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## **Author Angie Thomas kicks off the Orlando Book Festival, plus National Library Week, Big Read and more**

National Library Week takes place from April 4 – 10 to raise awareness about the role of libraries and to recognize library workers' contributions to the community. The theme of this year's weeklong celebration is "Welcome to Your Library," and Orange County Library System will participate by giving away a free ticket to WonderWorks to customers who sign up for a new library card during National Library Week. Visit [ocls.info/national-library-week](http://ocls.info/national-library-week) for more information.

The Orlando Book Festival returns as a virtual event on April 3, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Don't miss keynote presentation from Angie Thomas, bestselling author of *The Hate U Give*.

On April 17, join the conversation as we welcome scientist and best-selling author Hope Jahren during Big Read Keynote: A Talk with Hope Jahren. This year's Big Read author will read from and talk about her book *Lab Girl* in a virtual discussion. Big Read closes on April 24 with an online Gardening Festival. From 10 – 2 p.m. participate in virtual workshops lead by local organizations as they share their expertise on the types of plants you can grow in your own homes.

This year's Summer Reading Program runs from May 30 – August 1 with plenty of fun and educational virtual events for all ages. Prizes for this year's kids Summer Reading Program have been generously donated by Window World of Central Florida. Registration open on April 1. Visit [ocls.info/srp](http://ocls.info/srp) for more details.

All of our events are virtual, and available online for free with an Orange County Library System card. If you have any questions about the information shared below, call 407-835-7323. Check us out online at [ocls.info](http://ocls.info) for a complete listing of all library events.

### **Facts vs. Stories Writing for Genealogy**

*Thursday, April 1, Noon*

Learn how to turn your family history facts into engaging stories that your relatives will want to read.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4936106>

**Introduction to the Sewing Machine – Beginner Level**

*Friday, April 2, 10 a.m.–Noon*

Learn to knit lace! From reading charts to creating intricate lacework, we'll guide you step-by-step in this project. Learn to read charts, create a provisional cast-on and lace stitches.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4910426>

**Orlando Book Festival**

*Saturday, April 3, 10 – 5 p.m.*

We're going virtual! The Orlando Book Festival is a day-long celebration of books at the Orlando Public Library. Enjoy panels, writing workshops, and more from bestselling authors from all over the country. Don't miss an opening session with *NYT* best-selling author Angie Thomas, in conversation with Ayana Gray, and a closing keynote from Alyssa Cole.

<https://www.ocls.info/obf>

**DIY Paper Cacti**

*Monday, April 5, 5 p.m.*

Create your own 3D cactus that lives forever, doesn't need sun or water and won't poke you! Recommended for families.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4906672>

**Setting Up Compost at Home**

*Monday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.*

Charlie from O-Town Compost will go through the basics of starting your home compost pile. Learn which kinds of foods and additives can get you started off right and the right method for your space.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4828744>

**One Minute Film Festival**

*Saturday, April 10, 2:45 p.m.*

Life Screenings International Short Film Festival explores what happens when a film festival and public library mash-up. Films are chosen on the basis that they show a world we love to live in.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4723423>

**Fungi in the Kitchen with Fungi Jon**

*Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.*

Florida mushroom farmer and mycologist Fungi Jon will show you the benefits of incorporating mushrooms into your diet while teaching you simple and amazing ways to prepare them in your kitchen.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4841123>

**Library Pop-up: Horizon West StoryWalk**

Winter Garden Branch

*Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.*

Engage in a self-guided, outdoor reading experience. StoryWalk is an educational opportunity that invites families to stroll along a book posted along a popular walking path in the community.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4853329>

**Big Read Keynote: A Talk with Hope Jahren**

*Saturday, April 17, Noon*

Scientist and author Hope Jahren will discuss her book *Lab Girl*. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4630218>

**Self-Publishing 101**

*Sunday, April 18, 2 p.m.*

If you've decided you want to publish your own book, where do you start? Indie author L.E. Perez will walk you through your choices, options and the do's and don'ts of self-publishing.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4947494>

### **Cuisine Corner: Plant-Based Indian Dishes**

*Monday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.*

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make dal, a popular Indian dish made with lentil and spices. Also, learn how to make a delicious stuffed cauliflower potato naan.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4823785>

### **Tai Chi**

*Tuesday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.*

Celebrate World Tai Chi Day early with Sifu Al Aki and instructor Jim McClellan as they present an introduction to Tai chi. De-stress by practicing meditative movements. Examine the 13 Elements of Tai Chi and 24 Yang Style.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4912820>

### **Pathway to Homeownership**

*Friday, April 23, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.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.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4851960>

### **Gardening Festival**

*Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.*

Join OCLS for a celebration of all things that grow! Local organizations will lead workshops and share their expertise on what you can plant in your own front yard to make the world a more beautiful place.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4851951>

### **Tech Talks with Mag.Lo**

*Tuesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.*

Tech Talks are an ongoing conversation where we talk to luminaries in the tech world and beyond. This session we talk to Mag.Lo, an offbeat musical artist and producer from Deltona, Florida.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4881252>

### **Decluttering 101**

*Wednesday, April 28, 11 a.m.*

Clutter in our home can affect our productivity, efficiency and mental state. Join Jane Cole, certified professional organizer, as she discusses how to clear the clutter.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4932829>

## **LEARN. GROW. CONNECT.**

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