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South Trail Branch
Thursday, January 10, 6 p.m.

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Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, January 16, Noon

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Orlando Public Library
407.835.7494
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& 4–7 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6–9:30 p.m.

Bookstore
Orlando Public Library
407.835.7495
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Let Us Help You Write the Next Chapter.
Every new year is an opportunity to learn, grow and connect to the world around you—a chance to set new goals and look forward to the future.

The start of the new year is exciting, but it can also be overwhelming. Whether you’ve got a list of resolutions a mile long, or you have a specific thing you’d like to accomplish, it can be hard to stay on track unless you have the resources and support to keep you focused. That’s where the Orange County Library System comes in!

If you haven’t done so lately, spend some time on our website or visit our Facebook page—you’ll find that your library card gives you access to tools that can help you accomplish so many things. We’ve got resources to help you set up an LLC, determine the right mix of investments for your financial portfolio, learn a new language and so much more. Some of the resources available for free to library cardholders include:

- **Morningstar Investment Research Center:** Find comprehensive information on thousands of investment indexes, stocks and mutual funds.
- **Great Courses:** Check out fascinating educational courses taught by award-winning professors through this streaming video service.
- **Sewing, knitting and crochet classes:** Make new friends and learn a new craft with fun classes and meetups at one of our 16 library locations.
- **Photography, video and audio studios:** The Melrose Center at the Orlando Public Library has fully equipped studios you can check out with your Melrose membership. Don’t know how to use the equipment? No problem—our top-notch instructors teach classes that will help you develop all the skills you need to cut an album, shoot a movie or capture a perfect portrait.

Maybe you haven’t made a New Year’s resolution but you’d still like to make 2019 the best it can be. If that’s the case, I have a suggestion: Make it your resolution to spend some more time at the library. Just walking through the door is the first step on your path to a brighter future. Happy New Year, happy new you!

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**2019 BOOK SALE DATES**

**SPRING**

- *May 16, 5–7 p.m.*  
  May 17, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
  May 18, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
  May 19, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

**FALL**

- *September 19, 5–7 p.m.*  
  September 20, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
  September 21, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
  September 22, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

**WINTER BOOK SALE**

**JAN 24-27**  
**EVERYTHING 50% OFF**

**WINTER**

- *January 24, 5–7 p.m.*  
  January 25, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
  January 26, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
  January 27, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

**Member Preview**

New members welcome to join at the door. Members receive an additional 10% off for an incredible savings. Memberships start at just $15 annually.

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**FROM THE DIRECTOR**

**Library U**

NEW: English From Zero Orlando Public Library Saturdays starting February 9, 1–2:30 p.m.

ESOL workshops, vocabulary and basic grammar for English learners with no English language skills.

African-American Read-In

Orlando Public Library Sunday, February 24, 2–4 p.m.

Celebrate African-American literature in poetry, story and song, performed by local luminaries in conjunction with the 29th Annual National African-American Read-In.

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

Mary Anne Hodel
Library Director/CEO

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY 2019**

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NAMING THE TWINS
South Creek Branch
Saturday, January 26, 2 p.m.
Join the South Creek Book Club to discuss A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.

Hiawassee Book Club
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, January 14, 6:30–8 p.m.
Our January selection is The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri. The brothers, Subhash and Udayan Mitra pursue vastly different lives – Udayan in rebellion-torn Calcutta, Subhash in a quiet corner of America – until a shattering tragedy compels Subhash to return to India, where he endeavors to heal family wounds.

Alafaya Book Club
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, January 16, 7 p.m.
The Alafaya Book Club’s January selection is Ready Player One by Ernest Cline. In a not-so-distant future, people live their lives in the virtual world OASIS. When Wade discovers a key that may lead to a fortune, it’s a race against time – and others – to find the remaining keys.

Southeast Book Club
Southeast Branch
Monday, January 21, 7–8:45 p.m.
Join the Southeast Book Club to discuss this month’s selection Manhattan Beach by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jennifer Egan. Years after she is placed in the hands of a stranger vital to her family’s survival, Anna takes a job at the Brooklyn Naval Yard during the war while meeting with the man who helped them and learning important truths about her father’s disappearance. Winner of the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction. Ages 18 and up.

Winter Garden Book Club
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, January 31, 6 p.m.
Come to the Winter Garden Book Club to discuss this month’s book selection, Secret History by Donna Tartt. Under the influence of their professor, a group of misfits at an elite New England college discover a new way of thinking and living.

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.
Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club
South Creek Branch
Thursday, January 9 & 17, 6:30 p.m.
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South Creek Branch
Friday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.
Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club
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Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 p.m.
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South Creek Branch
Saturday, January 19, 6:30 p.m.
Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club
South Creek Branch
Thursday, January 31, 6:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Jueves, 3 y 17 de enero, 6:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch
Jueves, 10 y 24 de enero, 6:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
martes, 7 de enero, 6:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch
Jueves, 10 y 24 de enero, 6:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
martes, 15 de enero, 6:30 p.m.

Eres amante de los buenos libros, la música y la poesía? Te gusta socializar con hispanos en tu comunidad? Acerca a la Biblioteca más cercana a tu domicilio y asiste a nuestras reuniones!

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club
South Creek Branch
miércoles, 6:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch
martes, 7 de enero, 6:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
martes, 15 de enero, 6:30 p.m.

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Chickasaw Branch
martes, 15 de enero, 6:30 p.m.
AN EVENING OF COFFEE, TEA AND STORIES FOR ADULTS
South Trail Branch
Monday, January 28, 6:30 p.m.
Treat yourself to an evening filled with wondrous, unusual, funny tales of real life. Whose life? Yours, of course! Relax, take a break from your daily routine and enjoy stories presented by the library’s talented storytellers. Find your inner storyteller and swap anecdotes with other adults as you enjoy light refreshments. Refreshments available while supplies last.

The Ghost Society
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Sunday, January 6, 2 p.m.
The Ghost Society is an open forum hosted by The Beyond Investigators paranormal team. Share your personal experiences, learn what’s new in the field and discuss books and shows in a casual and fun atmosphere.

Introduction to Foundation Center Resources
Orlando Public Library, Learning Central
Wednesday, January 9, 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 may use these sources of grant information. Seating limited. To register visit ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

Creative Coloring for Adults
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, January 10, 6–7:30 p.m.
Relax and unwind while channeling your inner child. Join us for a fun time creating and coloring. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite colored pencils or markers. Ages 18 and up.

Altered Books
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, January 12, 2–4:30 p.m.
Scrapbook, journal, cookbook, planner? Bring your creativity and explore the possibilities of altered books. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring embellishments, recipes or photos to personalize your creation. Recommended for teens and adults.

Community Yoga
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, January 13, 3 p.m.
Join us for an all-levels yoga class! Yoga is a great way to improve the health of your body and mind. Bring comfy clothes, water and an open mind. Yoga mats will be provided or bring your own. Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Orlando Public Library
Pokémon League
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, January 13, 3 p.m.
Calling all trainers! Join the official Orlando Public Library Pokémon League. Battle for fun or for glory with the Pokémon Trading Card Game, Pokémon video games and even Pokkén Tournament. Trainers of all ages and skill levels welcome. For more information, visit ocls.info/pokemon.

Stained Glass Art
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.
Learn about the history and creation of stained glass. This art form uses colored glass to create designs that interact with light and nature. Participants will make their own version of stained glass using static clings and permanent markers.

Savvy Savers
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, January 19, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Join in the savings! Become a savvy saver by sharing coupons and savings tips at this monthly meeting.

Downsizing in Five Easy Steps
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, January 22, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Consider downsizing as a gift to your children! Discover steps that will make downsizing easier to manage and less overwhelming. This event is an extension of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flahaven, Certified Senior Housing Professional. Registration recommended. To register, contact Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291 or visit yourfloridahaven.com under the Smarter Senior Seminar Series section.
Did you know you can take free language-learning classes at the library? Explore and learn English in a classroom with an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) instructor or practice independently at our Open Language Lab. Visit ocls.info/ESOL to view workshop dates, locations, and times.

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

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.

English Classes for Families Chickasaw Branch Mondays & Tuesdays, January 8—March 12, 6–8 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.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

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.

Reading Clearly: Beginner and Intermediate South Creek Branch & Southeast Branch An English class designed to work on reading skills and strategies to increase reading comprehension. Participants must have a basic understanding of English. Even if participants do not speak English well, they can participate if they understand some English.

English from Zero Alafaya Branch, Southeast Branch, South Trail Branch, Chickasaw Branch, Hiawassee Branch, Southwest Branch, Windermere Branch, North Orange & Washington Park Branch NEW! Orlando Public Library Starting February 9 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, January 2–30, 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.

CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED ocls.info/citizenship

Southeast Branch Saturdays, January 5–19, 10:15 a.m. Alafaya Branch Tuesdays, January 8–29, 6:30 p.m. South Trail Branch Saturdays, January 12–February 2, 12:30 p.m. Windermere Branch Tuesdays, January 15–February 5, 4:30 p.m. Students meet each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview. To be eligible for U.S. Naturalization, you must be able to read, write and speak basic English. This series is for adult learners and is free to Orange County district resident cardholders, fee cardholders and Orange County Property Owner cardholders. Registration is required. Register online at ocls.info/citizenship or call 407.835.7323.

¡NUEVO! Clases de inglés para la familia Chickasaw Branch lunes y miércoles, 8 de enero–12 de marzo, 6–8 p.m. Esta serie de diez semanas esta 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 and National Endowment for the Humanities.

A partir del 9 de febrero, una clase nueva de Inglés Desde Cero se dará en la biblioteca, Orlando Public Library los sábados de 1–2:30 p.m.

NUEVOS EN ESPAÑOL

Desnudo by Jomari Goyso SP 8 GOYSO

Locos, ricos y asiáticos by Kevin Kwan traducción de Jesús de la Torre SP 863 KWA

Piense a otro nivel: 10 pensamientos poderosos para una vida exitosa y abundante by Joel Osteen SP 248.4 OST

Lo que pasó by Hillary Rodham Clinton SP 324.973 CLI

Una noche mágica by Danielle Steel traducción de Nieves Calvino. SP 863 STE

Ofrecemos clases básicas para estudiantes de inglés. Para ver fechas, lugares y horarios de los talleres. Visite ocls.info/espanol.
GENEALOGY  ocls.info/genealogy

Genetic Genealogy in Practice
Weekly Study Group
West Oaks Branch
Wednesdays, January 9–30, 6:30 p.m.
Learn how DNA test results can help to confirm, extend and deepen your genealogical research. Each session will focus on specific chapters from Genetic Genealogy in Practice by Blaine T. Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne and will consist of a discussion of the chapter’s content, topics and ideas along with a review of the chapter’s study questions. Registration required.
Email genealogy@ocls.info to find out how library card holders can get a copy of the book.

Tracing European Ancestors: A Genealogy Course
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, January 29, Noon & 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a genealogy research series focusing on researching European ancestors. Each month we will journey to a different area of Europe to explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors. January’s focus is tracing Italian ancestors. No matter which country your ancestors are from, learn more about types of documents available and research strategies to utilize. Discussion and Q&A will follow each session.

Storytime for Grownups!
West Oaks Branch
Tuesdays, January 8 & 22, 2 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, January 23, 10:30 a.m.
Why should kids have all the fun? Come to the library and enjoy a story or activity as our talented library storytellers entertain ages 18 and up! Each branch will have a unique storyline. Be sure to check out your local branch for unique event details. For more information, please visit ocls.info/grownupstorytime.

FlightSEEK: A Genealogy Course
West Oaks Branch
Monday, January 28, 5–9 p.m.
Take flight with this series that explores the rich genealogical history of the United States. This session is for everyone interested in the theme of aviation.

The Ultimate Guide to Your Golden Years
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, January 15, 2 p.m.
Orlando Elder Law Attorney Geoff Hoatson will teach you the importance of preparing for your golden years. Learn to protect everything you hold dear. Topics covered include setting up your advance directives, wills and trusts, and how to pay for long-term care. To register, visit orlandoelderlaw.com.

Depression, Dementia, Mental Health and Normal Aging
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, January 17, 12:10 p.m.
Medical staff will explain the natural changes that come with aging. Learn what is considered part of the normal aging process and what symptoms might be indicative of emerging diseases or illnesses. This seminar is part of the LIFE Information for Elders series presented by the Orange County Library System and Orange County’s Commission on Aging. Call 407.836.7446 or email officeonaging@ocfl.net to register. A small lunch is provided to the first 50 people to RSVP.

Light refreshments will be served.

Register online or, if you do not have a library card, email genealogy@ocls.info or call 407.835.7651 for more information about attending.

GENEALOGY FOR NIGHT OWLS
West Oaks Branch
Friday, January 25, 5–9 p.m.
Meet, mingle and share with fellow researchers as you uncover details of your ancestry in this after-hours event. Genealogy lectures and technology classes will be offered. Library staff will also be available for research assistance. Registration is required. Register online or, if you do not have a library card, email genealogy@ocls.info or call 407.835.7651 for more information about attending.

Smarter Senior Seminar Series:
Healthy Living for Seniors
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, January 9, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Maintaining a healthy lifestyle can be challenging as we age. Senior experts will provide information and education on how to take steps towards creating and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. This event is part of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flahaven, Certified Senior Housing Professional. Registration recommended. To register, contact Mike Flahaven at 407.340.5291 or visit yourfloridahaven.com under the Smarter Senior Seminar Series section. You may also register at ocls.info or call 407.835.7323. Light refreshments will be served.

Smarter Senior Seminar Series:
Healthy Living for Seniors
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, January 15, 2 p.m.
Orlando Elder Law Attorney Geoff Hoatson will teach you the importance of preparing for your golden years. Learn to protect everything you hold dear. Topics covered include setting up your advance directives, wills and trusts, and how to pay for long-term care. To register, visit orlandoelderlaw.com.

Depression, Dementia, Mental Health and Normal Aging
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, January 17, 12:10 p.m.
Medical staff will explain the natural changes that come with aging. Learn what is considered part of the normal aging process and what symptoms might be indicative of emerging diseases or illnesses. This seminar is part of the LIFE Information for Elders series presented by the Orange County Library System and Orange County’s Commission on Aging. Call 407.836.7446 or email officeonaging@ocfl.net to register. A small lunch is provided to the first 50 people to RSVP.

Light refreshments will be served.

Register online or, if you do not have a library card, email genealogy@ocls.info or call 407.835.7651 for more information about attending.
Register online at ocls.info/cuisinecorner or call 407.835.7323.

BACK2BASICS  ocls.info/back2basics

Home Decorating and Staging on a Budget
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, January 22, 6 p.m.
Becky Weeks, real estate professional with eXp Realty, joins forces with Joseph Sipp, owner and operator of Systematic Home Staging, to bring you an exciting interactive program on DIY decorating and staging on a budget. Learn tips and techniques to take your home from drab to fab, whether you’re getting ready to list your home or simply updating your space. Light refreshments provided, while supplies last.

Personal Finance Using Morningstar
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Mondays, January 28–March 4, 6 p.m.
Get the basics of budgeting and investing using Morningstar’s Investing for the Long Run: Strategies and Solutions to Help You Shape Up Your Personal Finances. This six-week series welcomes anyone interested in their financial well-being. Program topics include: budgeting, investing in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, asset allocation and portfolio review. Learn financial fundamentals in a fun, supportive and educational environment. In addition to the Morningstar Investment Research Center library database, participants will receive information from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

CAREER ACADEMY
Get job-smart and join us for weekly in-depth workshop sessions! Session topics and dates listed below.

Searching for Jobs
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, January 8, 1:30 p.m.
Uncover resources and formulate strategies to search and apply for jobs.

Resume Writing
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, January 5, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, January 15, 1:30 p.m.
Create and refine your resume to best reflect your qualifications.

Cover & Thank You Letters
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, January 22, 1:30 p.m.
Go the extra mile and compose the perfect cover letter and thank you letter.

Improve Your Interview
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, January 12, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, January 29, 1:30 p.m.
Give your interview skills a boost and show why you are the best person for the job!

Career Transitions
Visit ocls.info/databases

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

Plant Powered Foods
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Thursday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.
Sustain energy, mental sharpness and creativity by discovering new ways to incorporate plants into your daily life. Joycelyn Bryant, owner of Joycelyn’s Southern Kitchen, will show you how to make plant-based eating delicious. Space is limited. Registration required.

Healthy Cooking for One or Two
Herndon Branch
Thursday, January 24, 6 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, January 26, 11 a.m.
Cooking for one or two can be a challenge. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will show you how to make tasty meals for one or two without wasting food. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit breakingbreadwithmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

Register online at ocls.info/cuisinecorner or call 407.835.7323.

Jobseekers  ocls.info/jobseekers

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

In-depth jobseeker classes are available online and at multiple library locations in multiple languages. Certificates of completion are available to enhance your professional portfolio.
Meet the Author: Arin Greenwood
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, January 12, 2 p.m.
Arin Greenwood, author of Your Robot Dog Will Die and former animal welfare editor for The Huffington Post, will talk about her experiences writing about animals and publishing a book. Her stories have led to animals getting adopted, donations to animal rescue, shelters implementing creative new practices, and increased public awareness of legal and policy issues.

Meet the Author: Tim Dorsey
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, January 27, 1:30 p.m.
New York Times best-selling author Tim Dorsey, famous for his books featuring psychotic killer and lovable Floridaphile Serge Storms, will discuss his latest release, No Sunscreen for the Dead. Attend for a chance to meet Dorsey and learn about his experiences as a novelist. A book sale and signing will follow the event.

Meet the Author: Clara Silverstein
Herndon Branch
Saturday, January 19, 11 a.m.
Join author Clara Silverstein as she discusses her book Secrets in a House Divided. The novel, set in late 1800s Richmond, Virginia, explores the relationships between masters and slaves, husbands and wives, and parents and children as the Civil War drives them to a flash point. Though the story is set in the past, its focus on the roots of racism resonates today. Book sale and signing to follow the discussion.

Creating Picture Books for Children
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, January 5, 1–3 p.m.
Join veteran children's author-illustrator Loreen Leedy for tales and tips from 35 years in children's book publishing. Her titles include Step by Step, Seeing Symmetry, Crazy Like a Fox: A Simile Story, Measuring Penny, Jack & the Hungry Giant and Missing Math: a Number Mystery. From pre-separated illustrations to digital art and e-books, from independents to mega bookstores to online book sales, Loreen has lived through many changes in the industry and will share her experiences with you.

OCLS Writers Group
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Sunday, January 13, 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.

OCLS Writers Conference
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturday, January 26, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Make 2019 the year you finish and publish a novel. The OCLS Writers Conference will provide the tools and knowledge you need to reach your writing and publishing goals this year. Authors and publishing professionals will teach workshops on both craft and business topics. This conference is free to the public, but registration is required for all attendees. Visit ocls.info/writersconference for more information and to register.

Tax Tips for Writers
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, January 30, 6:30 p.m.
As a writer, what can you deduct against your writing income? Ellen Gordon, professional tax preparer, bookkeeper and payroll manager, will discuss the laws and guidelines you’ll want to know before submitting your taxes this year.
New Year's Resolution Tree
Southeast Branch
January 2–31
Share your New Year's Resolutions all month long.

Family Zumba
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, January 5, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, January 16, Noon
Get your family moving with this energizing workout class! Learn basic Zumba moves to help you dance your way to fitness. Zumba uses dance aerobics to create a fun workout. Comfortable exercise clothing and aerobic style shoes recommended. Recommended for children ages 4–13 and adults.

Kids Yoga
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, January 8, 11 a.m.
Parents bring your little ones to our Kids Yoga class! Yoga can help kids develop focus and concentration. Learn how you can help your child practice posture, clear their mind and strengthen their mind-body connection. Yoga mats will be provided. Recommended for kids of all ages.

Yoga 101
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, January 9, 7 p.m.
Learn the basics of the modern yoga practice, including breath work, styles of yoga and Sanskrit. Student will learn basic moves and the foundation to build a personal yoga practice. Presented by certified yoga instructor Meg Saletnik. Students will receive a list of books available at the library to continue their self-study.

Cuisine Corner: Herbal Cold and Flu Care
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, January 9, 6:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, January 28, 6:30 p.m.
Get ready for cold and flu season by learning about the immunity boosting powers of tea. Join Karon Cannon of Tea Craze to explore the benefits that drinking tea has on your health and enjoy a tasting of immunity boosting teas and herbs. Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

Introduction to Pilates for Adults
Hiawassee Branch
Thursdays, January 10 & 24, 2 p.m.
Exercise your way to fitness in this introduction to Pilates class. Learn simple moves that will work your muscles, help alignment and encourage flexibility. Comfortable exercise or loose-fitting clothing required, yoga mats encouraged. Registration recommended. Register online at ocls.info or call 407.835.7323. You are welcome to attend multiple classes.

Goal Getter Visioning Workshop
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, January 12, 2–4 p.m.
Join Sara Brown, Success & Beyond life coach, for an inspiring vision board workshop. Learn the secret to activating your aspirations and manifesting your ideal life through goal setting and intentional visualization. Seating is limited. Registration required. To register, visit ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

New Year Stretch and Meditate
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m.
Learn a series of daily stretches designed to release body tension and improve posture. Certified yoga instructor Meg Saletnik will teach the power of positive thinking with mantras and meditation. Students will receive a list of books available at the library to continue their self-study.

Jumpstart Your Goals
Southeast Branch
Saturday, January 19, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
Have fun creating a vision board while learning about the Law of Attraction and how to manifest your goals.

Cuisine Corner: Appetizing New Year
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Thursday, January 31, 6:30 p.m.
Start your new year with these appetizing starters.

Gale Health and Wellness Resource Center
ocls.info/databases
Medical journals, magazines, multimedia and more! Reliable consumer information on a full range of health-related issues, such as in-depth coverage of alternative medical practices.
BECOME A TYPING MASTER
This year, become a typing master with free resources from your library. Build up your typing skills and speed, key by key at the library or at home.

Learn How to Type
Hermonton Branch
Saturday, January 5, 11:45 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Monday, January 7, 5:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, January 10, 4:15 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Friday, January 11, 1 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, January 14, 2 p.m.
Hermonton Branch
Thursday, January 17, 11:45 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Friday, January 18, 11:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, January 22, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, January 28, 2 p.m.

Learn to properly place your hands on the keyboard and enhance your typing skills by using the web-based TypingMaster program.

WhizKids: Easy Typing
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, January 2, 3 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, January 9, 3 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, January 17, 4:30 p.m.

Have fun playing games that can help you speed up your typing skills and learn to position your hands on the keyboard like a pro! Ages 6–8.

WhizKids: Typing Games
Orlando Public Library
Friday, January 4, 3 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, January 5, 10:30 a.m.
Hermonton Branch
Saturday, January 12, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, January 23, 3 p.m.

Have fun playing games that can help you speed up your typing skills and learn to position your hands on the keyboard like a pro! Ages 9–12.

NEW YEAR, NEW LANGUAGE
Start the year off right with a new language. With resources to learn hundreds of languages, the library has learning options for children, teen and adults whether at home or on-the-go.

Learn a Language
Using Library Resources
Alafaya Branch
Monday, January 7, 2:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, January 22, 12:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, January 22, 4 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Monday, January 28, 5:30 p.m.

Discover a new language. Use Little Pim to learn in a fun and interactive way. Languages include: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish. Ages 6–8.

WhizKids: Learn a Language
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, January 10, 10 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, January 13, 3 p.m.

Discover a new language. Use Mango Languages to learn over 35 languages in a fun and interactive way. Ages 9–12.

UPCOMING: HOOKS AND BOOKS: ELIZABETH BENNET
Orlando Public Library
Fridays, February 8 & 22, 4–5:30 p.m.

It is a truth universally acknowledged that a good book must be in want of a cute, crocheted companion. In February, discuss Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice while crocheting Elizabeth Bennet.

FIBER ARTS CLASSES AND EVENTS
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Block of the Month
Build your skills block by block. Each month create a unique square that can be enjoyed alone or joined together into a comfy blanket.

Let’s Crochet: Block of the Month – Beginner Level
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, January 3, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, January 17, 6–7:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, January 19, 11 a.m.

Build your crochet skills block by block. Each month create a unique square that can be enjoyed alone or joined together as a comfy blanket.

Sewing: Quilt Block on the Month – Advanced Beginner Level
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, January 9, 10 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Monday, January 14, 1 p.m.

Build a custom quilt block by block. Join us each month for a new design, come for one class or take them all. At the end of the year you will have a complete project perfect for keeping warm.

Hooks and Books: Kickoff
Orlando Public Library
Friday, January 22, 4–5:30 p.m.

Find out what books are being read in the Books and Library Literacy Crochet Series and what crochet supplies you will need. Participants should have completed Let’s Crochet Levels 1–4 or already know how to crochet.

Hooks and Books: Learn a Language
Orlando Public Library
Fridays, January 4–25, 4–5:30 p.m.

Learn to crochet and then sign up to participate in the Hooks and Books Library Literacy Crochet Series!

Hooks and Books: Let’s Crochet Levels 1–4
Orlando Public Library
Fridays, January 4–25, 4–5:30 p.m.

Learn to crochet and then sign up to participate in the Hooks and Books Library Literacy Crochet Series!
**Melrose Meetups: Say It Paint So!**
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center  
**Sunday, January 13, 2 p.m.**
Sit and relax while painting on a canvas with instructor assistance and walk away with your very own masterpiece. Registration required.

**Melrose Meetups: Producer Booster**
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center  
**Wednesday, January 16, 5:30 p.m.**
Empower yourself with knowledge! Learn to maximize library resources through every stage of producing a project. A vital meetup for film, documentary and online content producers.

**GAME DESIGN CAMP**
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center  
**Thursdays, January 17–March 21, 4:30 p.m.**
Learn what it takes to make your own multi-player game using basic modeling and rigging techniques. We’ll use Unity 3D to animate and configure characters, create animation transitions and build a game for play on a server. Registration required. Ages 11–17.

**NEW! From Sample to Performance with Ableton Live**
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center  
**Saturday, January 19, 2 p.m.**  **Thursday, January 24, 6 p.m.**
Turn your ideas into reality with Ableton Live. Live is made for music creation and performance with fast, fluid and flexible options. Master the fundamental skills necessary to use this powerful software, including navigating the environment and tools, working with arrangement and session views, and capturing audio and MIDI sounds.

**NEW! Melrose Makerspace Open Labs**
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center  
**Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays**
You asked and we listened! The Melrose Center’s Fab Lab will now be open all day on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for you to come in and work on your projects. Attend our classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, then hone your skills by coming in on our Open Lab days to design and complete projects using equipment such as our 3D printers and CNC machine. Guests under 18 years of age will need a guardian present to sign release.

**COMING IN FEBRUARY: MELROSE CREATIVE EXPO!**
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center  
**Saturday, February 16, 1 p.m.**
Help us celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Melrose Center! We’ll be announcing the winners of the 2019 Melrose Awards, hosting numerous exhibitors from the community and staging fun activities for the whole family throughout the Melrose Center!
BABY

Mother Goose on the Loose
Edgewater Branch
Wednesdays, January 2–30, 1 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Mondays, January 7, 14 & 28, 5 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
Mondays, January 7, 14 & 28, 5:15 p.m.
A Spanish immersion Mother Goose on the Loose with interactive songs, rhymes and activities to grow your baby's early literacy and Spanish skills! Recommended for babies.

Guitar Sing-A-Long
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, January 16, 10:30 a.m.
Sing along to familiar songs with a live guitar for you and your baby or toddler. Recommended for babies and toddlers.

EARLY LEARNING

ocls.info/earlylearning

TODDLER

Bubble Playtime
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, January 2, 10 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, January 2, 10:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, January 2, 10:30 a.m.
Edgewater Branch
Thursdays, January 3–31, 10:30 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, January 11, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, January 22, 10:30 a.m.
Help your child with their motor-development skills in this interactive bubble class. Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Storytime Crafts
North Orange Branch
Wednesdays, January 2–30, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursdays, January 3–31, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Fridays, January 4–25, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Fridays, January 4–25, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesdays, January 8–29, 10:35 a.m.
Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Texture Inspectors
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, January 2, 10:30 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.

Party in Your PJs
Edgewater Branch
Wednesday, January 2–30, 6:30 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Thursday, January 3, 10:30 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 craft! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

A Trip to the Grocery Store
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, January 3, 11 a.m.
Grab those shopping lists! It is time to sort, count and experiment with all things food. Recommended for toddlers.

Relaxation Stations
North Orange Branch
Thursday, January 3, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, January 14, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, January 16, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, January 30, 10 a.m.
Introduce relaxation to your little one! Although it may not be a quiet event, you will enjoy a calming time with soothing activities and stations. Recommended for toddlers.

Meet the Author: Kekla Magoon
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, January 31, 6:30 p.m.
Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts and Humanities
Life Center Church, 63 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL
Friday, February 1, 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Kekla Magoon will read from and discuss her book, Shadows of Sherwood, winner of the Sunshine State Young Readers Award for grades 6–8. Shadows of Sherwood tells the story of Robyn Lovel, a 12-year-old who must learn to fend for herself when her parents disappear and her city is taken over by a harsh governor. Kekla Magoon is the author of nine novels, including The Rock and the River and How It Went Down. She has received an NAACP Image Award, the John Steptoe New Talent Award and two Coretta Scott King Honors. Visit ocls.info/sunshineseries for more information.

BEANSTACK WINTER READING CHALLENGE
From January 1–31, the Orange County Library System will participate in Beanstack’s Second Annual Winter Reading Challenge, sponsored by Mark Cuban. We challenge our customers to read at least 500 books and/or log 2,000 minutes during the month and keep track of their reading on our Beanstack site at ocls.beanstack.org. Hundreds of libraries and schools across the nation will encourage their communities to read a target number of minutes and books. If we reach the collective goal, Shark Tank investor Mark Cuban will donate $35,000 to participating libraries to expand access to the resources we offer within the community!
Pom Pom Party
Edgewater Branch
Friday, January 4, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, January 7, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, January 8, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, January 9, 11 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Monday, January 14, 10:30 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, January 16, 10:15 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, January 16, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, January 17, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, January 25, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, January 29, 11 a.m.
Hernndon Branch
Thursday, January 31, 10:30 a.m.

What can you do with a pom pom? Come party with us and discover all kinds of ways to use those fluffy, fluffy pom poms! Recommended for toddlers.

Toddler G.A.M.E.S.
South Creek Branch
Fridays, January 4–25, 2 p.m.
Growing, Active, Musical, Educational, Silly – join us for a super fun interactive event for your little ones. This drop-in event will feature age-appropriate toys for children and their caregivers to use for play. Recommended for toddlers.

Parachute Play
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, January 5, 2:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, January 29, 10:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, January 30, 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.

Artsy Toddler
Southwest Branch
Monday, January 7, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, January 14, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, January 31, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, January 29, 11 a.m.
Hernndon Branch
Thursday, January 31, 10:30 a.m.

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Play with Me
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, January 23, 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. Recommended for toddlers.

Tiny Artists
Edgewater Branch
Friday, January 25, 10:30 a.m.
Dress for a mess and enjoy exploring different techniques and materials with our process art storyline. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Painting with Nature
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, January 25, 11 a.m.
Let nature be the inspiration for your toddler! We will create art using tools from the environment to explore the textures and patterns of the great outdoors. Recommended for toddlers.

Science Tots
Southwest Branch
Monday, January 28, 10:30 a.m.
Dress for a mess and dive into STEAM centered learning for your little one. Through exploration, play and hands-on discovery, toddlers will have the opportunity to develop important skills that will prepare them for the future. Recommended for toddlers.

Busy Buttons
North Orange Branch
Thursday, January 31, 11 a.m.
Bring your little one to have a blast with buttons! They will sort, count, match, craft, play and explore while developing cognitive and motor skills. Recommended for toddlers.
K Ready! Southwest Branch Fridays, January 4–February 22, 10:30 a.m. Alafaya Branch Tuesdays, January 8–February 26, 10:30 a.m. This eight-part series reads preschool children to excel in kindergarten through creative play, cooperative learning and activities that stimulate the imagination! This series introduces important concepts and skills that align with the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards for Four-Year-Olds. In order to fully experience this series, register and attend all eight sessions. Call 407.835.7323 or visit ocls.info/kready for more information. Recommended for preschoolers.

PRESCHOOL

**Color Your World!** Southeast Branch Wednesday, January 2–30, 10 a.m.–Noon Create art with crayons at this weekly fun activity! Recommended for preschoolers.

**Cuentame un Cuento: Tell Me a Story** Bilingual Stories and Fun Chickasaw Branch Friday, January 4, 11 a.m. Enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storyline in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either or both languages. The whole family is welcome.

**Wild Sea Turtle & Manatee Tales** South Creek Branch Thursday, January 10, 10:30 a.m. Calling all curious kids! It’s time to go wild at the library with stories, arts and crafts about sea turtles and manatees. Recommended for preschoolers.

**Little Chef: Rainbow Fruit Pizza** Herndon Branch Thursday, January 10, 10:30 a.m. West Oaks Branch Tuesday, January 15, 11 a.m. Edgewater Branch Friday, January 18, 10:30 a.m. South Creek Branch Wednesday, January 23, 10:30 a.m. Learn cooking skills such as kitchen safety, layering, measuring, smearing, tasting and presentation as you interact with a delicious recipe! Recommended for preschoolers.

**It's About Time** Chickasaw Branch Thursday, January 17, 11 a.m. Come learn about the different times of year and the different times of day with fun activities and crafts! Recommended for preschoolers.

**Penguin Party** Chickasaw Branch Friday, January 18, 11 a.m. Br! It’s cold out there! Warm up with stories, math, science activities and a craft featuring some icy friends. Recommended for preschoolers.

**Chinese Tales** North Orange Branch Thursday, January 24, 11 a.m. Enjoy animal fables, crafts and activities at this library celebration of Chinese tales. Recommended for preschoolers.

**Look, I’m a Scientist:** Iceberg Animal Rescue! Orlando Public Library Tuesday, January 29, 10:30 a.m. Learn what happens when it gets very cold and interact while rescuing animals from an iceberg. You don’t need a white coat and a fancy lab to be a scientist; you already have everything you need – your brain and your amazing senses! Recommended for preschoolers.

**My Tooth is Loose** West Oaks Branch Tuesday, January 22, 11 a.m. Learn about the Tooth Fairy, how to keep your teeth clean and what to expect when you lose your first tooth! Recommended for preschoolers.

**R is for Robot** Chickasaw Branch Thursday, January 24, 11 a.m. Shapes, sorting and early math concepts will inspire STEM learning for your little one. Robot fun with crafts, activities and stories. Recommended for preschoolers.

**Polygon Wild** North Orange Branch Tuesday, January 29, 11 a.m. We’re going wild for shapes! Learn about our many-sided friends with fun hands-on activities and stories. Recommended for preschoolers.

**Little Chef: Peanut Butter & Brains?!** Orlando Public Library Tuesday, January 29, 10:30 a.m. Create a new twist on a family favorite! 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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**Community Helper Storytime** Winter Garden Branch Saturday, January 26, 10:30 a.m. Many people in our community work together to help keep it clean, beautiful and safe. Bring your family to storytime and meet local community helpers. Registration recommended.

**PBS Kids Time** Alafaya Branch Wednesday, January 30, 10:30 a.m. Every month we learn and explore with our favorite PBS characters! Enjoy a story, craft and episode. This month we’ll explore creativity with Pinkalicous and Peter彭克! Created in partnership with WUCF, Central Florida’s PBS Station.

**Explore our Storytime Website (ages birth–5 years)** Learn cooking skills such as kitchen safety, layering, measuring, smearing, tasting and presentation as you interact with a delicious recipe. Recommended for preschoolers.

**TODDLER TIME** (ages birth–18 months) South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m. West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10 a.m. Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m. Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m. North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m. Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:15 a.m. Southeast Branch: Thursdays, 10:45 a.m. Alafaya Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. Orlando Public Library: Mondays & Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

**STORYBOOK FUN** (ages 3–5 years) South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m. West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:15 a.m. Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m. Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m. Southeast Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m. Alafaya Branch: Fridays, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m. Orlando Public Library: Mondays & Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

**SMARTY PANTS** (ages birth–5 years) West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:15 a.m. Washington Park Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. Eatonville Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. Hiawassee Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m. South Trail Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
**Children’s**

**Lower and Upper Elementary**

**kids.ocls.info**

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**ArtStyle**

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, January 2, 3 p.m.

Create art in the style of famous artists! A different artist will be featured each month. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

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**DIY Zoetrope**

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, January 2, 4:30 p.m.

Create your own mini movie to life as it spins. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

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**Crafternoons**

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, January 2–16, 3:30 p.m.

Join us for an hour of crafting fun with friends. Registration recommended. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

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**Cocoa and Construction**

Edgewater Branch

Wednesday, January 2, 4 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, January 10, 3:30 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Monday, January 14, 4:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, January 19, 4 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Thursday, January 24, 4:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.

Test your marshmallow engineering skills while drinking a hot cup of cocoa! Supplies are limited. Registration required. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

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**History Happenings: Viking Voyages**

South Trail Branch

Thursday, January 3, 2 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Saturday, January 5, 11 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, January 8, 5 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch

Wednesday, January 16, 4 p.m.

Do you have what it takes to be a Viking? Find out at this fun and history filled program. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

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**Let’s Dance Flamenco**

South Creek Branch

Saturday, January 5–19, Noon

Learn the art of Flamenco Dancing with dance instructor Montse Romero. Registration required. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

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**Make a Snowman**

Hiawassee Branch

Tuesday, January 29, 5 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Thursday, January 24, 3:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Monday, January 14, 3:15 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Wednesday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

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**Incredibles 2 Movie & Craft**

Orlando Public Library

Friday, January 4 & 18, 3 p.m.

What will you create today? Explore, experiment or be entertained. Recommended for upper elementary to teen.

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**Let’s Dance Flamenco**

South Creek Branch

Saturday, January 5–19, Noon

Learn the art of Flamenco Dancing with dance instructor Montse Romero. Registration required. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

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**The Create Space**

Orlando Public Library

Friday, January 4 & 18, 3 p.m.

What will you create today? Explore, experiment or be entertained. Recommended for upper elementary to teen.

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**PAJAMA PARTY**

Alafaya Branch

Monday, January 7, 6 p.m.

Put on your PJs and join us for a nighttime story time! Enjoy stories and songs for the whole family!

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**Cuisine Corner Junior: Snowman Dessert Dip**

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, January 5, 10:15 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Saturday, January 5, 2:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Monday, January 14, 3:15 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, January 24, 2 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Tuesday, January 29, 4:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, January 30, 5 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

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

Do you want to build a snowman? Come pour, mix and taste a dip that will melt in your mouth this winter. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

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**Eyes Are Weird**

Edgewater Branch

Monday, January 7, 4 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, January 8, 6 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, January 17, 4:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, January 22, 5 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, January 23, 3:30 p.m.

How we see can be quite unusual and unique. Explore how human and animal eyes have evolved to see the world with stories and activities. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

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**Maker Monday**

Alafaya Branch

Mondays, January 7, 14 & 28, 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.

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**Winter Crafts**

North Orange Branch

Monday, January 7, 4:30 p.m.

Warm up your creativity with fun stories and crafts. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.
I Have a Dream
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, January 8, 10:15 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, January 9, 3 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Saturday, January 19, 2 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, January 25, 3:30 p.m.
Celebrate the life and dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. by making crafts inspired by your own dreams, the importance of peace and togetherness. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

STEAM Club
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, January 24, 10:30 a.m.
Join us for an afternoon of scientific fun. Explore the world of tinkering and hands-on tinkering. Kid scientists welcome. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

I’m a Police Officer
Herndon Branch
Thursday, January 24, 10:30 a.m.
Spend time with our local police for a morning of stories, crafts and activities. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Frozen Sing-A-Long
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, January 26, 11:30 a.m.
Warm up your voices and experience Frozen, the Sing-Along Edition, for the first time in forever! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Family Maker
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, January 26, 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.

Orlando Public Library
Herndon Branch
Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 p.m.

STEAM Storytime
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, January 19, 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.

Volunteer at the Library
Tuesday, January 29, 4 p.m.
Be prepared to show your strength, speed and flexibility. As a reward, you will learn some basic martial art moves. Participants will receive a headband and a scavenger hunt is included. Registration required. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Candy Sushi
Southeast Branch
Saturday, January 12, 2 p.m.
Learn to make candy sushi rolls! At this event, we’ll create candy sushi rolls, write haiku and watch anime. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, January 26, 3:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, January 28, 6 p.m.

Nerdy Nanoscience
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, January 30, 4 p.m.
Zoom in and discover the science of all things very small. Recommended for lower elementary.

McDonald’s. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Tinker Time
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, January 16, 3 p.m.
Explore the world of tinkering and learn new things you never knew you never knew! Registration required. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

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Cute Corner Junior: Snacks for the Big Game
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, January 31, 4:30 p.m.
In preparation for the Big Game, join us to make some tasty snacks. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens. Registration required.

Angel Paws to Read
Saturday, January 26, 1:30 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.

Family Maker
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, January 26, 2 p.m.
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STEAM Club
Herndon Branch
Monday, January 28, 6 p.m.
Come and join us as we have fun with science experiments and building technology with K'NEX, Snap Circuits, littleBits and so much more! Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Homeschool Field Trip
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, January 29, 2 p.m.
Inviting all homeschoolers to join us for a learning adventure! Registration required. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Snacks for the Big Game
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, January 31, 4:30 p.m.
In preparation for the Big Game, join us to make some tasty snacks. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens. Registration required.

Angel Paws to Read
Sign up to 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. Meet these pups at multiple locations. Visit ocls.info/paws for dates, times and locations.
Totally Totoro
Southeast Branch
Saturday, January 5, 3 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, January 8, 3:15 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, January 19, 2:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, January 24, 4:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Monday, January 28, 4:30 p.m.

Are you a fan of anime and manga? Share your fandom with others while making crafts inspired by the classic anime, My Neighbor Totoro. Registration recommended. Recommended for tweens and teens.

Bad Art Time
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, January 9, 4:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, January 12, 2 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, January 16, 4:30 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, January 16, 5 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, January 22, 5 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, January 22, 6 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, January 26, 3 p.m.

Leave your talent at the door because it’s time to make some truly dreadful art. Prizes will be given to the worst masterpiece. Recommended for tweens and teens.

DIY | 365
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, January 12, 2:30 p.m.

Create your own personal calendar with 365 ideas to keep you happy, healthy and active the entire year. Recommended for tweens and teens.

Youth Art Contest
Get creative! Show off your work and be entered for a chance to win! Entry forms with complete rules and guidelines will be available January 2 at all Orange County Library System locations or can be printed from teens.ocls.info. Submissions should be turned in at the Orlando Public Library by Friday, January 25. Grades 6–12. All submissions will be on display February 1–28.

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Steampunk
North Orange Branch
Thursday, January 3, 4:30 p.m.

Are you ready to start your own industrial revolution? Bring your steam power to see if you have what it takes to be steampunk with crafts, activities and more. Recommended for tweens and teens.

Bite Out of History: Vikings
Edgewater Branch
Saturday, January 5, 2 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, January 31, 4:30 p.m.

Explore the culinary delights of the Viking diet! Create and enjoy kommmjölsgröt (barley porridge) and glögg (spiced juice drink). Supplies are limited. Registration required. Recommended for tweens and teens.

Aesthetically Pleasing
Herndon Branch
Saturday, January 5, 2 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, January 8, 4 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, January 12, 3:30 p.m.

Relax, relate and release your stresses away with an exploration of all things pleasing to the senses. Your eyes and ears will thank you! Recommended for tweens and teens.

Afterschool Adventures with Hero Spark
Orlando Public Library
Mondays-Thursdays, January 7–31, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Mondays-Thursdays, January 7–31, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Gaming and homework help collide at the library. Complete your homework with the help of a tutor, 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! Please note Afterschool Adventures will not meet Monday, January 21.

Time Out for Teens
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, January 8–29, 5 p.m.

Get together with other teens to talk about school and other issues while participating in fun activities to help you relax, de-stress, learn new life skills and become a better you! Recommended for teens.

Pendulum Painting
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, January 9, 4:30 p.m.

Swing on over and rethink the way you paint. First, we will build our pendulum and then we will use it to create a masterpiece! Recommended for tweens and teens.

Totally Totoro
Southeast Branch
Saturday, January 5, 3 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, January 8, 3:15 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, January 19, 2:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, January 24, 4:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
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LOCATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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 Tr., 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:

OCLS Renewal Line
Take advantage of renewing your items and checking your account information via the 24/7 Renewal Line at 407.316.0021. Using your bar code number on your library card and on checked out items you can renew all items, or check on holds and fines.

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*Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in any class or program due to a disability may arrange for accommodations by contacting the location where the event is held at least seven days prior to the program.

CLOSURES

New Year’s
The Orange County Library System will be closed Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1. The library system will resume normal hours on Wednesday, January 2. Happy New Year!

Año Nuevo
El sistema de bibliotecas del condado de Orange estará cerrado el lunes, 31 de diciembre y el martes, 1 de enero debido a la conmemoración del Año Nuevo. El sistema de bibliotecas abrirá en sus horas regulares el miércoles, 2 de enero. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday
The Orange County Library System will be closed Sunday, January 20 and Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday. The library system will resume normal hours on Tuesday, January 22.

Cumpleaños de Martin Luther King Jr.
El sistema de bibliotecas del condado de Orange estará cerrado el domingo, 20 de enero y el lunes, 21 de enero debido a la conmemoración del Cumpleaños de Martin Luther King Jr. El sistema de bibliotecas abrirá en sus horas regulares el martes, 22 de enero.