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Contests

Celebrate Your World with Poetry: Kids' Poetry Contest

All Locations

April 1-25

Celebrate your world with poetry! Write a poem about anything in the world or out of this world and enter to win! Winners will be announced at the *Día de los Niños/Day of the Children* celebration on Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m. at the Orlando Public Library. Winners must have a juvenile Orange County regular, property owner or fee card in good standing to be eligible to win. Pick up an entry form at any Orange County Library System location or print one from **kids.ocls.info**. Deadline for entries is April 25. Ages 6-12.

ScienceSmart

Crazy 8's Math Club

Edgewater Branch

Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, 6 p.m.

Herndon Branch

Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 5:30 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, 4 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Mondays, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 6 p.m.

Join Bedtime Math's Crazy 8's where you'll build, run and jump, make music and a mess. It's a totally new kind of math club! Grades K-2. Seating is limited. Call 407.835.7323 to register.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21 and 28, 6 p.m.

Join Bedtime Math's Crazy 8's where you'll build, run and jump, make music and a mess. It's a totally new kind of math club! Grades 3-5. Seating is limited. Call 407.835.7323 to register.

Preschool: R is for Robot

West Oaks Branch

Friday, April 3, 11 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Monday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, April 7, 11 a.m.

Washington Park Branch

Thursday, April 9, 10:15 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library, Children's Library

Saturday, April 11, 3 p.m.

Shapes, sorting and early math concepts will inspire S.T.E.M. learning. Enjoy robot fun with crafts, activities and stories. Ages 3-5.

Secret Life of Trees

Windermere Branch

Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Monday, April 20, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, Children's Library

Saturday, April 25, 3 p.m.

Trees are the oldest living things in the world. Join us for an Earth Day celebration of trees and discover their vital role in our environment. Ages 6-12.

How to Train Your Robot

North Orange Branch	Saturday, April 11, 2 p.m.
South Trail Branch	Thursday, April 16, 5 p.m.
Alafaya Branch	Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.

Train your robot to perform simple and silly tasks. Bring a parent or friend! Ages 6-12.

Babe Ruth Day

South Creek Branch	Saturday, April 11, 2:30 p.m.
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Hear a story about Babe Ruth, play a game and then learn how to throw a baseball! Ages 6-12.

Preschool: Help the Earth

Hiawassee Branch	Friday, April 17, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch	Friday, April 17, 11 a.m.
Edgewater Branch	Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch	Tuesday, April 21, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch	Wednesday, April 22, 10:15 a.m.

You're not too little to help the Earth! Celebrate Earth Day with stories and crafts that honor our planet. Ages 3-5.

Easy Work

Windermere Branch	Friday, April 24, 3:30 p.m.
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Learn about simple machines that can help make chores a breeze. Ages 6-12.

Preschool

Get Ready for K!

North Orange Branch	Fridays, April 17 - May 22, 10:30 a.m.
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Preschoolers will hear songs and stories to help them begin learning the skills that they will need to start kindergarten. The series of six programs will introduce reading, math, basic concepts and skills, health and safety, and art. Ages 3-5. Registration required. Call 407.835.7323 to register. Get more ideas for how to prepare your child at ocls.info/kindergarten.

Children's Programs

Crafternoons

Winter Garden Branch	Wednesday, April 1, 3:30 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch	Tuesday, April 21, 4 p.m.
Herndon Branch	Wednesday, April 29, 3:30 p.m.

Stop by the library for an hour of crafting fun with friends.

Fancy Nancy Poet Extraordinaire

Herndon Branch	Wednesday, April 1, 3:30 p.m.
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Fancy Nancy Clancy is so poetic even her name rhymes! Join us as we compose our own poems and kickoff *National Poetry Month!* All ages.

Cuéntame un Cuento: Tell Me a Story Bilingual Stories and Fun

Orlando Public Library, Children's Library Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m.
Enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either or both languages.

Eggstravaganza!

North Orange Branch Saturday, April 4, 2 p.m.
Join us for an extravagant egg hunt! Ages 3-10.

Sensory-Friendly Family Film

Orlando Public Library, Children's Library Saturday, April 4, 3 p.m.
Eatonville Branch Monday, April 13, 6 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch Saturday, April 25, 2 p.m.
Edgewater Branch Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 p.m.
Celebrate *National Autism Awareness Month* with an inclusive screening of a family favorite movie!
Ages 6-12.

Be Happy! and the Dancing Duck

Edgewater Branch Monday, April 6, 4:30 p.m.
Learn about ducks by creating a duck puppet and hearing the story *Be Happy! and the Dancing Duck* read by the author Diana Jo Rossano. Ages 6-12.

So You Want to Learn a Language with Little Pim?

North Orange Branch Thursdays, beginning April 9, 11 a.m.
Caregivers and children have the opportunity to learn together through hands-on activities and interactive technology. Registration required. Ages 4-5.

Doll Dance Party

Edgewater Branch Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m.
Bring along your favorite doll and discover your own way to shine as we celebrate with a dance party and games. Ages 6-12.

Theatre Games Workshop Presented by the Dr. Phillips Center

Orlando Public Library, Children's Library Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m.
Experience what the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts has to offer in a free Theater Games class. Participants will learn a variety of theatrical concepts through games that encourage team building, promote self-confidence, develop the creative imagination and increase spontaneity in a fun, safe environment. Ages 8-12. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

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Science Explorers

Winter Garden Branch Saturday, April 11, 3 p.m.
Explore Science in a whole new way through hands-on activities. Join us and bring your thinking caps.

Timeless Tales Family Storytime

North Orange Branch Sunday, April 12, 2:15 p.m.

Listen to stories that will delight and entertain. Children are provided with coloring sheets, markers and crayons to color during storytime. All ages.

Sensory Boards for Babies

Alafaya Branch

Monday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.

Stimulate your baby's senses by making them their very own sensory board. We provide the materials, you provide the creativity!

Dr. Seuss Movie & Craft

Herndon Branch

Wednesday, April 15, 3:30 p.m.

Help us celebrate *National Poetry Month* with a viewing of a Dr. Seuss movie and a fun craft! All ages.

Storybook Yoga

Orlando Public Library, Children's Library

Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.

Join us for an introduction to yoga with Maggie Mathwich. Learn poses inspired by your favorite picture books. Registration required. Ages 3-6.

One Book, One Community: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

North Orange Branch

Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.

Everyone's a winner! You've won the golden ticket to fun-filled activities and crafts inspired by Charlie and his dazzling tour of the Wonka factory. Ages 6-12.

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Music with Mar

Alafaya Branch

Monday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.

Sing, dance and have fun with *Music with Mar*. Parents and children are invited to participate in activities that aid in basic social, motor, language and cognitive skills through songs. For infants to age 4.

Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax*

Edgewater Branch

Monday, April 20, 6:30 p.m.

He may look like a giant furry peanut but he's not. Learn the secret of the Lorax as we celebrate the world of Dr. Seuss. Ages 6-12.

Earth Day Poet-Trees

Herndon Branch

Wednesday, April 22, 3:30 p.m.

Help us celebrate Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree* on Earth Day. We will create our own poet-trees! All ages.

Poetry Corner

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, April 22, 3 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Wednesday, April 29, 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate *National Poetry Month*! Skip, dance or hop on over for some fun-packed and kid friendly rhyme time! Ages 6-12.

Bee Program

Windermere Branch

Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.

This program is the bee's knees. Buzz on over for a bumbly good time with bee stories and crafts. Ages 6-12.

Family Storytime

Orlando Public Library, Children's Library

Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.

Join us for a fun-filled program for the little ones in your life! Our program gives caregivers and children the opportunity to share, listen and enjoy stories and other activities together.

Recommended for ages birth to 5.

Games Galore

North Orange Branch

Saturday, April 25, 2 p.m.

Bring the whole family to the library and join us for games, puzzles and lots of fun!

Hanging Out at the Porch

Orlando Public Library, Children's Library

Every Friday at 3 p.m.

Hang out in the Children's Library for games, crafts, movies or other activities. Ages 6-18.

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 with certified therapy dogs. Meet these pups at multiple locations. Visit ocls.info/paws for dates, times and locations.

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