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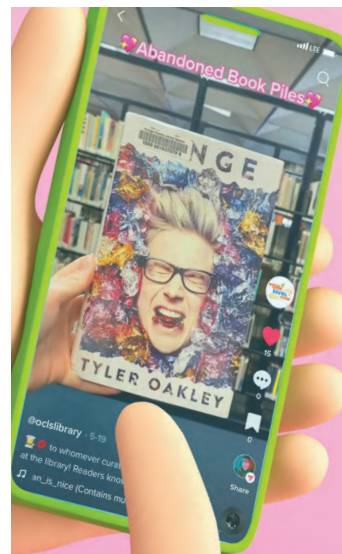
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### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### Next Board Of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room  
Thursday, August 11, 6 p.m.

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### Next Friends Of The Library Board Of Directors Meeting:

Virtual  
Wednesday, August 17, Noon



## FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR

**T**he Summer Reading Program is the library's busiest time of year, at least in terms of volume. But when summer ends, a lot of the library's most important work begins. As parents are preparing their kids for their return to the classroom and teachers are making plans for what's to come in the new year, library staff are working to make sure that we have the resources available to support student success at home and in the classroom.

Leading up to the first day of school, our libraries are offering a range of programs to help parents prepare kids for learning – our branches have programs for preschoolers on counting, spelling and the alphabet, and our Countdown to Kindergarten series helps children develop early literacy skills, motor skills and social skills that can help set them up for success.

For parents of older children, our sewing instructors are offering classes on how to embroider and make handy DIY back-to-school gear, like drawstring backpacks and pouches for earbuds. We'll also work on helping teens and tweens get in the right headspace for the school year with a session on developing leadership skills and tips for surviving the first day. Our website is full of resources to help kids of all ages with homework, research, projects and recommended reading.

Check out **[ocls.info/backtoschool](https://ocls.info/backtoschool)** to find out more.

In addition, the library's School Partnership Program provides every public school in the county with a library staff liaison, who shares news about library events and resources with teachers and media specialists. Through the School Partnership Program, teachers can request that the library schedule a storyteller to conduct a classroom storytime for students, find a curated list of resources that can assist with lesson planning and classroom inclusion, organize virtual library field trips and more.

Homeschoolers, we've got you covered, too! Our ongoing homeschool series has events on animals, art, languages, acting and more. Some of our branches host homeschool meetups, where homeschooling families can get together to socialize, share resources and support one another as they navigate the homeschooling journey.

Whether you're a parent, an educator or a student, don't sleep on all of these resources the library has to offer you. They're educational and helpful, and they are also free for library cardholders. Don't have a library card yet? It's fast and easy to sign up online at **[ocls.info/getyourcard](https://ocls.info/getyourcard)**.

We hope to see you soon, but if you're just too busy to stop in, we get it – life is busy! But you can still take advantage of what the library has to offer from wherever you are – check out our website and log into a virtual class, stream an audiobook or find out about the amazing online tools accessible from anywhere you can get a Wi-Fi connection.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "St Powell".

Steve Powell  
Interim Director/CEO & COO  
Orange County Library System

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# TEN OCLS BRANCH LOCATIONS WILL HOST EARLY VOTING FOR THE 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

**MONDAY, AUGUST 8–SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**  
**9 a.m.–7 p.m.**

Alafaya Branch  
Chickasaw Branch  
Fairview Shores Branch  
Hiawasse Branch  
South Creek Branch

Southeast Branch  
Southwest Branch  
Washington Park Branch  
West Oaks Branch  
Winter Garden Branch

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Southeast Branch and Southwest Branch will be  
a polling location for assigned precincts on  
**Tuesday, August 23, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.**

*These times and dates are subject to change should an order be given by the Governor of Florida or Judicial Court Order.*



## IN-PERSON

Finding Ourselves and Each Other Through Wellness

**Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room**  
**Thursday, August 4, 11 a.m.**  
Explore the importance of taking care of yourself emotionally, physically and spiritually in order to find overall wellness. Presented by Project Harmony/UCF Marriage and Family Research Institute.

Introduction to Calligraphy  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Saturday, August 6, 1–2:30 p.m.**

Explore the basics of the beautiful art form, calligraphy. Students will be introduced to a variety of pens and materials used to create different lettering styles. Registration required.

Trap-Neuter-Return Boot Camp  
**Windermere Branch**  
**Tuesday, August 9, 5–6:30 p.m.**

Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando will be hosting a Trap-Neuter-Return Boot Camp to teach the basics of humanely trapping community cats.

Plant Clinic  
**Alafaya Branch**  
**Thursday, August 11, 2–4 p.m.**  
**Winter Garden Branch**  
**Saturday, August 13, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Bring your plants and ask questions. Master Gardener Volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office will be available to answer your gardening questions.

Creative Coloring For Adults  
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
**Friday, August 19, 10:30 a.m.–Noon**

Coloring is a great way to relax and unwind while channeling your inner child. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite colored pencils or markers. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Understanding Fiber  
**Eatonville Branch**  
**Wednesday, August 24, 11:30 a.m.**

Explore what fiber is, how much you need, the different types of fiber and the health benefits of consuming fiber-rich foods. Learn tasty and easy ways to add fiber to your diet.

Food 101: Barbecue  
**Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room**  
**Wednesday, August 24, 5:30 p.m.**

The Food 101 series introduces you to a new topic every other month, examining the historical and social significance of what we eat. This month, we'll discuss barbecue from around the world.

Spider-Man 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Epic Comics  
**Chickasaw Branch**  
**Saturday, August 27, 11 a.m.**  
Celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man with Epic Comics. Share your favorite moments in movies, comics, TV shows, action figures and more! Registration required.

Composting 101 with O-Town Compost  
**West Oaks Branch**  
**Saturday, August 27, 2 p.m.**  
Charlie from O-Town Compost goes through the basics of starting your home compost pile. Learn which kinds of foods and additives can get you started off with the right method for your space. Part of the Sustainability Series sponsored by the Friends of the Orange County Library System.

West Oaks  
**Wildflower Club**  
**West Oaks Branch**  
**Saturday, August 27, 3:30–5:30 p.m.**

Meet up with other nature lovers to celebrate wildflowers. Each month, we'll spotlight a different wildflower and host discussions and crafts that promote native Florida plants. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

The FUNdamentals of Improv  
**Orlando Public Library**  
**Sunday, August 28, 3:30 p.m.**  
See the culmination of our six-week course on the basics of improv. Laugh along with the class at this event you will not want to miss!

Divorce Finances 101  
**Chickasaw Branch**  
**Tuesday, August 30, 5:30 p.m.**  
Join Crockett Bohannon, certified divorce financial analyst with Raymond James Financial Services, as he discusses what you need to know before making any financial decisions regarding your divorce.



REACHING OUT –  
A COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE FAIR  
**Orlando Public Library, Library Central**  
**Saturday, August 13, 2–3:30 p.m.**

Connect in-person with local community services. Various organizations will discuss services they provide, including Orange County Library System, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, The Center, Covering Central Florida, Health Care Center for the Homeless, IDignity, Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association Inc, Mental Health Association of Central Florida, Miracle of Love, NAMI Greater Orlando, United Against Poverty, and the Victim Service Center.



## VIRTUAL

### Yoga

**Monday, August 1, 9 a.m.**

Get moving with this energizing and relaxing yoga sequence for all levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you.

### Meditation and Yoga

**Thursdays, August 4 & 18, 7 p.m.**

Explore Deepak Chopra's *Seven Spiritual Laws of Success* through meditation and movement. Examine the union of mind and body with a relaxing yoga sequence for all levels, followed by a guided meditation.

### Sketching 101

**Friday, August 5, 11 a.m.**

Learn the basics of sketching through use of simple art techniques and observing the world around you. Materials needed: No. 2 pencil, colored pencils, paper and paper towels.

### Boom Zoom Trivia

**Tuesday, August 9, 7–8:30 p.m.**

Can you name five characters from *Happy Days*? Take a road trip through the '50s, '60s, and '70s by playing Boom Zoom trivia. Participants play on teams. Prepare for fun and laughter! Recommended for ages 18 and up.

### Adult ADHD

**Wednesday, August 10, 11 a.m.**

Join Jessica Daly, faculty librarian and assistant professor with Advent Health, as she discusses the signs and symptoms of ADHD and when to discuss it with your health care provider.

### Resources for Veterans

**Thursday, August 11, 7 p.m.**

Discover resources to simplify the path for veterans acclimating to civilian life. A representative from United Way Mission Unites will discuss services for veterans and their families.

### Discussion of the Hugo Finalists

**Sunday, August 14, 1:30–3:30 p.m.**

The Hugo Awards are annual awards given for excellence in the field of science fiction and fantasy. Join the Orlando Area Science Fiction Society for a discussion of the Hugo finalists in the novel, novella and other categories.

### Chair Yoga

**Monday, August 15, 11 a.m.**

Get moving with this energizing and relaxing Chair Yoga sequence for all levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you. Requires use of a chair.

### Tech Talks:

Meet 2K Senior Producer Jonathan Rivera

**Tuesday, August 23, 6:30 p.m.**

Tech Talks are an ongoing conversation with luminaries in the tech world and beyond. This session we talk to Johnathan Rivera: Senior Producer for Visual Concepts, developers of the 2K series, including WWE 2K22 and NBA 2K22.

## CUISINE CORNER

[ocls.info/cuisinecorner](https://ocls.info/cuisinecorner)

## VIRTUAL

### Italian Dishes

**Monday, August 22, 6:30 p.m.**

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make bolognese sauce, garlic knots and homemade basil oil. Registration required.



### CUISINE CORNER: CHEF NENKO

**Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room**

**Friday, August 19, 10:30 a.m.**

Chef Nenko is a professional chef who has served as Executive Chef at Mi Tomatina Paella Bar and Pepe's Cantina. This month he will be sharing his recipe for Tortilla Española. Registration required.

## THE FIT LIT READING CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS

**August 1–31**

[ocls.beanstack.org](https://ocls.beanstack.org)

Work out your body and brain with the library for National Wellness Month. Log the books you read, book reviews you write and challenges you participate in to earn digital badges and a chance to win prizes. Recommended for ages 18 and up.



## ART & DISPLAY

[ocls.info/art](https://ocls.info/art)

### IN-PERSON

*Across the Sparkleverse*  
Exhibition Reception  
**Orlando Public Library,  
Library Central**  
**Sunday, August 7, 3–5 p.m.**  
Meet artists Chelsea Smith,  
Cake Marques, and Michael  
McGrath, who will discuss  
the inspiration and creative  
process behind the *Across the  
Sparkleverse* Exhibition.



## MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

[ocls.info/music-library](https://ocls.info/music-library)

### IN-PERSON



### ALBOREÁ DANCES

**Orlando Public Library, Library Central**  
**Saturday, August 6, 11 a.m.**

Enjoy a lively performance of flamenco dances from Spain by Alboreá Dances. Alboreá Dances combines essential qualities of flamenco dance with modern rhythms producing a contemporary form of flamenco.

### AN AFTERNOON WITH ELVIS

**Orlando Public Library, Library Central**  
**Saturday, August 20, 2 p.m.**

Orlando Elvis (also known as Steve Greer) performs an hour of your favorite Elvis tunes. Sing along to the hits and experience the magic that is the King of Rock and Roll.





**IN-PERSON**

**LEVEL UP ORANGE  
NEIGHBORHOOD NAVIGATORS**

**South Trail Branch**

**Wednesday, August 3, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Fairview Shores Branch**

**Thursday, August 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**North Orange Branch**

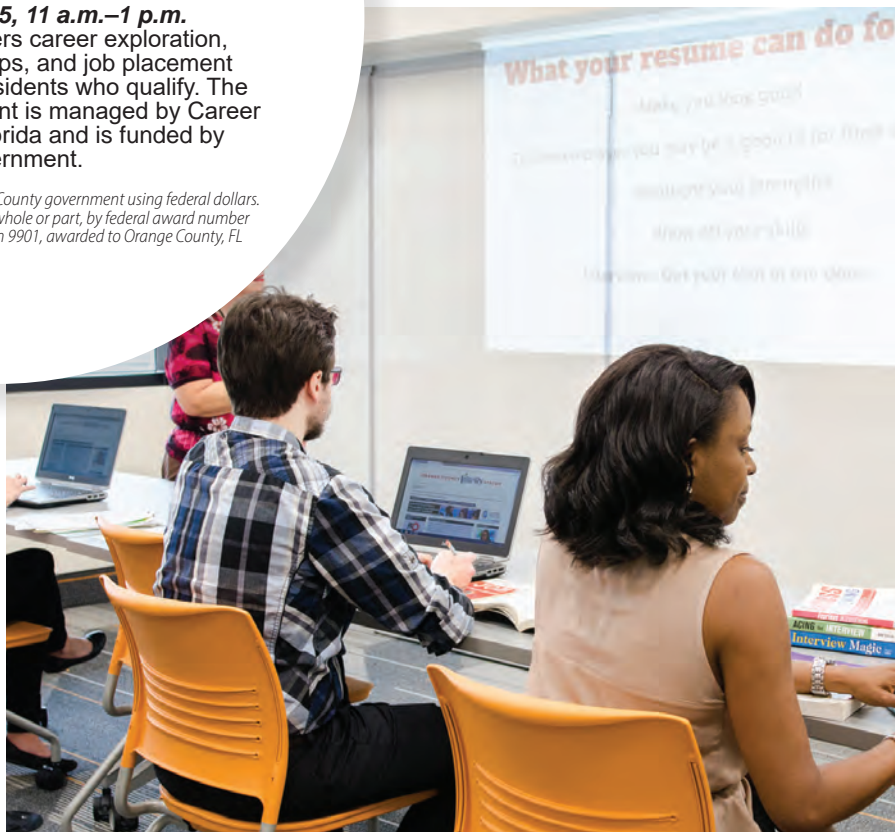
**Wednesday, August 17, 1–3 p.m.**

**Washington Park Branch**

**Thursday, August 25, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Level Up Orange offers career exploration, training and internships, and job placement to Orange County residents who qualify. The Level Up Orange grant is managed by Career Source of Central Florida and is funded by Orange County Government.

*The program is funded by Orange County government using federal dollars. This project is being supported, in whole or part, by federal award number HR 1319, Title IX, Subtitle M, Section 9901, awarded to Orange County, FL by the Department of Treasury.*



**IN-PERSON**

**Resume Do's & Don'ts**

**Southeast Branch**

**Tuesday, August 23, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Meet one-on-one with a bilingual employment specialist to learn techniques on how to improve your resume. Personal one-on-one assistance will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

**Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Tuesday, August 23, 2:30 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.

**Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Tuesday, August 30, 2:30 p.m.**

Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.

## NEXT CHAPTER

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### IN-PERSON

**Legal Matters:**  
Smarter Senior Seminar Series  
**Orlando Public Library,**  
**Albertson Room**  
**Wednesday, August 3,**  
**10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

Find out what you need to have in place legally as you age. Elizabeth Bertrand, elder law attorney will give an overview about trusts, wills, probate, estate planning and putting directives in place.

**QIGONG MOVEMENT**  
**AND BREATHING**  
**Southwest Branch**  
**Wednesday, August 3, 11 a.m.**  
**Alafaya Branch**  
**Thursday, August 25, 1 p.m.**

Jasmine Win shows basic qigong techniques and how using them in your daily life can benefit your health. Qigong is a crucial tool in Chinese medicine which involves movement, breathing and meditation.

**Painting for Seniors**  
**Eatonville Branch**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 11:30 a.m.**  
Explore your creativity through painting. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Seniors Conquering Technology:**  
**LIFE Information for Elders**  
**Orlando Public Library,**  
**Albertson Room**  
**Thursday, August 18, 12:10 p.m.**  
Join Natasha Player, Director of Communications and COA Board Member, as she shares information on "Bridging the Digital Gap" by providing tools, tips and resources. This seminar is part of the monthly LIFE Information for Elders series. To register, email [OfficeonAging@ocfl.net](mailto:OfficeonAging@ocfl.net).

## WRITERS CORNER

[ocls.info/writerscorner](https://ocls.info/writerscorner)

### IN-PERSON

**Writing the Collage Essay**  
**Orlando Public Library,**  
**Albertson Room**  
**Saturday, August 6, 3 p.m.**  
Kerouac House writer-in-residence Rachel Kolman will provide tips for writing a collage essay – a discontinuous essay form made up of discrete bits of discourse: description, dialogue, narrative, etc.

**ORLANDO**  
**LITERARY EXPO**  
**Orlando Public Library,**  
**Library Central**  
**Saturday, August 27, 2–4 p.m.**  
Connect in-person with Orlando-area literary organizations. Learn what they do, the resources available to local writers and how you can get more involved in our local literary community.

### VIRTUAL

**OCLS Writer's Group**  
**Sunday, August 14, 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.

**Worldbuilding for Writers**  
**Saturday, August 20, 4 p.m.**  
Cass Morris, author and host of the *Worldbuilding for Masochists* podcast, will teach you how to develop a fictional world that will make sense and immerse your readers.

**Short Genre Fiction**  
**Sunday, August 28, 1 p.m.**  
Learn the fundamentals of planning, writing, revising and submitting short fiction – focusing on science fiction, fantasy and horror – from Nebula Award-winning author Premee Mohamed.



## BOOK CLUBS

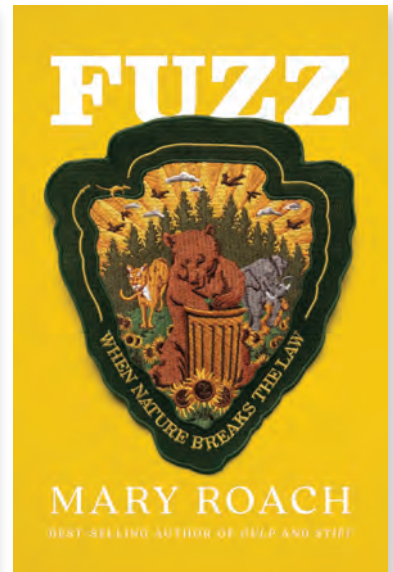
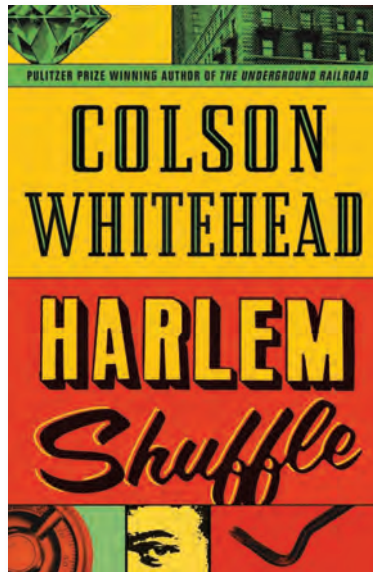
[ocls.info/bookclubs](http://ocls.info/bookclubs)

### VIRTUAL

Central Florida Book Club  
**Tuesday, August 9, 10–11:30 a.m.**  
Join us on the second Tuesday of each month as we discuss a wide range of books.

Hiawassee Book Club  
**Monday, August 15, 7 p.m.**  
In August the Hiawassee Book Club will discuss *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead.

Southwest Book Club  
**Tuesday, August 23, 7–8:45 p.m.**  
Join Southwest Book Club to discuss *Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law*. America's funniest science writer Mary Roach investigates the unpredictable world where wildlife and humans meet. Recommended for ages 18 and up.



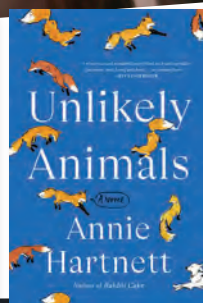
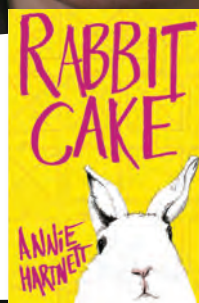
## MEET THE AUTHOR

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### VIRTUAL



MEET THE AUTHOR:  
ANNIE HARTNETT  
**Tuesday, August 9, 7 p.m.**  
Annie Hartnett is the author of the novels *Rabbit Cake* and *Unlikely Animals*. Hartnett will read from her newest book and discuss writing and her career in a Q&A session.



Author Talk with  
Dr. Marcia Chatelain  
**Wednesday, August 3, 2 p.m.**  
Join us in conversation with Dr. Marcia Chatelain as she discusses her Pulitzer prize-winning book, *Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America*.

Author Talk with  
Liz Moore  
**Tuesday, August 9, 9 p.m.**  
Join us for an evening with *New York Times* bestselling author Liz Moore as she discusses her international bestseller, *Long Bright River*, and her other works.

Author Talk with  
Michele Harper  
**Monday, August 22, 9 p.m.**  
This author talk with Michele Harper will cover many of the lessons she's learned on her inspiring personal journey and the success of her *New York Times* bestselling memoir, *The Beauty in Breaking*.

Author Talk with  
Liz Wiseman  
**Thursday, August 25, Noon**  
Join us as we sit down in conversation with Liz Wiseman, *New York Times* bestselling author, researcher and executive adviser to talk about her latest book, *Impact Players*.





#### IN-PERSON

**Backpack Bling**  
**Washington Park Branch**  
*Wednesday, August 3, 4 p.m.*  
**South Creek Branch**  
*Saturday, August 27, 3:30 p.m.*  
**Hiawasse Branch**  
*Tuesday, August 30, 4 p.m.*  
**Southwest Branch**  
*Wednesday, August 31, 4 p.m.*  
Go back to school in style by making a statement with new decorations for your backpack. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

**DIY Back to School**  
**South Creek Branch**  
*Thursday, August 4, 4 p.m.*  
Make your gear the coolest in school with fun and useful crafts. Recommended for ages 9 and up.

**Back to School Celebration**  
**North Orange Branch**  
*Saturday, August 6, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.*  
**Washington Park Branch**  
*Wednesday, August 10, 4 p.m.*  
**West Oaks Branch**  
*Wednesday, August 24, 4 p.m.*  
Get a head start on the year and prepare your mind to learn with stories, activities, crafts and lots of fun! Recommended for ages 6–12.

**Fun with Florida**  
**Southeast Branch**  
*Friday, August 12, 4 p.m.*  
Display your knowledge of Florida in this game show style event. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

**T is for Teacher**  
**Southeast Branch**  
*Monday, August 15, 10:15 a.m.*  
Shout hooray for teachers with stories, songs and activities. It's never too early to celebrate the teachers in your life! Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

**How To Survive School**  
**Washington Park Branch**  
*Wednesday, August 17, 4 p.m.*  
Learn new tips and tricks on how to survive your first day back to school this fall. Create unique crafts that are just too cool for school. Recommended for ages 13–18.

**Planners, Agendas, Oh My!**  
**Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room**  
*Sunday, August 21, 1:30–3:30 p.m.*  
Enjoy a short introduction into what types of paper planners are available before open planner project time. Bring your own supplies to connect and share ideas with other planners. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

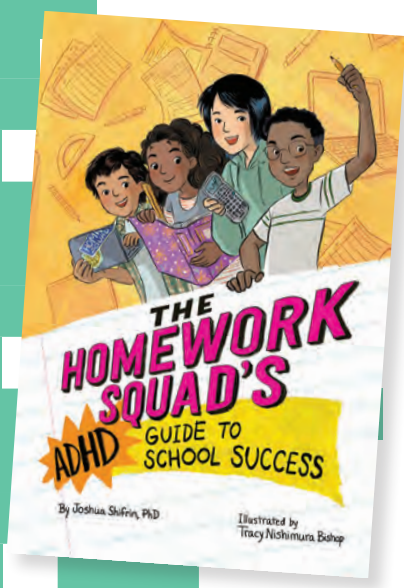
**T is for Teachers**  
**Hiawasse Branch**  
*Friday, August 26, 10:30 a.m.*  
It's never too early to celebrate the teachers in your life! Shout hooray for teachers with stories, songs and activities. Recommended for ages 3–5.

#### VIRTUAL

**Organizing For Student Success**  
*Monday, August 8, 11 a.m.*  
Jane Cole, certified professional organizer, will present best practices and tips that help parents and students create an educational environment for positive results. Registration required.

**Cuisine Corner:**  
**Back to School Lunch Meal Prep**  
*Wednesday, August 17, 6 p.m.*  
Looking for meal prep ideas? Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will walk us through steps to help with meal prepping delicious dishes.





*The Homework Squad's ADHD Guide to School Success*

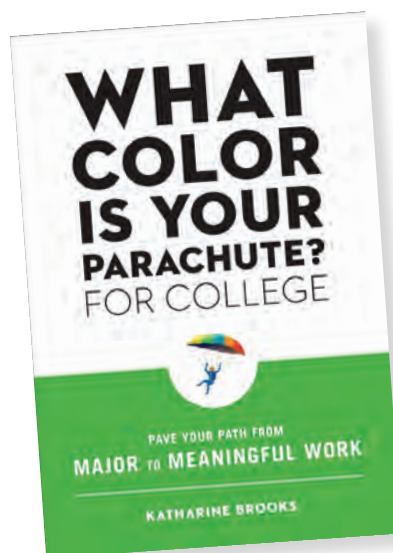
by **Joshua Shifrin**

This easy-to-use guide will help with key study skills to improve reading, writing, math, listening, memorization, concentration and more! Bite-sized tips and tricks, journal prompts and advice for challenges help kids with ADHD recognize how they learn best and act on that knowledge.

*What Color is Your Parachute? for College: Pave Your Path from Major to Meaningful Work*

by **Katharine Brooks**

*What Color Is Your Parachute? for College* is the only guide you need for making the most of your college career from start to finish. Based on the bestselling job-hunting system in the world, it covers deciding on a major, designing a four-year plan with your interests and values in mind, creating impactful social media, developing a resume that stands out in a crowd, and making invaluable connections to the workplace.



*Finding Ecohappiness: Fun Nature Activities to Help Your Kids Feel Happier and Calmer*

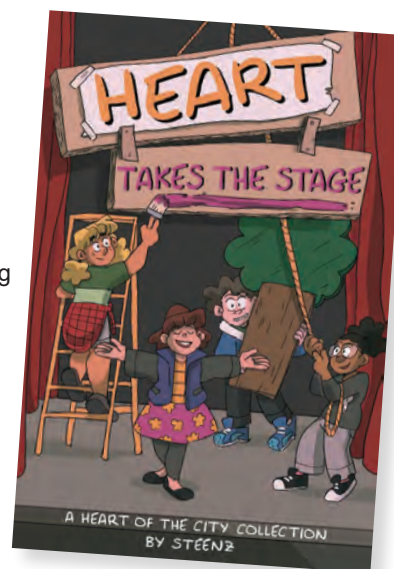
by **Sandi Schwartz**

Are your kids stressed? Are they feeling a bit down? Do your children – and you – need a break from screens? Nature can help. What we all suspected intuitively for generations, science has now confirmed: spending time connecting to nature is a safe, effective tool to help improve our health and happiness.

*Heart Takes the Stage*

by **Steenz**

Heart Lamarr is a girl with big dreams who lives in Philadelphia with her single mom. She has her sights set on a life of theater, but she runs into plenty of drama off-stage, too. Luckily, her best friends Dean, Kat and Charlotte form a stellar supporting cast to help Heart navigate the challenging world of school plays, cliques, rumors, and everything else middle school throws at them.



*Minor Dramas & Other Catastrophes*

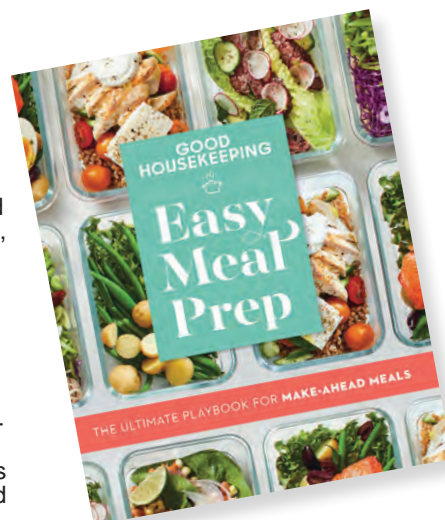
by **Kathleen West**

When a devoted teacher comes under pressure for her progressive curriculum and a helicopter mom goes viral on social media, two women at odds with each other find themselves in similar predicaments, having to battle back from certain social ruin.

*Easy Meal Prep: The Ultimate Playbook for Make-ahead Meals*

by **Good Housekeeping Institute**

Features batch cooking and freeze-ahead meals to ready-to-serve dinners and grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches, with over one hundred simple, delicious recipes and meal ideas for any budget.



## ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

### IN-PERSON

An-Pèsòn: Creole Connect  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Mondays, August 1–22, 4:15 p.m.**  
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Practice Makes Perfect  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Mondays, August 1–29, 5:30 p.m.**  
Practice Makes Perfect are English conversation classes that are led by Adult Literacy League volunteers.

English from Zero  
**Winter Garden Branch**  
**Tuesdays, August 2–30, 5 p.m.**  
**West Oaks Branch**  
**Thursdays, August 4–25, 4:30–6 p.m.**  
**Windermere Branch**  
**Thursdays, August 4–25, 5 p.m.**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Sundays, August 7–28, 4:45 p.m.**  
Join us to learn and talk about new basic English vocabulary associated with different topics.

Pronunciator Orientation  
**Southeast Branch**  
**Friday, August 26, 11 a.m.**  
Learn how to use Pronunciator to begin or improve your English, Spanish or any other language skills. This software provides lessons through watching, listening, practicing and speaking.

## LEARN SPANISH

### VIRTUAL

Basic Spanish  
**Tuesdays, August 2–23, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Tuesdays, August 9–30, 6 p.m.**  
Basic Spanish. Come and learn basic Spanish vocabulary.

Intermediate Spanish  
**Wednesdays, August 3–31, 10:30 a.m.**  
Get an introduction to Spanish grammar by focusing on the parts of speech, verb conjugations, sentence structure and vocabulary building.

Spanish from Zero – Intermediate with Ms. Brenda  
**Tuesdays, August 16–30, 5 p.m.**  
Join Ms. Brenda to learn and talk about Spanish grammar associated with different topics.

### VIRTUAL

Speaking Clearly Intermediate  
**Mondays, August 1–29, Noon**  
A pronunciation class for intermediate speakers designed to introduce learners to spelling and pronunciation rules of English words and phrases.

Writing Clearly Intermediate  
**Mondays, August 1–29, 1:30 p.m.**  
A grammar and writing course for Intermediate learners that focuses on complex grammar ideas, including sentence structures, phrases and vocabulary building.

English from Zero  
**Mondays, August 1–29, 3 p.m.**  
**Tuesdays, August 2–30, 3 p.m.**  
**Wednesdays, August 3–31, 6:45 p.m.**  
**Thursdays, August 4–25, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.**  
Join us to learn and talk about new basic English vocabulary associated with different topics.

Conversation Hour  
**Mondays, August 1–29, 4:15 p.m.**  
**Wednesdays, August 3–31, Noon**  
**Thursdays, August 4–25, 2 p.m.**  
Join us to practice your English speaking skills on a virtual Conversation Hour. Each session will have specific topics for discussion.

English for Families  
**Mondays, August 1 & 8, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesdays, August 3 & 10, 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.

Reading Clearly Intermediate  
**Thursdays, August 4–25, 12:30 p.m.**  
Learn, practice and discuss reading strategies and complex English vocabulary.





## LIBROS

*Vecinos*

por **Danielle Steel**

traducción de **José Serra Marín**

Danielle Steel nos brinda una historia rebotante de humanidad sobre la amistad, la confianza, el coraje y el inquebrantable poder del amor.

*Los dos amores de mi vida*

por **Taylor Jenkins Reid**

traducción de **Eva Pérez Muñoz**

Años después de perder a su esposo en un accidente de helicóptero, Emma Blair poco a poco reconstruye su vida y encuentra la curación y el amor a través de su compromiso con un viejo amigo antes de que encuentren a su esposo con vida, lo que la obliga a elegir entre su primer y segundo amor.

*Encuentra a tu gente:*

*construyendo comunidades fuertes en tiempos de soledad*

por **Jennie Allen**

traducción de **María José Agostinelli**

La autora bestseller del *New York Times* y autora del libro *Controla tu mente*, ofrece en esta nueva obra soluciones prácticas para crear una verdadera comunidad; soluciones que son cruciales para nuestra salud mental y espiritual.

*Yoga para dormir mejor:*

*cuando la sabiduría antigua y la ciencia moderna se encuentran*

por **Mark Stephens**

traducción de

**Elena Sepúlveda González**

Aprenda técnicas sencillas de yoga (posturas, meditaciones y ejercicios de respiración) para dormir mejor y por más tiempo, del maestro formador de profesores de yoga y autor, Mark Stephens.

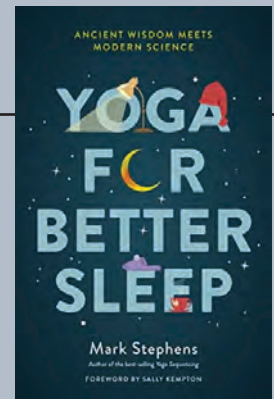
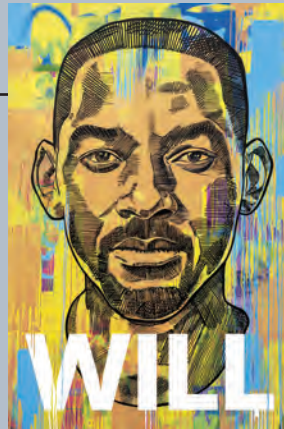
*Will [Spanish ed.]*

por **Will Smith con Mark Manson**

traducción de **Montserrat Asensio**

**Fernández y Ladislao Bapory Sité**

Una de las fuerzas más dinámicas y reconocidas en el mundo del entretenimiento nos muestra su vida en un libro valiente e inspirador donde se conjugan el éxito, la felicidad interior y la conexión humana. Will narra la historia de una de las trayectorias más extraordinarias de la música y el cine.



## CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED

[ocls.info/citizenship](https://ocls.info/citizenship)

### VIRTUAL

Citizenship Inspired

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays, August 2, 3, 9 & 10, 3–5 p.m.**

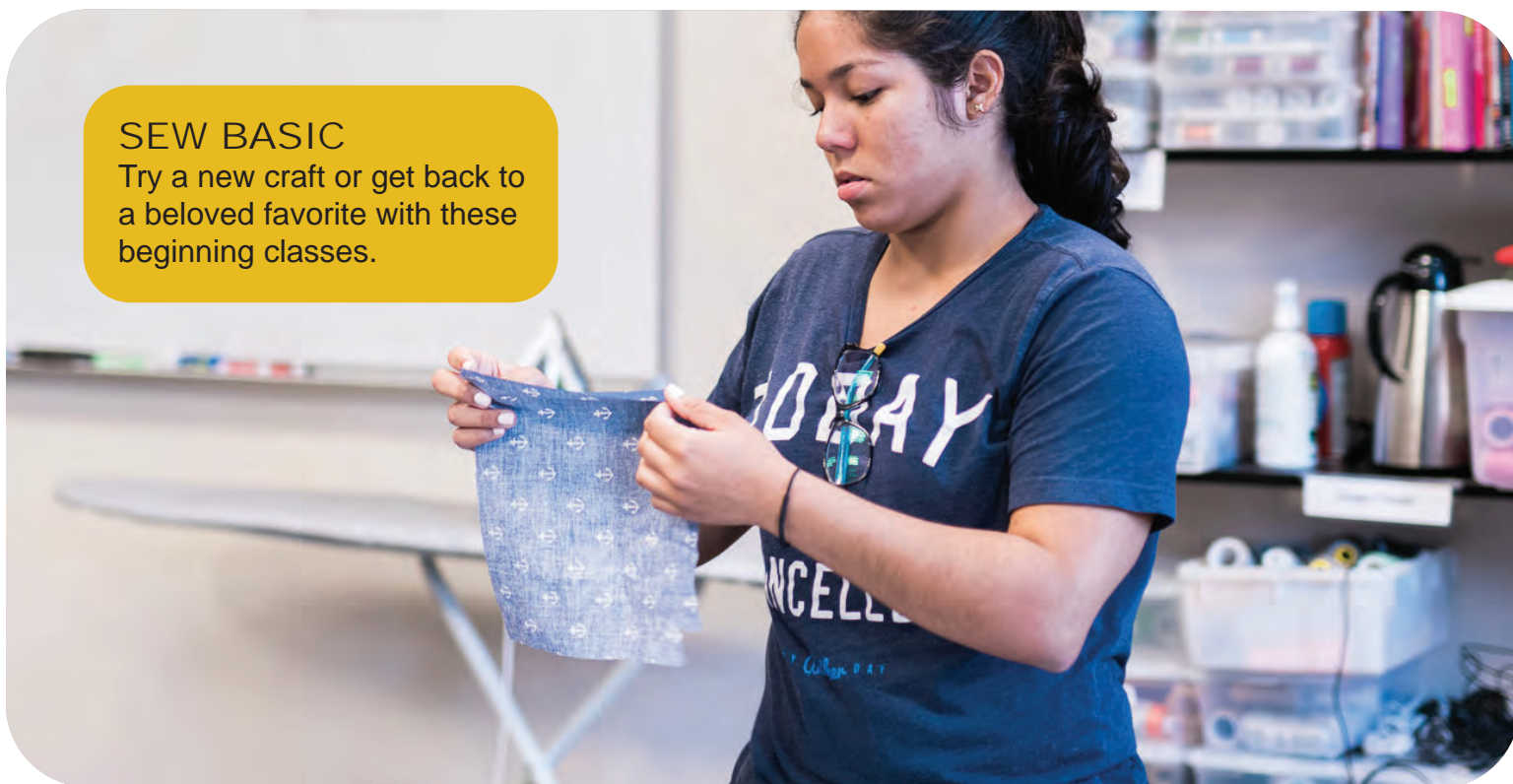
**Tuesdays & Wednesdays, August 16, 17, 23 & 24, 3–5 p.m.**

During this four-session program, students will meet via Zoom to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.



## SEW BASIC

Try a new craft or get back to a beloved favorite with these beginning classes.



### IN-PERSON

**Sewing – Introduction to the Sewing Machine**  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Tuesday, August 2, 4:15–6:15 p.m.**  
**Orlando Public Library**  
**Friday, August 5, 10 a.m.–Noon**  
**Saturday, August 6, 10 a.m.–Noon**  
**Thursday, August 11, 10 a.m.–Noon**  
**Sunday, August 21, 1:30–3:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, August 22, 10 a.m.–Noon**

Ever wanted to make your own custom clothes, home decor, costumes or accessories? Join us in this basic sewing class and learn about sewing safety, basic sewing machine skills and stitching seams.

### VIRTUAL

**Let's Loom Knit Basics**  
**Thursday, August 4, 5:30–7:30 p.m.**  
Start loom knitting today! Learn how to use a loom to knit and create a cuff bracelet or necklace.

**Sewing – Easy Drawstring Backpack**  
**Chickasaw Branch**  
**Wednesday, August 10, 3:30–5:30 p.m.**  
Need to pack up some small things for a trip to a theme park or just carry snacks for a short hike? This is the perfect easy to make backpack for those times when you only need to carry a few things.

**Sewing – Patterns and Fabric**  
**Orlando Public Library**  
**Thursday, August 11, 12:30–2:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, August 22, 12:30–2:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, August 28, 1:30–3:30 p.m.**  
Reading the hieroglyphics on a sewing pattern can be quite intimidating. Learn to read a professional sewing pattern, how to layout fabric and prepare material for a project.

**Sewing – Pull-on Shorts**  
**Orlando Public Library**  
**Fridays, August 12–26, 10 a.m.–Noon**  
**Saturdays, August 13–26, 10 a.m.–Noon**  
Let's make your first sewing project quick and easy. Learn to sew pull-on shorts from start to finish using professional patterns, fabric and professional sewing machines in this three-day class series.

**Let's Crochet Level 1**  
**Orlando Public Library**  
**Saturday, August 13, 2–4 p.m.**

### VIRTUAL

**Thursday, August 4, 6–7:30 p.m.**  
**Friday, August 5, 2–3:30 p.m.**  
Start crocheting today. Learn to chain and single crochet stitch to create your first project!





## Back to Basics

Get back to the basics of technology. From using a mouse and keyboard for the first time to navigating the Internet safely, you will get a great start using computers with these classes.

### IN-PERSON

#### Introduction to Computers

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Saturday, August 6, 10 a.m.**  
**Monday, August 15, 12:30 p.m.**

Take your first steps into the world of computing. Discover the essential parts of and types of computers, as well as the basics of using a computer for the first time.

#### How to Use the Mouse and Keyboard

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Saturday, August 6, 11:15 a.m.**  
**Monday, August 15, 1:45 p.m.**

Learn how to use the mouse and keyboard to navigate within the computer's interface. Practice using these two devices with hands-on exercises and online resources.

#### Computer Basics Level 1

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Saturday, August 13, 10 a.m.**  
**Tuesday, August 16, 12:30 p.m.**  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Tuesday, August 23, 2:15 p.m.**

Get up and running with computers. Learn how to navigate the computer desktop and how to perform various techniques in manipulating windows using basic mouse and keyboard techniques.

#### Computer Basics Level 2

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Saturday, August 13, 11:15 a.m.**  
**Tuesday, August 16, 1:45 p.m.**  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Wednesday, August 24, 2:15 p.m.**

Get your computer skills racing. Learn how to create, rename, delete and organize files and folders on your computer.

#### Internet Level 1 – Fundamentals

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 12:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, August 20, 10 a.m.**  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Thursday, August 25, 2:15 p.m.**

Learn internet concepts and terminology. Become familiar with web browsers while surfing the web.

#### Internet Level 2 – Search Techniques

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 1:45 p.m.**  
**Saturday, August 20, 11:15 a.m.**

Learn about search engines and search techniques to help you find exactly what you are looking for on the web.

#### Email Level 1 – Create an Account

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Thursday, August 18, 12:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, August 27, 10 a.m.**

Create a free email account. Learn how to navigate the environment, including the inbox, the reading pane and the compose area.

#### Email Level 2 – Manage Your Account

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Thursday, August 18, 1:45 p.m.**  
**Saturday, August 27, 11:15 a.m.**

Learn how to compose and send email messages with attachments. Become familiar with replying and forwarding messages.

#### Internet Security Basics

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Friday, August 19, 12:30 p.m.**

### VIRTUAL

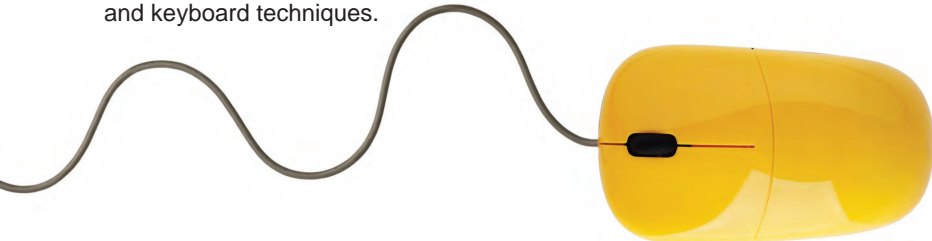
**Tuesday, August 9, 6:45 p.m.**

Be safe online. From passwords to phishing scams learn how to recognize dangers and the basics of protecting yourself online.

#### Learn How to Type

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Friday, August 19, 1:45 p.m.**

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





## VIRTUAL

Global Genealogy: Sweden

**Tuesday, August 2, 1 p.m.**

Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors. This session focuses on Sweden.

Mastering Genealogical Documentation

**Wednesdays, August 3–17, 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for our Mastering Genealogical Proof study group focusing on genealogical documentation.

Exploring FamilySearch.org

**Thursday, August 4, Noon**

FamilySearch is a tremendous and free source for family history research. Learn how to navigate this website and how to make the most of the information that it contains.

Genealogy in the States: Pennsylvania

**Tuesday, August 9, 1 p.m.**

Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Pennsylvania. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Hathi Trust Digital Library & Genealogy

**Thursday, August 11, Noon**

Discover the Hathi Trust Digital Library and learn how you can use this amazing resource to enhance your genealogical research.

DNA Techniques Leeds & McGuire Methods

**Tuesday, August 16, 1 p.m.**

Learn how to utilize these genealogy problem-solving methods and see how they can help you with your DNA analysis.

Exploring DNA Websites

**Thursday, August 18, Noon**

Explore four DNA websites: Ancestry DNA, FamilyTreeDNA, MyHeritage and 23andme. Learn the differences between the companies and see how to navigate each company's website.

Researching in NYC The Five Boroughs

**Tuesday, August 23, 1 p.m.**

Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of repositories in the five boroughs of New York City. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Case Study: A Father for Walter

**Wednesday, August 24, 6:30 p.m.**

Learn how to use Y-DNA to help determine a father-son relationship from the late 1700s.

Global Genealogy: France

**Thursday, August 25, Noon**

Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors. This session focuses on France.

Connecting With Cousins

**Tuesday, August 30, 1 p.m.**

Explore the best way to begin analyzing and working with your DNA matches.

Genealogy in the States: Virginia

**Wednesday, August 31, 6:30 p.m.**

Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Virginia. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

## IN-PERSON

### JOIN THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**West Oaks Branch**

**Saturday, August 27, 10:15 a.m.–Noon**

The Adams-Onís Treaty Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter will be hosting a genealogist-assisted workshop to help prospective members research their lineage to join the DAR.





#### IN-PERSON

Melrose Audio Meetups:  
Critical Listening Session  
**Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 5–6:30 p.m.**  
Struggling to get the bass to pump?  
Need pointers on how to make your  
tracks shine? Join us for a critical listening  
session where you will get a chance to  
send in your tracks and get valuable  
technical feedback from the Melrose  
Center's audio team.

Driving Simulator Orientations  
Having trouble getting into Driver's Ed?  
We've got you covered! Learn to drive  
with the Ultra Driving Simulator in realistic  
road conditions and practice safety and  
defensive driving at the Melrose Center.  
Call 407.835.7323 to register for an  
upcoming session.

#### MELROSE FILM FESTIVAL September 9–24

Join us at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Melrose Film Festival as we roll out the red carpet for filmmakers and film enthusiasts across the globe. Our annual festival is dedicated to celebrating the art of visual storytelling in Short Films, Micro Short Films, Animated Shorts, Music Videos and Documentaries.

This year, we received over 2,000 submissions from over 90 countries. All selected films will be screened during the festival week, and winners from each category will be announced along with an Audience Favorite based on attendee votes.

Visit [ocls.info/melrose-film-festival](https://ocls.info/melrose-film-festival) to celebrate the art of filmmaking with virtual screenings and virtual and in-person events.





### MINDFUL START FAMILY YOGA West Oaks Branch

***Mondays, August 10–24, 10 a.m.***

Silly and fun yoga poses designed for kids! Flow-through an imaginative journey filled with puppets, parachute games, and relaxing rest time! Recommended for families with children ages 0–7.

### IN-PERSON

En Persona: Aprenda  
Inglés Básico

**South Trail Branch**

***Fridays, August 5–26, 4:30 p.m.***

Aprenda todo lo esencial del Inglés hablado y escrito, explicado de una forma clara y sencilla. Si es tu primera vez en este país, es la clase perfecta para dar tus primeros pasos. Te esperamos!

ArtMazing

**South Creek Branch**

***Saturday, August 6, 2 p.m.***

Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must! Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

DIY Fidget Spinners

**South Creek Branch**

***Saturday, August 13, 3:30 p.m.***

**West Oaks Branch**

***Wednesday, August 31, 4 p.m.***

Prep for back to school by making your own fidget toy! Fidget toys give your hands something to do so your mind can focus. Recommended for families with children ages 9 and up.

Let's Talk About Bruno

**Southeast Branch**

***Saturday, August 20, 10:30 a.m.***

The family Madrigal is opening Casita's doors! Discover your gift with magical crafts and activities while dancing to songs from Disney's *Encanto*. Recommended for families with children 5 and up.

Cookies & Milk with a Cop

**North Orange Branch**

***Saturday, August 20, 11 a.m.***

Bring your kids to meet our local police officers and enjoy a story, cookies and milk! This series will be a great chance to interact with Apopka officers in a fun and informative environment.

### OWLS – THE WONDERFUL AND GROSS

**Southeast Branch**

***Friday, August 26, 4 p.m.***

Fly into the wonderful world of owls, where we will discover their secrets from the wondrous to the gross. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.





## EXPANDING LIBRARY SERVICES WITH THE NEW GROUP HOME LIBRARY CARD

by Renee Marvin,  
Marketing & Public Relations Aide



On June 2, a group from the Great Oaks Village group foster home visited Orlando Public Library for a tour of the building. They showed their excitement for programs like BizKids Club and the objectively cool Melrose Center. They also received welcome bags full of library swag, but most importantly, they went home with their group home card, a new type of library card created to help prevent kids in group foster homes from falling through gaps in library service.

Group homes provide a place of safety for kids and young adults when their family home cannot. Because the state acts as the legal guardian for residents of group homes, with staff rotating to serve as caretakers, there is no individual who can be designated for guardianship – a requirement for juvenile library cards. Until now, this has prevented Orange County kids living in group homes from accessing the many programs and services available at the library. With the implementation of the group home card, staff at Orange County Library System plan to change that.

The privileges associated with the group home card are not so different from an average library card. Group home card users may check out up to 40 items at once, with standard loan periods and renewal times. No overdue fines or fees are accrued, ensuring that kids living at Great Oaks Village will not encounter barriers to using

the library. The card also provides access to public computers, databases and digital platforms as well as the ability to sign up for classes and events.

Staff at OCLS and Great Oaks Village are hopeful that access to the library's many services will help kids develop their research skills, providing them with "motivation to believe that they can succeed," says Great Oaks Village Education Residential Services Supervisor Chasmin Hill. Chasmin also hopes that more frequent visits to the library will help get the kids "into the normalcy of this type of outing and experience, as if they were living at home."

For OCLS staff, making the library part of someone's routine is certainly also a goal. The group home card joins programs like Library Social Workers and The Right Service at the Right Time as resources for the community beyond the printed page. The work done to establish the group home card has paved the way to success not only for current and future residents of Great Oaks Village, but also for providing library services to community members who need it the most.

If you have questions about the new card type for group homes, email [comments@ocls.info](mailto:comments@ocls.info).

## BABY (Ages 0–18 Months)

### IN-PERSON

#### HELLO, OCEAN FRIENDS

##### Southwest Branch

**Monday, August 1, 10:30 a.m.**

Discover ocean animals with high contrast books perfect for helping babies make connections between images on a page and the real world.

Mama Gansa

##### South Creek Branch

**Wednesday, August 10, 10:30 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.

Back to Baby Time

##### Southwest Branch

**Monday, August 29, 10:30 a.m.**

Now that the big kid is back in school, it's baby time! Focus on baby, while moving to the shape of fun through songs and rhymes which develop early literacy skills.





## TODDLER (Ages 18–36 Months)

### IN-PERSON



### SESAME STREET STORYTIME

**Southwest Branch**

**Tuesday, August 2, 10:30 a.m.**

Sing, dance and learn your way through the alphabet and numbers with stories and activities inspired by *Plaza Sésamo!* Recommended for ages 2–5.

### Storytime Craft

**North Orange Branch**

**Wednesdays, August 3–31, 10:30 a.m.**

Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft.

Recommended for ages 2–5.

### Parachute Play

**North Orange Branch**

**Tuesday, August 9, 11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.**

Play, explore and learn about the world. Put thoughts into words by talking about what your child is doing and building positive social interactions with others.

### POM POM PARTY

**North Orange Branch**

**Tuesday, August 16, 11 a.m.**

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

### Bubble Playtime

**North Orange Branch**

**Tuesday, August 23, 11 a.m.**

Help your child with their motor development skills in this interactive bubble class. Recommended for ages 2–5.



## STORYTIME

[ocls.info/storytime](http://ocls.info/storytime)

### IN-PERSON

#### TINY TALES

(ages birth–18 months)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 11:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.

#### TODDLER TIME

(ages 18 months–3 years)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:45 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.

North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.

Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.

Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.

#### STORYBOOK FUN

(ages 3–5 years)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.

Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.

Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.

#### ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME

(ages 0–5 years)

Fairview Shores Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.

Washington Park Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Eatonville Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

South Trail Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11 a.m.

#### SUNDAY FAMILY STORYTIMES

North Orange Branch, First Sundays, 2 p.m.

Alafaya Branch, Second Sundays, 2 p.m.

South Creek Branch, Third Sundays, 2 p.m.

West Oaks Branch, Fourth Sundays, 2 p.m.







## Yoga with PLAYologist Yolonda

**Eatonville Branch**

**Tuesdays, August 2–30, 10:15 a.m.**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Sunday, August 28, 3 p.m.**

Fun-filled yoga, meditation and mindfulness sessions with a twist that uses a PLAY-based yoga curriculum that is trauma-informed conscious.

## PRESCHOOL (Ages 3–5)

### IN-PERSON

**Cuéntame un Cuento**  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Tuesdays, August 2, 16, 30,**  
**10:15 a.m.**

**Southeast Branch**  
**Monday, August 22, 10:15 a.m.**

Cuéntame un Cuento is a bilingual interactive storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish that are suitable for speakers of either language.

**Polygon Wild!**  
**South Creek Branch**  
**Tuesday, August 2, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Chickasaw Branch**  
**Wednesday, August 31, 11 a.m.**

We're going wild for shapes! Learn about our many sided friends with fun hands on activities and stories.

**This is My Name**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Tuesday, August 2, 11 a.m.**  
**West Oaks Branch**  
**Tuesday, August 23, 11 a.m.**

Your name is special, just like you! Help your child learn to recognize and spell their name through fun crafts and activities.

**D is for Dinosaur**  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Wednesday, August 3, 11 a.m.**

Dino Time is near; let's give a roaring cheer! We are off on a dinosaur adventure using stories and activities while experiencing a good time together.

**R is for Robot**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Thursday, August 4, 11 a.m.**

Shapes, sorting and early math concepts will inspire STEM learning for your little one. Robot fun with crafts, activities and stories.

**E is for Elephant**  
**Southeast Branch**  
**Monday, August 8, 10:15 a.m.**  
**South Creek Branch**  
**Tuesday, August 9, 10:30 a.m.**

Enjoy stories and engage in hands-on learning activities to celebrate World Elephant Day.

**Caregiver Connect –**  
**Stay and Play**  
**Southeast Branch**  
**Monday, August 8–29,**  
**11:15 a.m.**

Connect with other caregivers while your little one explores imaginary play with friends. Learn about new resources for you and your little one.

**I Can Count**  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Wednesday, August 10, 11 a.m.**  
**South Creek Branch**  
**Thursday, August 25, 10:30 a.m.**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Tuesday, August 30, 11 a.m.**  
**Southwest Branch**  
**Wednesday, August 31, 10:30 a.m.**

Help your child explore their world with stories and activities that encourage mathematical thinking.

**Shape Seekers**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Thursday, August 11, 11 a.m.**  
**West Oaks Branch**  
**Tuesday, August 30, 11 a.m.**

Shapes are found everywhere! Embark on a shape search to help your preschooler identify shapes in nature and built environments.

**Countdown to**  
**Kindergarten**  
**Southeast Branch**  
**Thursdays, August 11–25,**  
**10:15 a.m.**

Learn about pets through stories, rhymes and activities designed to help preschoolers develop the necessary skills to become readers and succeed in kindergarten. Recommended for ages 4–5.

**Little Artist**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Friday, August 12, 11 a.m.**  
Get creative with arts and crafts! Preschoolers will enjoy age appropriate stories and crafts.

**Toad on the Road and**  
**Other Frog Tales**  
**South Creek Branch**  
**Tuesday, August 16, 10:30 a.m.**  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Thursday, August 25, 11 a.m.**  
Ribbit! Strengthen early literacy skills with silly stories about frogs and toads.



## LITTLE CHEF: BANANA PUDDING

**Thursday, August 4, 11 a.m.**

You'll go BANANAS for our banana pudding! Bring your little one for mixing, mashing and stacking as they create this classic recipe.



All Aboard!  
**North Orange Branch**  
**Thursday, August 18, 11 a.m.**  
Chugga-chugga choo-choo, all aboard! Become a conductor and join us for trainloads of stories and crafts.

**Traffic JAM!**  
**South Creek Branch**  
**Tuesday, August 23, 10:30 a.m.**  
It's time for a tough truck party with a celebration of things that go, go, go!

F is for Florida  
**Southeast Branch**  
**Monday, August 29, 10:15 a.m.**  
Celebrate the ABCs and 1-2-3s with crafts, stories and Florida fun.

Little Picasso  
**South Creek Branch**  
**Tuesday, August 30, 10:30 a.m.**  
Calling all preschoolers to freely and creatively explore and express themselves! Let your imagination and little hands run wild with color, texture and more!

Cuéntame un Cuento  
**Tuesdays, August 2, 16 & 30, 10 a.m.**  
Cuéntame un Cuento is a bilingual interactive storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish that are suitable for speakers of either language.

What Will Hatch?  
**Wednesday, August 3, 11 a.m.**  
Through stories and songs, preschoolers will learn about different animals that hatch from eggs.

Pajama Party  
**Mondays, August 8-29, 7 p.m.**  
Put on your pajamas and join us virtually for stories, songs and a craft.

Sesame Street Storytime  
**Mondays, August 8-29, 11 a.m.**  
Can you tell me how to get, how to get to *Sesame Street*? Let's make it a sunny day with a storytime and craft celebrating our favorite friends.

E is for Elephant  
**Tuesday, August 9, 11 a.m.**  
Enjoy stories and engage in hands-on learning activities to celebrate World Elephant Day.

Home Sweet Habitat  
**Wednesday, August 10, 11 a.m.**  
We will use stories and songs to introduce preschoolers to a variety of animal homes.

This is My Name  
**Thursday, August 11, 11 a.m.**  
Your name is special, just like you! Help your child learn to recognize and spell their name through fun crafts and activities.

What Can You do with a Crayon?  
**Tuesday, August 16, 11 a.m.**  
Explore the world of color and how crayons can help boost a child's imagination as well as strengthen important developmental skills.

Down in Australia  
**Wednesday, August 17, 11 a.m.**  
Through stories and songs that promote early literacy, preschoolers will learn about various wildlife that live in Australia.

Little Chef: Monster Cookie Bites  
**Thursday, August 18, 11 a.m.**  
Enhance your child's cooking skills with this sweet bite-sized treat that tastes just like everyone's favorite monster cookie!

Enormous Elephants  
**Wednesday, August 24, 11 a.m.**  
Preschoolers will learn about elephants and where they live through stories and songs that support early literacy.

First  
**Thursday, August 25, 11 a.m.**  
Doing new things for the first time can be scary. Listen to stories about first experiences to help your child gain confidence as they start school or try new things.

F is for Florida  
**Tuesday, August 30, 11 a.m.**  
Celebrate the ABCs and 1-2-3s with crafts, stories and Florida fun.

**Dear Dragonfly**  
**Wednesday, August 31, 11 a.m.**  
Preschoolers will discover the amazing world of dragonflies through stories and rhymes that promote early literacy practices.

## ANGEL PAWS TO READ

**North Orange Branch**

**Saturday, August 13, 11 a.m.**

**Alafaya Branch**

**Saturday, August 27, 11:30 a.m.**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Saturday, August 27, 11:30 a.m.**

**West Oaks Branch**

**Saturday, August 27, 11:30 a.m.**

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a lovable, furry listener. Be An Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry presents this reading program for children featuring certified therapy dogs.



## IN-PERSON

Read to Sydney

**Winter Garden Branch**

**Monday, August 1, 4 p.m.**

Read to Sydney is a local therapy dog organization that encourages children to practice their reading skills with an attentive furry listener. All ages are welcome to join Thom and his dog Toby.

Extreme Weather

**South Trail Branch**

**Monday, August 1, 4:30 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.

Kids Movie Matinee

**North Orange Branch**

**Sunday, August 14, 2–4:30 p.m.**

Learn about some of the Italian culture that inspired *Luca*, then enjoy watching the movie.

Crafternoons

**South Trail Branch**

**Monday, August 15, 4:30 p.m.**

**South Trail Branch**

**Saturday, August 27, 2:30 p.m.**

Get ready for an hour of crafting fun with friends!

Movie and a Craft

**West Oaks Branch**

**Saturday, August 20, 3–5 p.m.**

Sit back and relax during a family-friendly movie while working on a craft or coloring sheets.

Art Adventures:

Fall Scratch Art

**Hiawassee Branch**

**Wednesday, August 24, 4 p.m.**

Fall into fun with scratch art and autumn leaves.

Be A Leader

**Washington Park Branch**

**Wednesday, August 24, 4 p.m.**

Identify what it takes to be a leader by talking about past leaders and the qualities they possess and how they can use these qualities to change the world around them. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Homeschool: Project WILD

**Southeast Branch**

**Thursday, August 25, 2 p.m.**

How does color make it easier to survive? Find out as we learn how animals use color adaptations in the wild.

## HIP HATS

**South Trail Branch**

**Thursday, August 18, 4:30 p.m.**

**South Creek Branch**

**Saturday, August 20, 3 p.m.**

Hip, hat, hooray! Celebrate the things that go on your head with crafts and stories all about hats.







#### VIRTUAL

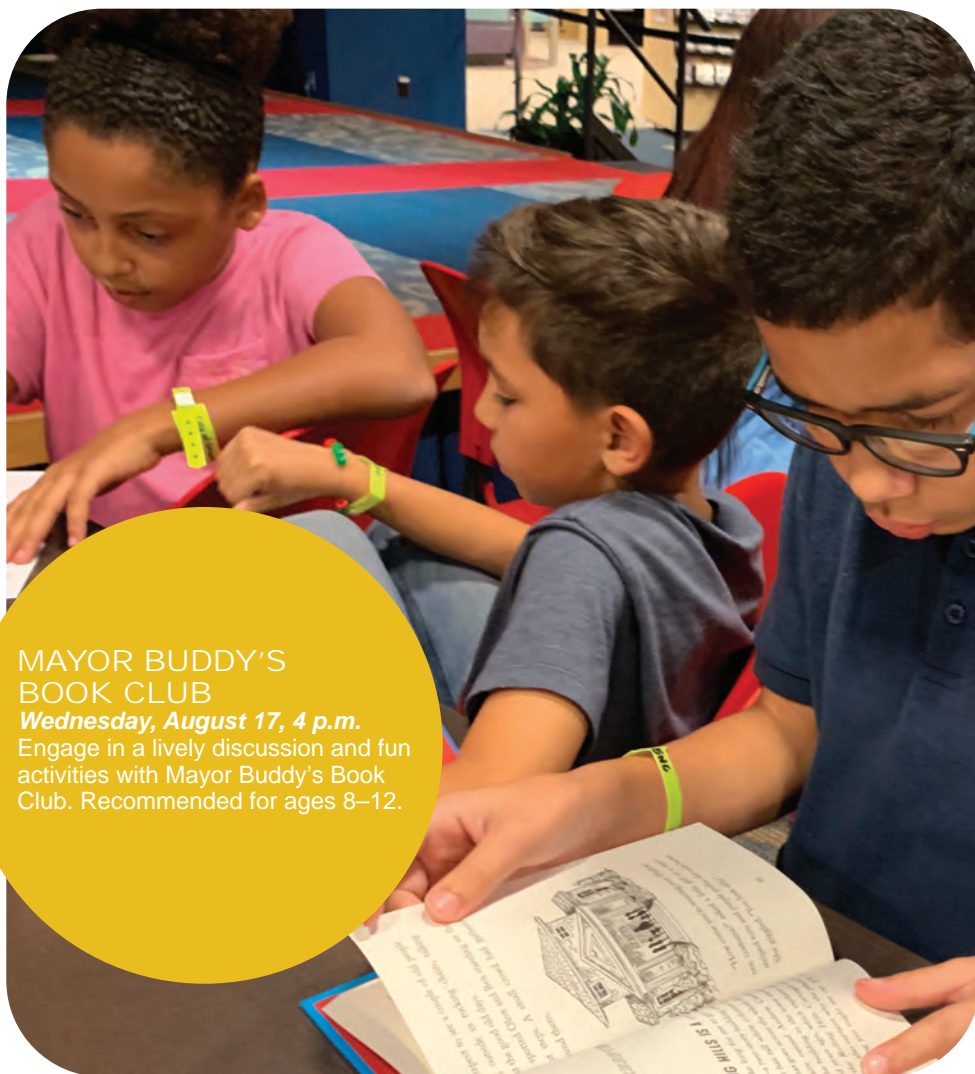
**Passport to Germany**  
**Thursday, August 11, 4 p.m.**  
Learn about the lives of kids around the world through crafts and games.

**Cuisine Corner Junior:  
Snacks 2 Go!**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 4 p.m.**  
**Thursday, August 25, 3:30 p.m.**  
Learn how to mix up a delicious snack for those summer road trips and long days by the water. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

**Passport to Sri Lanka**  
**Thursday, August 25, 4 p.m.**  
Learn about the lives of kids around the world through hands-on activities.

**Tween Book Club**  
**Thursday, August 25, 5 p.m.**  
Engage in a dynamic discussion and a themed activity based on *Scouts* by Shannon Greenland. Recommended for ages 9–12.

**Book Adventure: Big Nate**  
**Tuesday, August 30, 4:30 p.m.**  
You've read the book. Now, live the adventure! Trivia, games, activities and crafts: experience the book in its storyworld dimension. Recommended for ages 9–12.



# Back to School



GRADES  
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## IN-PERSON

# BIZKIDS

## READY TO BECOME AN ENTREPRENEUR?

[ocls.info/bizkids](http://ocls.info/bizkids)

### North Orange Branch

Saturdays, August 6–September 24, 2–3:30 p.m.

### Southeast Branch

Mondays–Wednesdays, August 8–31, 4:30–6 p.m.

### Fairview Shores Branch

Mondays–Wednesdays, August 22–September 19, 3–4:30 p.m.

Ready to become an entrepreneur? The BizKids Club is an instructor-led program that introduces participants to the world of business and entrepreneurship. Recommended for ages 9–14.







## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WITH YOUTH SERVICES INTERN EMILY GINGRAS



**E**mily Gingras has been interning at the library throughout the summer, working in the Youth Services department. As her internship comes to a close, we caught up with her to learn about her time working at OCLS and the upcoming blog series she's writing for the library.

### **What's your major/minor at UCF and why were you drawn to that field?**

I'm an early childhood development major at the University of Central Florida. I chose to pursue this degree so I could help children and families by meeting them where they are. Working with the families and communities of Orlando has fostered my desire to share my love of education with as many children and families as I can.

### **Can you tell us about something new you learned while interning here at OCLS?**

I've learned a lot about both myself and the early childhood education profession. The team at Youth Services has created a welcoming and uplifting environment for me to learn and grow. I've learned about planning and facilitating programs for varying ages and demographics. My education has focused heavily on working in the classroom, so being in a library environment has been wonderful for my professional growth. I've learned how to work with both the child and their family, as opposed to my classroom background where I might never speak to the caregiver.

### **Can you share a favorite experience you've had while interning at OCLS?**

My favorite experiences have been when children and families come up and recognize me, or when I'm able to give them information they are excited about. Some families come in every week to update me on their reading over the week. When I share that we have events and programs for everyone in the family, some children will look apprehensive, but when they hear themes like Minecraft or Pokémon, their eyes light up. Summer at the library is always moving, which has given me an unforgettable experience. There have been mind-blowing presenters and events that I will not forget, such as getting to pet a boa constrictor and a legless lizard, hearing Emily from *Emily's Wonder Lab* talk about science and space, and our amazing team of storytellers.

### **What's next for you once your internship is complete?**

I will be graduating in August and will explore what early childhood professions are out there. My career goal is to add learning and love to the lives of children and families, so I'll be happy in any setting where this is possible. I hope to continue my work with OCLS and Youth Services as I grow as a professional.

### **Tell us about the blog series you're writing! What do you hope people will get out of reading it?**

I'm writing five blog posts, each one discussing one of the Five Elements of Early Literacy (reading, writing, singing, playing, talking). I'm hoping to spread the knowledge of early literacy development and how important and easy it is to promote those skills with children. I have a passion for school readiness and know children who enter school with a handful of skills will have a better chance of thriving. Early literacy development includes the ability to read and write, which are important skills. Children learn to read until third grade, and then they read to learn, so we need to help them with the building blocks.

*Be sure to visit [ocls.info/blog](https://ocls.info/blog) to read Emily's early literacy series as they are posted.*



**VIRTUAL**

## EVERY CHILD READY TO READ

**Thursday, August 11, 10:30 a.m.**

Learn about the five early literacy practices as well as tips, tricks and resources to help your preschooler strengthen important early literacy skills.

**VIRTUAL**

## FAMILY ZUMBA

**Saturday, August 13, 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.





**IN-PERSON**

**TEEN VOLUNTEERING**

**Orlando Public Library**

**Saturday, August 20, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Attend a volunteer event and earn community service hours. High school students are invited to help assemble craft kits at this two-hour in-person community service event.



**IN-PERSON**

**HOW THE WORLD BUILDS**

**South Trail Branch**

**Thursday, August 11, 4:30 p.m.**

Travel from the desert to the jungle to the city, and everywhere in between, to discover how different communities around the world are built.

**Teen Art Adventures**

**Southeast Branch**

**Wednesday, August 17, 4:30 p.m.**

Explore your creative side with this monthly series. We'll provide the supplies and instruction on different types of art forms, you bring the imagination!

**Anime/Manga Club**

**North Orange Branch**

**Saturday, August 27, 3 p.m.**

Compete in our "Name That Anime" tournament. Recommend your favorites to fellow fans and find out what manga and anime the library has to offer!



**VIRTUAL**

**Middle School Advisory Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 24, 4 p.m.**

Middle schoolers will earn a community service hour by participating in a board meeting to support tween and teen library programming. This is a virtual, one-hour event for students in grades 6–8.



## BOOK DROP LOCATIONS

### Horizon West Book Drop

Hamlin Town Center  
14416 Shoreside Way, Winter Garden, FL 34787

### Lake Nona Book Drop

Valencia College Lake Nona Campus  
12350 Narcoossee Rd, Orlando, FL 32832

*Materials placed in book drops are picked up and returned to the library Monday–Saturday.*

## LOCATIONS Sunday Hours: 🕒

### Orlando Public Library

101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

### Alafaya Branch

12000 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32826  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

### Chickasaw Branch

870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Eatonville Branch

200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Fairview Shores Branch

902 Lee Road, Suite 26, Orlando, FL 32810  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Hiawassee Branch

7391 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32818  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### North Orange Branch

1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

### South Creek Branch

1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

### South Trail Branch

4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32839  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Southeast Branch

5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Southwest Branch

7255 Della Drive, Orlando, FL 32819  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Washington Park Branch

5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center

1821 E. Silver Star Road, Ocoee, FL 34761  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

### Windermere Branch

530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Winter Garden Branch

805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787  
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.



## CLOSURES

Labor Day  
**All Locations:**  
Sunday & Monday,  
September 4 & 5

Conmemoración  
del día del trabajo  
**Todos las localidades:**  
el domingo y lunes,  
4 y 5 de septiembre



Those needing special accommodations due to a disability may arrange for assistance by contacting the location at least 7 days prior to the event.

### OCLS Renewal Line

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