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**Master the holidays with delicious treats, plus learn how prepare Vietnamese spring rolls at the library**

Gift a delicious treat to your family and friends this December with cool ideas you can find at a library branch near you. Visit the Hiawassee branch on December 7 for Gifts From the Heart: Cookie Jars where you assemble and decorate a cookie jar. Chef Yamira Lee Johnson returns with her recipe for the traditional Puerto Rican holiday drink, coquito during Cuisine Corner: Coquito. Learn the history of this special drink and how to make it right at home.

Join Chef Ha Roda for Cuisine Corner: Thịt Bò Bảy Món (Beef Seven Ways) at the Windermere branch on December 12 or at the Eatonville branch on December 17. Here she will demonstrate how to prepare an appetizing Vietnamese spring roll inspired by Thịt Bò Bảy Món, or “seven courses of beef”.

If you have any questions about the information shared below, contact us as 407-835-7323 or check us out online at [ocls.info](http://ocls.info) for a complete listing of all library events.

\*PLEASE NOTE: The Southeast Branch will be closed December 1 – January 6 for a refresh. Visit us when we reopen January 7, 2020. During the refresh, materials can be returned to Southeast, and all other library services can be accessed online or at any of other 15 locations.

**Cuisine Corner: Healing Juices**

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.*

Jedidiah from Grounding Roots will teach the benefits of juicing. In this class you will learn juicing basics like the best prep methods to juicing process to storage.

**Cuisine Corner Junior: Disney Snacks**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Thursday, December 5, 4:30 p.m.*

Make some tasty treats inspired by Disney movies during Disney Week at the Alafaya library.

**Gifts From the Heart: Cookie Jars**

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, December 7, 2:30 p.m.*

Give a gift from the heart this season and treat someone to a cookie jar. Assemble your cookie jar and decorate a tag. Space is limited. Registration required.

**Cookie Decorating**

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

*Monday, December 9, 4:30 p.m.*

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Friday, December 20, 3 p.m.*

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, December 21, 3:30 p.m.*

Frosting, sprinkles, candy and cookies ... what more could you want? Stop in and express your creativity by decorating a sugary treat. Then enjoy the best part of all, eating it. Recommended for lower elementary, upper elementary and tweens.

**Cuisine Corner: Eggnog Cheesecake Dip**

Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26.

*Tuesday, December 10, 6 p.m.*

Join Chef Karen Ross of Karen's Creative Cuisines as she shares how to prepare an eggnog cheesecake dip and a pimento cheese spread.

**Cuisine Corner: Coquito**

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.*

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

*Thursday, December 12, 6 p.m.*

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.*

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will demonstrate how to make coquito a traditional Puerto Rican drink. Space is limited.

**Food 101: Preservation Techniques**

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.*

The Food 101 series introduces you to a new topic every month, examining the historical and social significance of what we eat. Samples limited. Registration required.

**Cuisine Corner: Tea Education & Tea Tasting**

Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden

*Thursday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.*

Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26.

*Wednesday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.*

Tea education for everyone from non-tea drinkers, to those who have drunk tea their whole life. Taste two teas and learn about the history of tea, fun facts and different types of tea.

**Cuisine Corner: Thịt Bò Bảy Món (Beef Seven Ways)**

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

*Thursday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.*

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

*Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.*

Feast like it's the holidays in Vietnam with Ha Roda. Learn about the history and culture of the country and make spring rolls inspired by Thịt Bò Bảy Món.

**Cuisine Corner: Polvorones**

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Friday, December 13, 2 p.m.*

Give the gift of sweetness this holiday! Chef Cristina will teach you how to make Puerto Rican Polvorones, sweet melt-in-your-mouth cookies. Space is limited.

**Cuisine Corner Junior: Grinch Cupcakes**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Thursday, December 19, 3:15 p.m.*

Celebrate the season Grinch-style! Get creative transforming a plain' ol cupcake into one that Cindy Lou Who would totally approve. Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

**Cuisine Corner: Stressless Holiday Entertaining**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Thursday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.*

Chef Warren teaches you to enjoy the holidays without spending all of your time in the kitchen. Get great ideas for appetizers and main course. Registration required.

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