Believe it or not, September marks six months since our worlds were turned upside down by COVID-19. For Orange County Library System, that means six months since we’ve had no in-person events and programs, which used to bring our libraries to life with laughter and learning. Just because our buildings are quieter than we’re accustomed to, though, doesn’t mean that we aren’t hustling behind the scenes to re-envision what it means to be a library in the COVID era.

We’re now offering a full slate of virtual programming every day, ranging from storytimes to STEM programs to writing events to technology classes that you can access for free from the comfort of your own home. We’ve created and given away hundreds of take-home craft packs and activities for families, and last month we even hosted our first big author event – our Big Read kickoff featuring a virtual keynote presentation with Kelly Link took place on August 23 via Zoom. We’ve enjoyed producing these events so much that we’ll likely continue to host virtual programming even when COVID is finally past us, and we’re constantly thinking of new ways to keep our customers coming back for more.

In September, we’re planning to host a discussion on Learning at Home, to help parents use the library to aid them in their homeschooling or virtual learning journeys. We’re partnering with Writer’s Block Bookstore to bring bestselling author Fredrik Backman, author of the No. 1 New York Times bestseller A Man Called Ove, to discuss his newest title, Anxious People. We’ve even got plans in the works to bring Trick or Treat Safe Zone, presented in partnership with the Orange County Regional History Center, to life online.

All you need to take advantage of these programs (and more) is your library card. Don’t have one? It’s easy to sign up – just visit ocls.info/getyourcard and fill out the form. We’ll have one in the mail to you in no time. September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, so what are you waiting for? There’s no better time to get your card than now!
Our History Speaks Volumes: A Library Card Retrospective

The history of library cards is a fascinating journey through time, innovation, and evolution. For Orange County Library System—a nearly 100-year history, your library card has been the key to unlocking a world of free resources. To celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month, we are looking back at the evolution of “the most valuable card in your wallet.”

The library’s first card, which was made of cardstock, included a metal plate on which the library card number was stamped to prevent duplication. This card design was unveiled in 2016 which showcased our common purpose: We Change Lives. Plans are currently underway to release the card in a format that includes a convenient keychain option—that card will reflect our fresh slogan: Learn. Grow. Connect.

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In the 1990s, OCLS adopted a card design which included a scannable barcode, allowing for more rapid checkout through the library’s computerized lending system. This card was perhaps most famously used in a campaign to promote library card sign-up by then Orlando Magic superstar Shaquille O’Neal. Posters from that campaign are still available for free from the Friends of the Library Bookstore.

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Do you have your card yet? What is stopping you?

Amy Sweezey recently joined Growing Bolder as a Special Projects Producer and writer after retiring from a 25-year broadcast meteorology career. She has authored two children’s books about weather and created two weather workbooks for elementary students. Amy and her husband live in Central Florida with their three children.

I found a book written by Jessica Savitch, one of the first female TV news anchors, which provided some inspiration toward my future in TV.

I grew up in the 1980s, before the internet existed. There were no smartphones or video streaming services. I couldn’t watch Netflix or test my friends. I had to entertain myself in other ways, especially in the summer when school was out. Sure, there was a lot of playing outside, partly because we lived just a few minutes away from my cousin’s in a much cooler climate than Florida, but also partly because we lived right next door to an elementary school. I had the entire playground as my backyard.

We also lived right down the road from the public library. Once I was old enough to venture out on my own, I rode my bike to the library and spent hours rummaging through the shelves. Fiction books were my favorite. Stories about interesting people in exotic places fascinated me. I could leave myself in other ways, especially in the summer when school was out. Sure, there was a lot of playing outside, partly because we lived just a few minutes away from my cousin’s in a much cooler climate than Florida, but also partly because we lived right next door to an elementary school. I had the entire playground as my backyard.

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ZOOMING WITH KELLY
by Scottie Campbell, Marketing Specialist

This month we continue our Big Read celebration of Pretty Monsters by Kelly Link with programming related to this eclectic collection of short stories. Prior to kicking off our celebration, the Pulitzer-nominated author chatted with us via Zoom, from her home in Northampton, Massachusetts, for a bonus episode of the library’s podcast Shelf Centered. What follows are excerpts from that interview.

Trying to write during the COVID-19 pandemic was a challenge I feel enormously privileged because it is the kind of work that I can do at home, but no, I’ve not written a great deal. I’ve been thinking about some stories that I want to get back to, I’ve been thinking about a novel I have to finish, but my husband and I took over a small bookstore in September. We have employees who are working from home, but for the past month for the first four and a half months of the pandemic it was just us in the store and that was a great deal of work.

Her advice to novice writers. Write about the stuff that you care about. Write about the things you’re so invested in, that you feel so much excitement about putting together in a story that it’s going to carry you through the act of having to write the story.

Growing up in South Florida. I grew up in Dade County, on Old Cutler Road outside of Miami. I loved it. It’s a great place to be a kid. Lots and lots of animals.

Writing about Florida. There are a couple of stories in Get in Trouble that are set in Florida. It took me a while to write about Florida. I think it’s much easier for me to write about a place after I’m no longer living there. I have been living in Massachusetts for 12 years, so now it’s much easier for me to write about other places I lived North Carolina, Miami, and about New York.

For the full bonus episode of Shelf Centered, visit ocls.info/podcast. The conversation includes her family raising — and reading to — chickens, revealing a surprising fan of her work that’s been her reflecting on her story Pretty Monsters, her reflecting on her story Orange County and more.

BIG READ

Campfire Stories and Crafts
Wednesday, September 2 & 9, 3:30 p.m.
Enjoy traditional camp crafts then join us to hear “scary” stories and sing campfire songs. S’mores are an option, but tasty, addition to storytime. Recommended for families.

Art 101: Funerary Art to storytime. Recommended for ages 15 and up.

Southeast Book Club
Wednesday, September 9, 7 p.m.
Alafaya Book Club Thursday, September 10, 7 p.m.
Each book club will discuss Pretty Monsters by Kelly Link in celebration of the NFA Big Read.

Florida’s Ghostly Curses Thursday, September 10, 9 p.m.
Do you believe in curses? Real or imaginary, many of the ghost stories in the state center around them. From scorned witches to desecrated mounds, there is more than one reason a ghost may be lurking.

Upcycling: Faery Handbag Thursday, September 10, 10–11:30 a.m.
Magic your old t-shirts into stylish handbags. Once complete, accessorize it with faery charms. Inspired by Kelly Link’s short story The Faery Handbag.

Upcycling: Genie Bottle Craft Thursday, September 10, 10–11:30 a.m.
Magick your old bottles into magical handbags. Once complete, accessorize it with faery charms. Inspired by Kelly Link’s short story The Genie Bottle.

Upcycling: Hidden Orlando: Secret Spots and Local Haunts Thursday, September 3, 7 p.m.
Join us as we discuss the story The Wrong Grave from Kelly Link’s Pretty Monsters, and learn the real stories behind Orlando’s Greenwood Cemetery.

Florida’s Haunted Love Stories Thursday, September 3, 9 p.m.
Part history lesson, part folklore and part ghost story, author Christopher Balzano takes you on a spooky journey through Florida’s haunted love stories.

Hidden Orlando: Secret Spots and Local Haunts Thursday, September 3, 7 p.m.
Join a panel of local influencers as they discuss their top eats, shops, and hangs. Dive in and discover your new nearby favorites they were right there all along!

As You Wish: Genie Bottle Craft Thursday, September 3, 7 p.m.
Design your own magical bottle and complete it with a simple wish. Inspired by Kelly Link’s short story The Surfer. Registration required. Recommended for families.

THE RIGHT SERVICE AT THE RIGHT TIME

The Right Service at the Right Time is a statewide project designed to connect Florida residents with social services and government assistance. Over the past nine years this website has grown to cover the 67 counties of Florida, connecting people with the services that can assist them in their time of need. Orange County Library System was able to create and build the website created using grant money from the Library Services and Technology Act. Through The Right Service at the Right Time, the library is able to better serve economically disadvantaged, homeless and unemployed people by connecting them with resources for daily needs, healthcare, transportation, immigration assistance and more.

For more information, visit ocls.info/rightservice.

JOBSEEKERS

Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume Tuesdays, September 1, 15 & 29, 7:30 p.m.
Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.

Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro Tuesdays, September 8 & 22, 1:30 p.m.
You’ve landed an interview! Now what? Get tips that will help you to practice and prepare, and to write a memorable thank you letter.
SEW YOUR HOME BEAUTIFUL
We’re all spending more time at home. Sew unique accents for your personal space by hand or with a machine in these fun classes. Visit ocls.info/fiber-arts to view the schedule and sign up for an event or class.

NEW! Hand Sewing: Needle Book
Thur., September 10–October 1, 2 p.m.
This four-week series will introduce beginners to basic hand sewing techniques while creating a needle book to store pins and needles.

NEW! Hand Sewing: Sashiko Coasters
Thurs., September 10–October 1, 10:15 a.m.
Learn the basics of sashiko (stitching) while creating a hand-sewn coaster.

Sewing: Pillowcase – Beginner Level
Friday, September 11, 10 a.m.–Noon
Create a classic pillowcase with a contrasting cuff. Professionally finish your project with French seams while practicing straight stitches. Students are required to bring fabric.

Sewing: Quilted Coasters – Beginner Level
Friday, September 25, 10 a.m.–Noon
New to sewing and ready for that first simple project? These easy to make coasters, based on the four square quilt block design, make great gifts for many occasions.

MELROSE CENTER

Critical Listening Session
Wednesday, September 9, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Working on a mix? Send us your tracks and get feedback from audio professionals.

Podcast Clinic
Thursdays, September 10 & 17, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Thinking about starting a podcast? In part one, we’ll take you through gear and available software. In part two, learn podcast editing techniques with our audio engineers. Each class will be followed by a Q&A session.

Crafting Sound Effects
Wednesday, September 16, 4–5:30 p.m.
Explore the interesting world of sound design. In-house sound design expert Chase Steele shows how to take sound ideas from concept to reality.

The 12 Principles of Animation in 3D
Thursday, September 17, 2–3:30 p.m.
Enter the world of animation and the influence they have had on 3D animation tools.

Motion Capture Animation
Thursday, September 17, 4 p.m.
We will explore the Perception Neuron MOCAP system. This system is based on individual sensors called Neurons which track and record the movements of an actor without the use of expensive equipment.

Creep It Yourself
Halloween Decor
Saturday, September 26, 1:30–3 p.m.
Saturdays get spooky in this do-it-yourself craft series using household goods and inexpensive seasonal items.

Create polished documents, presentations and spreadsheets with ease. Work seamlessly in popular Microsoft Office products, including Excel, PowerPoint and Word. Visit ocls.info/classes to view the schedule and sign up for a class.

Microsoft Excel Level 1
Tuesdays, September 8 & 22, 10 a.m.
Start using Excel today. Input, format and save data in spreadsheets. Calculate data with basic formulas.

Microsoft PowerPoint Level 1
Tuesday, September 1, Noon
Friday, September 4, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, September 8, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 17, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, September 23, 10 a.m.
Monday, September 28, 1:30 p.m.
Identify the basic features and tools to get you started. Learn how to create a presentation by using templates, text and picture files.

NEW! Microsoft Word Level 1
Thursday, September 2, Noon
Monday, September 9, 10 a.m.
Monday, September 14, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, September 16, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, September 22, 10 a.m.
Thursday, September 24, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, September 29, 2 p.m.
Create polished documents in Microsoft Word. Navigate the user interface and apply basic word processing techniques to create a formatted letter. Ensure readability with basic review tools.

Character Study: Character Development
Tuesday, September 15, 5:30 p.m.
Strong characters make up the foundation of a good story. Learn to design complete characters to construct your script’s narrative.

September 18–27
The 3rd Annual Melrose Film Festival is a virtual affair this year. Enjoy official selections in Animated Shorts, Documentaries, Micro Shorts, Music Videos and Short Films. Visit ocls.info/melrose-film-festival.
Money Talks for Women
Crafters Meetup
South Creek Social
Music & Movement
Ask A Lawyer
OCLS x StoryCorps
Conducting 101
Creating Art with Pen and Ink
DIY Worm Bins
DIY Paper Pumpkins
Starting a Family Garden

As part of Global Peace Week and International Day of Peace, OCLS is partnering with Valencia College’s Peace and Justice Institute to bring events about Peace Education.

A Conversation Between Police & Protesters
Wednesday, September 23, 10:30-11:45 a.m.
The Peace and Justice Institute at Valencia College leads a conversation with local law enforcement and protesters in order to understand the complexities of racial injustices in our community.

Kaepernicks & The Anthem: Peaceful Protest
Thursday, September 24, 10:30-11:45 a.m.
When Colin Kaepernick took a knee, he authored a new chapter about peaceful protest in the United States. The Peace and Justice Institute at Valencia College leads a discussion on his efforts.

LIVING GREEN: CLEANING GREEN
Tuesday, September 8, 11 a.m.
Learn how to create inexpensive green cleaning products from ingredients found in your home.

Ask an English Teacher
Wednesday, September 2–23, 4 p.m.
Do you have questions about learning English classes? Well, this is the class you need! You’ll have the opportunity to express yourself well. Do you need more help with topics in other English classes? Well, this is the class for you!

Living Green: Cleaning Green
Living Green: Painting Green
Living Green: Baking Green
Living Green: Gardening Green
Living Green: Composting and Staying Green

Ask a Lawyer
Monday, September 21, 6 p.m.
Orange County Bar Association will provide an open forum for individuals to speak with a panel of attorneys to get insight and guidance on family, estate planning and probate law. Registration required.

Pathway to Homeownership
Saturday, September 19, 11 a.m.
Explore each step a home buyer will walk through from beginning to end. Discover where you currently are in the process of home buying to help you plan for a successful journey to homeownership.

Alphabet Calligraphy
Sunday, September 20, 2 p.m.
Learn how to practice lettering the alphabet. Explore how to create different fonts using a variety of pens and techniques. Registration required.

How to Draw Caricatures
Monday, September 28, 2 p.m.
Learn to draw portraits, cartoons and dynamic faces from the comfort of your home! Pencils, erasers and paper required.

Gaining Financial Control of Your Divorce
Monday, September 28, 6:30-8 p.m.
Before making any financial decisions regarding your divorce, become aware of potential pitfalls and learn the smart questions you should be asking.

DIY Compost Bins
Sunday, September 27, 11 a.m.
Want to start composting but don’t know where to begin? Make a DIY worm bin with Charlie from O-Town Compost and turn your food scraps into valuable fertilizer for your own garden.

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DIY Paper Pumpkins
Wednesday, September 30, 3 p.m.
Welcome fall by creating these adorable paper pumpkins from up-cycled materials.

Starting a Family Garden
Wednesday, September 30, 7:30 p.m.
Fleet Farming invites you to a class all about gardening. Discuss the basics of setting up a family garden, interactive ideas for youth involvement and how to keep your garden growing this fall.

O-Town Compost
Creating Art with Pen and Ink
DiY Worm Bins
DIY Paper Pumpkins
Starting a Family Garden

Control of Your Divorce
Gaining Financial

Conducting 101
Friday, September 11, 11 a.m.
Listen to famous selections of music and perform the corresponding conducting patterns that guide the piece. Presented by Central Florida Community Arts. Registration required.

ART & DISPLAY

OCLS x StoryCorps
Chickasaw Branch
On Display Through September
In 2018, Orange County Library System customers and staff had their library memories recorded by StoryCorps. We commissioned local sketch artist Thomas Thorpecken to chronicle the event in his unique style. In this touring exhibit, you can view his art and listen to the corresponding story.

Men Painting Women
Orlando Public Library, First Floor
On Display Through September
Some of the most important male artists in western history are known specifically for their paintings of women. In this exhibit, we have brought together five male Florida artists whose work is mainly focused on the female form. Each approaches depicting women from very different perspectives, both artistically and intellectually.
BOOK CLUBS

Eatonville Children’s Book Club
Wednesday, September 2, 3 p.m.
Make new friends, establish regular reading routines and have fun learning through reading, activities and games.

Reading Aloud Book Club
Tuesday, September 8, 7–8:30 p.m.
Experience the joy and cognitive benefits of reading literature aloud with other adults. Each month pre-selected literature will be read aloud and discussed by participants. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Southwest Book Club
Tuesday, September 22, 7–8:45 p.m.
This month, discuss A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende. An epic novel that follows two young people as they flee the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Hiawassee Book Club
Thursday, September 24, 7 p.m.
Examine our September selection, Searching for Sylvie Lee by Jean Kwok. Three women from a Chinese immigrant family navigate complicated secrets when an elder daughter goes missing while visiting her dying grandmother in the Netherlands.

The Alafaya and Southeast book clubs are discussing Pretty Monsters by Kelly Link this month. See page 6 for details.

WRITERS CORNER

The Art and Craft of Storytelling
Tuesdays, September 8–29, 6–7:30 p.m.
Storytelling helps you to take personal experiences from your life and make them identifiable with an audience. Learn techniques to prepare you for a performance of your own story.

OCLS Writer’s Group
Sunday, September 13, 4 p.m.
Writers of all genres and experience are welcome for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

Tools for Finding a Literary Agent
Monday, September 14, 6:30 p.m.
Sarah Penner, author of The Last Apothecary, will share tools to help you find, research and submit to literary agents.

Plotting a Mystery
Sunday, September 20, 4 p.m.
Mystery books are full of twists and turns. As an author, how do you make those happen? Author Kristin Lambert will provide tips and strategies for plotting your first mystery novel.

From Idea to Completed Novel
Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.
Do you have an idea for a novel, but aren’t sure how to develop that into a manuscript? Brandon Goode, author of Unorthodox Remedies, will provide strategies on expanding your idea into a full novel.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman
Tuesday, September 15, 7 p.m.
Fredrik Backman, the No. 1 New York Times bestselling author of A Man Called Ove, will discuss his newest book, Anxious People, a story about the enduring power of friendship, forgiveness and hope. Registration required.

Book Launch for Florida’s Healing Waters
Saturday, September 26, 3 p.m.
Celebrate the release of Florida’s Healing Waters, about a time in history when tourists poured into Florida in search of good health. Author Rick Kilby will be in conversation with Dr. Peggy McDonald.
ALL CLASSES AND PROGRAMS ARE CURRENTLY VIRTUAL. CLICK LINKS IN THIS LISTING FOR DETAILS.

**LANGUAGE LEARNING**

**ESOL CLASSES**

**Writing Clearly for Beginners**

- Tuesdays, September 1–29, Noon
- Thursdays, September 3–24, Noon

We will review different grammar points in English and basic sentence writing in this virtual meeting using Zoom.

**Conversation Hour**

- Tuesdays, September 1–29, 6 p.m.
- Wednesdays, September 2–30, 2:30 p.m.
- Thursdays, September 3–24, 4 p.m.
- Fridays, September 4–25, 3 p.m.
- Mondays, September 7–28, 4:15 p.m.

Practice your English speaking skills with us in a virtual Conversation Hour. Each session will have specific topics for discussion.

**English for Families**

- Wednesday, September 2, 5:30 p.m.

Join us virtually in this Family Literacy Program to practice reading with your children and learn English vocabulary for everyday use. This program meets twice a week for five weeks.

**English for Social Interactions**

- Mondays, September 14–28, 7 p.m.

Learn different English idioms and phrases that are used to communicate on a daily basis.

**Spanish Classes**

**Spanish from Zero – Practice**

- Tuesday, September 1, 10:30 a.m.

Practice what you’ve learned in this class designed for learners to practice the basic sounds of Spanish including pronunciation, the alphabet, syllables, vocabulary and reading.

**Spanish from Zero – Basics with Ms. Brenda**

- Tuesdays, September 1–22, 4 p.m.

This class introduces learners to the basic sounds of Spanish including pronunciation, alphabet, syllables, vocabulary and reading.

**Spanish from Zero – Intermediate**

- Thursdays, September 3–24, 4 p.m.

An introduction to Spanish grammar focusing on the parts of speech, the organization of sentences, vocabulary building, sentence structures, phrases, words stress, sentence intonation and listening comprehension.

**CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED**

**Citizenship Inspired**

- Tuesdays & Wednesdays, September 1–9 & 15–23, 3–5 p.m.
- Thursdays, September 3–24, 3–4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays, September 5–19, 10 a.m.–Noon

During this multi-session program, students will meet virtually once each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.

**DID YOU KNOW ...**

In 2019, the Friends of the Orange County Library System donated $5,000 to purchase sewing machines for Library branches that wanted to start sewing classes.

The Friends paid for the online platform for the Local Wanderer program, which allows Library cardholders to check out free passes to local cultural institutions.

The Friends fund a scholarship program that helps Library staff obtain bachelor’s degrees or pursue careers in library sciences.

The Friends provides annual funding for the Library’s Prime Time Family Reading Program.

The Friends provides prize money for the Melrose Awards, which recognize the best creative projects created by Melrose Center members every year.

Friends of the Orange County Library System volunteers run the bookstore and gift shop in the Orlando Public Library.

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**6 Latinx Authors to Read During Hispanic Heritage Month**

by Ruben Cortés, Collection Development Librarian & Nathaly Ruiz, Questline Reference Assistant

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, we gathered just a few of the most meaningful books written by Latinx authors we’ve read in our lifetimes. This is an ideal time to pick up a new-to-you book and explore the varied, complex experiences of Latinx authors and the characters they’ve brought to life in these stories.

### RUBEN’S PERSONALIZED RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **We Are Not From Here**
  by Jenny Torres Sanchez
  A powerful fictional narrative about three teens leaving home to seek a better life in the United States that brought out so many emotions and a new sense of empathy for immigrants.

- **Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe**
  by Benjamin Alire Saenz
  A charming, coming-of-age story about two Mexican American boys that develop a friendship that alters their lives forever. This is the first novel I read where I saw myself represented in a book.

- **More Happy Than Not**
  by Adam Silvera
  A poignant novel about a gay teenage boy, whose life has been rough, but everything can change for the better with a new memory-alteration procedure. For me, this novel perfectly captures the struggles queer people face towards self-acceptance.

- **The Aguero Sisters**
  by Cristina Garcia
  With twists and turns out of a novella, this book is brimming with magical realism and vivid imagery that brings you into the lives of the Aguero sisters with plenty of mystery to spare.

- **With the Fire on High**
  by Elizabeth Acevedo
  Through love and with integrity, Emoni finds that the last thing she should sacrifice is herself: Priorities do not cancel out dreams, even with the Fire on High.

- **Juliet Takes a Breath**
  by Gabby Rivera
  This book gave me the opportunity to identify with a character that is Puerto Rican, queer and radically feminist in a world where our idols have their flaws.

### HISPANIC HERITAGE

#### Practica Spanish Conversation

**Practice tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation.**

- **Aspectos para Considerar Antes de Comenzar un Negocio**
  Tuesday, September 15, 6–7:30 p.m.
  Esta sesión es para dar información básica sobre cómo comenzar un negocio. Temas incluyen: licencias, requisitos del estado, y opciones de financiamiento.

- **Cuisine Corner: Tostones**
  Wednesday, September 16, 6 p.m.
  Watch our Instagram Live (@ocls) as Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, shows you how to make tasty tostones.

#### YOUTH EVENTS

- **Cuentame un Cuento**
  Tuesday, September 8, 5 p.m.
  Come enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either language. Recommended for preschoolers.

- **Notable Hispanic Americans**
  Wednesday, September 16, 4 p.m.
  Children will get to know more about some inspiring Hispanic Americans with a program that celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

- **Little Chef: Avocado Smash & Chips!**
  Thursday, September 17, 2 p.m.
  Preschoolers will learn how to make guacamole with fresh ingredients and enjoy it with a side of chips. Adult participation is required.

- **Little Chef: Bean Burritos**
  Tuesday, September 22, 2 p.m.
  Preschoolers will learn about Hispanic foods while mashing, spreading and rolling a delicioso Mexican inspired dish. Adult participation is required.

- **Cuisine Corner Jr. – Pastelón**
  Friday, September 25, 4 p.m.
  Pastelón is a classic Puerto Rican dish made with layers of thinly sliced plantains, ground meat and cheese. Gather your ingredients and learn how to assemble this delicious sweet and savory lasagna. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

- **Artsy Toddler: Frida**
  Monday, September 28, 11 a.m.
  Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences while learning about Mexican painter Frida Kahlo. Recommended for toddlers.

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**Practica Spanish Conversation**

**Practice tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation.**

- **Aspectos para Considerar Antes de Comenzar un Negocio**
  Tuesday, September 15, 6–7:30 p.m.
  Esta sesión es para dar información básica sobre cómo comenzar un negocio. Temas incluyen: licencias, requisitos del estado, y opciones de financiamiento.

- **Cuisine Corner: Tostones**
  Wednesday, September 16, 6 p.m.
  Watch our Instagram Live (@ocls) as Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, shows you how to make tasty tostones.

#### YOUTH EVENTS

- **Cuentame un Cuento**
  Tuesday, September 8, 5 p.m.
  Come enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either language. Recommended for preschoolers.

- **Notable Hispanic Americans**
  Wednesday, September 16, 4 p.m.
  Children will get to know more about some inspiring Hispanic Americans with a program that celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

- **Little Chef: Avocado Smash & Chips!**
  Thursday, September 17, 2 p.m.
  Preschoolers will learn how to make guacamole with fresh ingredients and enjoy it with a side of chips. Adult participation is required.

- **Little Chef: Bean Burritos**
  Tuesday, September 22, 2 p.m.
  Preschoolers will learn about Hispanic foods while mashing, spreading and rolling a delicioso Mexican inspired dish. Adult participation is required.

- **Cuisine Corner Jr. – Pastelón**
  Friday, September 25, 4 p.m.
  Pastelón is a classic Puerto Rican dish made with layers of thinly sliced plantains, ground meat and cheese. Gather your ingredients and learn how to assemble this delicious sweet and savory lasagna. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

- **Artsy Toddler: Frida**
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Being Bilingual Rock’s! Telling it Bilingüe ROCKS! is an interactive show of original and folk tunes in Spanish and English. Be prepared to dance, sing and rock out, bilingual style. Recommended for families.
**FAMILY**

**ArtMazing**
Friday, September 11, 5 p.m.
Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must!

**Pajama Party**
Monday, September 14, 7 p.m.
Put on your pajamas and join us virtually for stories, songs and a craft.

**Family Art Night**
Monday, September 21, 5 p.m.
Explore art as a family with books and hands-on activities. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

**La Isla Del Encanto**
Saturday, September 26, 2 p.m.
Celebrate the Island of Enchantment, Puerto Rico, with stories and activities.

**Family Art Adventure: Rafael Lopez**
Monday, September 28, 4 p.m.
Explore art as a family. Families will learn about the artistic style of Illustrator and muralist Rafael Lopez, then create art in his style. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

**Painting Without a Brush**
Wednesday, September 30, 3 p.m.
Let's get creative! Join us for an art class where we'll use everything except paint brushes to design a masterpiece. Grab whatever you have on hand for this artistic adventure. No brushes welcome!

**MODERN PARENTING**

**Learning from Home with the Library**
Thursday, September 10, 11 a.m.
Whether you are just getting started or you would like to add to your K–12 teaching toolkit, find out everything the library has to offer for learning at home and homeschooling.

**Family Zumba**
Saturday, September 12, 11 a.m.
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. Registration required.

**Every Child Ready to Read Caregiver Workshop**
Saturday, September 19, 11 a.m.
Learn about the five early literacy practices as well as tips, tricks and resources to help your child strengthen important early literacy skills. Recommended for adults with children ages 0–5.

**BABY**

**Tiny Tales**
Tuesday, September 1, 1 p.m.
Fridays, September 4 & 11, 1 p.m.
Saturdays, September 5 & 26, Noon
Sundays, September 6–20, 1 p.m.

**Baby Shark**
Thursday, September 3, 11 a.m.
Dive under the water and enjoy stories, songs and crafts about Baby Shark, Mommy Shark and Daddy Shark (do do do do do do).

**Pajama Tales**
Tuesday, September 8, 6 p.m.
Join us for an exciting pajama party just for you. Don't forget to wear your PJs. Get ready for fun with stories, games and crafts. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

**Caregiver Connect: Stay and Play**
Wednesday, September 2–23, 10:30 a.m.
Connect with other caregivers to meet and mingle. Encourage your little one to say hello to new and old friends as we explore creativity through songs and an activity.

**Mother Goose on the Loose**
Wednesdays, September 2–30, 10:30 a.m.
Using rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more, we will be interacting together to help develop important pre-literacy skills in our littles ones.

**Baby Fiesta**
Thursday, September 17, 1 p.m.
Estamos de fiesta! Sing and dance along to bilingual stories and activities that will get your little one moving from head to toe. Registration required.

**Mama Qansa**
Tuesday, September 22, 11 a.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.

**TO TODDLER**

**Hello Zoo! Storytime & Craft**
Monday, September 14, 11 a.m.
Join us for this virtual sing-a-long to fun, familiar songs along with live guitar for you and your toddler. Recommended for babies and toddlers.

**Celebrate with Dora and Friends**
Wednesday, September 16, 11 a.m.
Grab your backpacks and let's go, vámanos! Join in on the adventure to create crafts and hear stories inspired by Dora the Explorer and her amigos. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

**What Can I Do with a Paleta?**
Wednesday, September 23, 2 p.m.
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a music appreciation storytime and a craft.

**Paint a Rainbow**
Tuesday, September 29, 11 a.m.
Join us for this virtual way through the alphabet for all little ones.

**Guitar Sing-A-Long**
Monday, September 27, 7 p.m.
Join us for this virtual sing-a-long to fun, familiar songs with live guitar for you and your toddler. Recommended for babies and toddlers.

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Thursday, September 24, 1 p.m.
Windo, September 30, 11 a.m.
A Spanish immersion, Plaza Sésamo by Plaza Sésamo.

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**PRESCHOOL**

**Zero To Five Storytime**
- Tuesdays, September 1 & 8, 10 a.m.
- Wednesdays, September 2 & 9, 10 a.m.
- Thursdays, September 3, 10 a.m.
- Fridays, September 4 & 11, 10 a.m.
- Saturdays, September 5 & 12, 10 a.m.
- Sundays, September 6 & 13, 10 a.m.

From the rhythm and repetition of nursery rhymes to the use of picture books, songs and flannel board stories, your child will be encouraged to develop early literacy skills.

**Toddler Time**
- Saturdays, September 4 & 11, 10 a.m.
- Fridays, September 4 & 11, 10 a.m.
- Sundays, September 6 & 13, 10 a.m.
- Fridays, September 4 & 11, 10 a.m.
- Sundays, September 6 & 13, 10 a.m.
- Saturday, September 12, 10 a.m.
- Sunday, September 13, 10 a.m.

Engage with books, songs and activities that strengthen important early literacy skills.

**Storybook Fun**
- Tuesday, September 7, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 8, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, September 9, 10 a.m.
- Friday, September 10, 10 a.m.
- Saturday, September 11, 10 a.m.
- Sunday, September 12, 10 a.m.

The use of picture books, finger plays, songs and flannel board stories will encourage the development of verbal and listening skills for this active age group.

**Little Ninja**
- Tuesday, September 7, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 8, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, September 9, 10 a.m.
- Friday, September 10, 10 a.m.
- Saturday, September 11, 10 a.m.
- Sunday, September 12, 10 a.m.

You don’t need a white coat and a fancy lab to be a scientist. You already have all you need: your brain and amazing senses. Learn about what makes a liquid or solid.

**Motor and Movement**
- Tuesday, September 7, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 8, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, September 9, 10 a.m.
- Friday, September 10, 10 a.m.
- Saturday, September 11, 10 a.m.
- Sunday, September 12, 10 a.m.

Explore how motor and movement encourages literacy and learn how to promote it easily at home.

**I Spy a Shape**
- Friday, September 17, 10 a.m.

Do you have what it takes to be a ninja? Use your listening skills for awesome stories and then practice your breath control and warrior moves like a real ninja. Recommended for preschoolers and early elementary.

**The Bedtime Blues**
- Thursday, September 24, 10 a.m.

Who’s ready for bed? Not me! Let’s avoid the ZZZs with stories and songs about the most dreaded time of day: bedtime.

**Reading with Animals**
- Friday, September 25, 2 p.m.

Engage with books, songs and activities that strengthen important early literacy skills.

**Storybook Art**
- Monday, September 28, 10 a.m.

Read new books and reenact the art inside. This series will encourage your little ones to explore different art styles and develop their artistic side.

**Animal Toast Art**
- Wednesday, September 30, 10:30 a.m.

Toast, slice and spread ingredients to transform a snack into an adorable animal treat. Registration required.

**Let’s Read & Create**
- Monday, October 5, 10 a.m.

Learn all about spiders and the webs they call home. Presented as a part of the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Project WILD.
ALL CLASSES AND PROGRAMS ARE CURRENTLY VIRTUAL. CLICK LINKS IN THIS LISTING FOR DETAILS.

CHILDREN’S

Remember Me
Thursday, September 3, 4 p.m.
Gather your family as we explore traditions and a bright-colored world of music through stories and activities all inspired by Disney Pixar’s Coco.

Extreme Weather
Friday, September 4, 4 p.m.
Howling wind, flooding rain, flashing lightning and roaring thunder! Discover the dangers of the elements and how to best be prepared for the unexpected.

Wild Earth
Tuesday, September 8, 2 p.m.
Engage in experiments that test our natural world. Learn about animals, conservation and the sciences about the Earth. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens. Registration required.

Eyeballs Are Weird
Thursday, September 10, 3:30 p.m.
Explore how human and animal eyes have evolved to see the world with stories and activities.

Seaside Terrariums
Friday, September 11, 4 p.m.
Create your own seaside terrarium with sand, shells and air plants. Learn how to care for your new mini world. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens.

Secret Life of Trees
Saturday, September 12, 2 p.m.
Trees are everywhere — but how do they get from here to there? Learn about the various methods in which seeds disperse and how wildlife aid in dispersal.

Quick Minute Science
Saturday, September 12, 12:6, 24 p.m.
Easy and quick science activities for the entire household to enjoy. Follow along through topics like space, chemistry, physical science and more.

Homeschool Meetup: Mountains Around the World
Monday, September 14, 1 p.m.
Your knowledge will ascend to the top with this lesson of the great mountain ranges and how they shaped the areas surrounding them.

What’s Bugging You?
Monday, September 14, 4 p.m.
Learn all about creepy, crawly critters with stories, games and activities that will make your skin crawl. Recommended for lower elementary.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Banana Boats!
Monday, September 14, 7 p.m.
Make a super-easy banana sundae. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

Stories and Science
Monday, September 21, 2 p.m.
Learn about the science of simple machines through stories and an interactive activity. This month we’re learning about levers.

Super Science
Tuesday, September 22, 1 p.m.
Each month we will conduct awesome experiments, learning all about chemistry, physics, and more. Recommended for upper elementary and tweens. Registration required.

La Musica
Wednesday, September 23, 2 p.m.
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage with music, crafts and a bright-colored mini piñata! Registration required.

DIY Mini Piñata
Wednesday, September 23, 3 p.m.
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage with musical craft activities and learn the Spanish names for some popular musical instruments.

Sunshine State Jr. Book Club
Wednesday, September 23, 4 p.m.
Join us for a fun May and Miguel celebration. Activities, crafts and culture await you at this program that will prove to be very cool.

Art Escape
Sunday, September 27, 3–4:30 p.m.
Can you discover all of the clues hidden left by Carmen Sandiego’s biggest heist? Use your best detective skills to solve Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego? Recommended for upper elementary.

Homeschool Meetup: Juan Gris and Cubism
Monday, September 28, 1 p.m.
Explore the world of Juan Gris and his distinct art style, cubism.

TWEENS & TEENS

Animal Crossing Club
Tuesday, September 1, 4 p.m.
Calling all Animal Crossing Fan! Connect with other fans of this popular game and learn tips and tricks to grow your island.

Organize Your Mind
Wednesday, September 2, 4 p.m.
Organize your thoughts, goals and tasks by utilizing the creative, versatile and efficient analog method of bullet journaling.

Animal Crossing Meetup
Thursday, September 3, 6:30 p.m.
Celebrate Animal Crossing: New Horizons by participating in a game show! Challenge yourself with fishing and bug tournaments, island obstacles and trivia.

Magical Realism: The Latin Literature Boom
Wednesday, September 8, 4 p.m.
Learn about the history of Magical Realism and the amazing Latin authors who popularized it.

Kawaii Doodle Time
Thursday, September 10, 4 p.m.
Grab your pencils and paper, because it’s time to draw some seriously cute and seriously easy doodles that will brighten your mood and jazz up your notes.

Teen Art Adventures: Medieval Stained Glass
Thursday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.
Learn to design and participate in a game show! Challenge yourself with fishing and bug tournaments, island obstacles and trivia.

Mexican Folk Art
Tuesday, September 15, 2 p.m.
Celebrate Mexican Independence Day by creating your own craft honoring Mexican folk art. Recommended for tweens and teens.

Animanga Club
Thursday, September 17, 6 p.m.
Come be a hero with games, trivia, crafts, prizes and of course discussion of your favorite anime and manga. Registration required.

Teen Art Adventures: Wreck This Art Challenge
Wednesday, September 30, 3 p.m.
For anyone who’s ever wished to, but had trouble starting or finishing a drawing or sketch comes the Wreck This Art Challenge.
DNA Techniques Leeds & McGuire Methods
Tuesday, September 1, 1 p.m.
Learn how to utilize these genealogy problem-solving methods and see how they can help you with your DNA analysis.

Advanced Genetic Genealogy Study Group
Wednesday, September 2–30, 6:30 p.m.
Each week we will discuss specific chapters from the book Advanced Genetic Genealogy: Techniques and Case Studies edited by Debbie Parker Wayne. Registration required.

Advanced Searching on Ancestry
Thursday, September 3, Noon
Learn how to get more out of your searches on Ancestry Library Edition and Ancestry.com

Organizing Your Family History Research
Tuesday, September 8, 1 p.m.
Keep your genealogy research on track by staying organized. Learn how to organize your genealogy documents and do your research in a systematic manner.

Ancestors’ Stories in Newspapers
Thursday, September 10, Noon
Explore how you can use newspapers to expand your family history research and learn more about your ancestors.

Using Gedmatch.com
Tuesday, September 15, 1 p.m.
Learn how to navigate Gedmatch.com and see how a variety of tools can help you further analyze your DNA and connect with your DNA matches.

Utilizing the General Register Office Records
Thursday, September 17, Noon
The GRO oversees civil registration in England and Wales maintaining records of all births, marriages and deaths dating back to 1837. Learn how to utilize this resource in your genealogical research.

Genealogy 101
Saturday, September 19, 11 a.m.
Are you interested in learning about your family history but don’t know where to begin? This program will help you get started by introducing you to genealogical research terms, techniques and resources.

Sunday Morning Genealogy
Sunday, September 20, 11 a.m.
Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us for this Sunday morning genealogy hangout. Feel free to ask any type of genealogy question or propose a genealogy discussion topic.

Genealogy Research Project Start-to-Finish
Tuesday, September 22, 1 p.m.
Get your genealogy research project on track. Learn how to organize information at the beginning of your genealogy research project in order to help you develop and implement an effective research plan.

The Paperless Genealogist
Thursday, September 24, Noon
Feeling bogged down with too much paper from years of genealogical research? Explore options for going paperless and see how digital versions can actually enhance your research experience.

Hard to Find Ancestors
Tuesday, September 29, 1 p.m.
Discuss techniques you can use to find your ancestors even if they didn’t leave a large trail of records behind.

Seniors Scams
Wednesday, September 16, 10:30 a.m.
Mike Flahaven, certified senior housing professional and a representative from the Florida Attorney General Office, will discuss senior scams. Learn how to avoid scams.

Detecting and Redirecting Anxiety
Thursday, September 17, 12:10–2:10 p.m.
Learn how to avoid situations that increase anxiety for people living with Alzheimer’s and their care partners. This seminar is part of the monthly LIFE Information for Elders series. Registration required.

GEOGRAPHY

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

Alafaya Branch
12000 E. Colonial Dr, Orlando, FL 32836
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32835
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

South Creek Branch
1702 Bearfield Blvd, Orlando, FL 32817
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

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

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

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

Washington Park Branch
5111 Raleigh St, Suite A, Orlando, FL 32811
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center
1621 E. Silver Star Rd, Ocoee, FL 34761
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

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

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

CLOSURES

Labor Day
All Locations: Sunday & Monday, September 6 & 7

Día del Trabajo
Todos los locales: domingo y lunes, 6 & 7 de noviembre

Remodelación de la Sucursal de North Orange
Tuesday, September 8–Sunday, November 1

Reopening of South Orange and Deltona
October 1

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