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## Connect With Your Library During National Library Week

April 3–9, 2022 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the valuable role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The library will be hosting a BookFace Photo Pop-Up, musical performance by Afropop band Wassalou, scavenger hunts and more. For a complete listing of all National Library Week events, visit [ocls.info/national-library-week](https://ocls.info/national-library-week).

In addition, any Orange County resident that signs up for a new library card or renews an expired card during National Library Week will receive one ticket for free admission to WonderWorks. This promotion is open to all ages, April 3–9, 2022. While supplies last. Those who register online will receive their library card and WonderWorks ticket in the mail within two weeks. Registration and renewals for library cards can be made online at [ocls.info/getyourcard](https://ocls.info/getyourcard) or in-person at any library location.

Southwest Branch welcomes bestselling author James Grippando for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Author Series on Friday, April 8, 6:30 p.m., presented in partnership with The Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips. James Grippando is the 2017 winner of the Harper Lee Prize for legal fiction and a *New York Times* bestselling author of 27 novels of suspense, including the popular series featuring Miami criminal defense attorney Jack Swyteck. Refreshments will be served and a book sale and signing will follow the event. For more information, visit [attend.ocls.info/event/6180340](https://attend.ocls.info/event/6180340).

The Orlando Book Festival returns on Saturday, April 30, 10:30 a.m., for a day-long celebration of books at Orlando Public Library. Join us for panels, writing workshops and more with bestselling authors from all over the state including keynote speaker Tim Dorsey. For information, visit [ocls.info/obf](https://ocls.info/obf).

Families can also celebrate Earth Day with activities focusing on nature, the environment and what we can do to help the Earth. For a complete listing of Earth Day events, visit [ocls.info/earth-day](https://ocls.info/earth-day).

Registration is strongly recommended for all in-person events due to limited capacity. If you have any questions about the information shared below, call 407-835-7323. Visit us online at [ocls.info](https://ocls.info) to register, or to view a complete listing of both virtual and in-person library events.

### Youth Events:

**Poetry is Art!**

Windermere Branch

*Saturday, April 2, 11 a.m.*

Southeast Branch

*Friday, April 8, 4 p.m.*

Winter Garden Branch

*Saturday, April 9, 2:30 p.m.*

Southwest Branch

*Wednesday, April 20, 4 p.m.*

Washington Park Branch

*Wednesday, April 20, 4 p.m.*

Create art and poetry together while learning about acrostics, shape poetry and more.

### **Countdown to Kindergarten**

West Oaks Branch

*Tuesdays, April 5–26, 11 a.m.*

Alafaya Branch

*Tuesdays, April 5–26, 11 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.

### **Speed-Date with a Book**

Southwest Branch

*Tuesday, April 5, 4 p.m.*

Do you love to read but just don't know what to read next? We will gather some hot titles and you can have a five-minute date with each. The perfect book is waiting for you. Recommended for ages 13–18.

### **Library Scavenger Hunt**

Eatonville Branch

*Thursday, April 7, 3:15 p.m.*

Use your best detective skills to discover the secrets hidden in plain sight. Snoop around the library and enjoy fun crafts and activities. Recommended for ages 6–12.

### **Teen Art Adventures: Book It!**

Southwest Branch

*Thursday, April 7, 4 p.m.*

Give some books a second life! From single page crafts to full book projects, it's time to upcycle some of our most well-loved titles.

### **Teen Volunteering**

Orlando Public Library

*Saturday, April 9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.*

Attend a volunteer event and earn community service hours. Help assemble craft kits at this two-hour, in-person community service event.

### **Little Lit Classics**

Fairview Shores Branch

*Friday, April 8, 10:15 a.m.*

Southwest Branch

*Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.*

Introduce your toddler to classic literature through basic concepts by exploring colors from *Alice in Wonderland*, shapes from *Treasure Island*, counting from *Jane Eyre* and more! Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

### **Hoppity-Hop-Hop!**

North Orange Branch

*Tuesday, April 12, 11 a.m.*

It's funny bunny time! Hop along with a story and sensory activities full of fun for every bunny. Recommended for ages 2–5.

### **Earth Day, Hooray!**

South Trail Branch

*Wednesday, April 13, 11 a.m.*

Southeast Branch

*Monday, April 18, 11 a.m.*

Chickasaw Branch

*Friday, April 22, 11 a.m.*

It's never too early to start learning about protecting our planet! Enjoy nature-friendly stories, crafts and activities with your little one. Recommended for ages 2–5.

### **Help the Earth**

Eatonville Branch

*Monday, April 18, 10:15 a.m.*

South Trail Branch

*Wednesday, April 20, 11 a.m.*

North Orange Branch

*Thursday, April 21, 11 a.m.*

No one is too little to help the Earth! Celebrate Earth Day with stories and crafts that honor the planet. Recommended for ages 3–5.

### **Virtual: Mayor Buddy's Book Club End of Book Party featuring author Adrianna Cuevas**

Wednesday, April 20, 4 p.m.

Join Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club to celebrate the completion of their book *The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez* by Adrianna Cuevas! There will be a Q&A with the author. Recommended for ages 8–12.

### ***Malala's Magic Pencil***

Southeast Branch

*Monday, April 25, 11 a.m.*

Learn about *Malala's Magic Pencil*. Then create your own magic pencil at this craft based storytime all about Malala Yousafzai. Recommended for ages 3–5. Registration required.

## **General Events:**

### **BookFace Photo Pop-Up!**

Orlando Public Library

*Sunday, April 3, 1–3 p.m.*

Kick-off National Library Week with a photo opportunity showing off your best BookFace! Stop by to get a free portrait taken where you'll pose with book covers from our collection, immersing you into the scene! Recommended for families.

### **Virtual: Let's Crochet With Words!**

*Wednesdays, April 6–27, 10–11:30 a.m.*

In celebration of National Library Week, we're creating a pillow cover that's filled with words using the popcorn stitch, tapestry crochet and more.

### **Virtual: Hand Sewing Sashiko Patterns**

*Thursdays, April 7–28, 10:15 a.m.*

Celebrate National Library Week using sashiko hand sewing techniques to sew our featured pattern: The OCLS Orange. Pre-requisite Class: Basic Hand Sewing Skills.

### **Water Conservation Education**

*Friday, April 8, 11 a.m.*

Do you have questions about water conservation? A representative from the Orange County Utilities Water Division will discuss this important topic. Part of the Sustainability Series sponsored by The Friends of the Orange County Library System.

### **Southwest Author Series Featuring James Grippando**

Southwest Branch

*Friday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.*

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### **Music in the Library: Wassalou**

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

*Saturday, April 9, 3 p.m.*

Wassalou is an Afropop band that presents a unique talent to the North American cultural landscape. Bringing language, colorful traditional costuming and dance straight out of Africa.

**Plant Clinic**

Alafaya Branch

*Thursday, April 14, 2–4 p.m.*

Bring your plants, get your soil pH tested and ask questions! Master gardener volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office will be available to answer your gardening questions.

**Make an Earth Day Decal for a Water Bottle**

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

*Saturday, April 16, 11 a.m.*

*Wednesday, April 27, 4:30 p.m.*

Reduce your need for single-use plastics! Learn how to use the Silhouette Cameo to customize a water bottle with an Earth Day-themed vinyl decal.

**Qigong Movement and Breathing with Jasmine Win**

Southwest Branch

*Saturday, April 30, 10:30 a.m.*

Celebrate World Tai-Chi & Qigong Day with Jasmine Win. Learn basic qigong techniques and how using them in your daily life can benefit your health. All levels are welcome to learn and celebrate.

**Tai Chi De-stress with Jim McClellan**

Southwest Branch

*Saturday, April 30, Noon*

Celebrate World Tai-Chi & Qigong Day with Jim McClellan. De-stress by practicing meditative movements in the 24 Yang style: tai chi's most popular form. All levels are welcome to learn and celebrate.

**Orlando Book Festival**

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

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