30 p.m.
Experiment with colors on and off your nails as we craft and create with nail polish. Recommended for teens and tweens.

Act It Out
North Orange Branch
Saturday, December 8, 2 p.m.
Put your acting skills to the test with an hour of improv. Use your imagination to navigate through different scenarios and see where your stories go. Recommended for teens and tweens.

Animanga Hero Club
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, December 13, 6 p.m.
Come and be part of our Animanga Hero Club. Discuss your favorite anime and manga. Recommended for teens and tweens.

Hygge for the Holidays
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, December 18, 3:15 p.m.
Pop in for a craft, a snack and some comfort as we learn about the Danish tradition, Hygge. Recommended for teens and tweens.

Paper Pizzazz
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, December 18, 5:30 p.m.
Learn to make cool paper decorations to add pizzazz to your own room or to give as a gift. Recommended for teens and tweens.

COLORING TIME
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 1, 2 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Monday, December 10, 5:15 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, December 12, 3 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Friday, December 21, 3:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Monday, December 17, 4:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 22, 2:30 p.m.
Dust off your crayons and markers and see if you can stay in the lines as we channel our inner child and color! Recommended for teens and tweens.

ESCAPING WINTER MADNESS
Washington Park Branch
Monday, December 3, 4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, December 4, 3:15 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 15, 2 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. Recommended for teens and tweens.

YEAR END WRAP-UP
North Orange Branch
Monday, December 10, 4:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, December 20, 3:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, December 22, 2 p.m.
It is the end of the year, but don’t shed a tear! Test your 2018 pop culture knowledge with trivia and share your biggest accomplishments from the last 365 days. Recommended for teens and tweens.

Mayor Buddy’s Book Club Discussion Group
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.
Join the Mayor Buddy’s Book Club discussion group to talk, meet other book club members, share experiences and have fun. See what we are reading and sign up for the club at mayor.ocls.info. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

Teen Library Corps
All Locations
Volunteer with the Teen Library Corps and give back a little “TLC” to your library and your community. Plan programs, help out at events, give suggestions for teen services, meet new people and earn community service hours for school. If you are between the ages of 13–18 and love to have fun, join TLC today! For more information, call 407.835.7323 or go online at ocls.info/TLC.

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.
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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