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Start the New Year learning English with your family at the library

The Orange County Library System is starting 2019 with some exciting events and programming at a library branch near you. Mondays and Tuesdays from January 8 until March 12 the Chickasaw branch will host English Classes for Families. This 10-week series will feature Bilingual teacher that will help parents and children learn and improve their language skills.

Throughout the month of January, several library branches will host Learn a Language Using Library Resources. Customers will learn about the library's online language learning resources available to them with their library cards. Whether it's learning a new language or improving one, staff will help guide through and answer questions about these resources. See below for more details.

The Orlando Public Library hosts the OCLS Writers Conference on January 26. All are invited to meet and attend workshops featuring authors and professionals publishers who will share tips and tools on reaching your publishing goals this year.

Check out our Spanish twitter account @OCLSepanool for everyday content, as well as our Facebook page, @ocslib. If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, contact us at 407-835-7323. You can also check for more library events online at www.ocls.info.

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

miércoles, 6:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

jueves, 3 y 17 de enero, 6:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

martes, 8 de enero, 6:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

jueves, 10 y 24 de enero, 6:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail
martes, 15 de enero, 6:30 p.m.

Eres amante de los buenos libros, la música y la poesía? Te gusta socializar con hispanos en tu comunidad? Acercate a la Biblioteca más cercana a tu domicilio y asiste a nuestras reuniones!

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive
Thursday, January 3 & 17, 6:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere
Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.
Thursday, January 10 & 24, 6:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail
Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 p.m.

Do you love literature, poetry and music? Would you like to socialize with Hispanics in your community? Join our Spanish-language book club!

Improve Your English Reading Workshop

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive
Wednesdays, January 2–30, 6–8 p.m.

Improve your English conversational skills, vocabulary, pronunciation and comprehension by reading a book. This workshop is presented through a partnership between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League Inc. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call 407.422.1540 or visit adulteracyleague.org.

K Ready!

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive
Fridays, January 4–February 22, 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive
Tuesdays, January 8–February 26, 10:30 a.m.

This eight-part series readies preschool children to excel in kindergarten through creative play, cooperative learning and activities that stimulate the imagination! This series introduces important concepts and skills that align with the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards for Four-Year-Olds. In order to fully experience this series, register and attend all eight sessions. Call 407.835.7323 or visit ocls.info/kready for more information. Recommended for preschoolers.

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

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail
Friday, January 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. The whole family is welcome.

Family Zumba

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville
Saturday, January 5, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Wednesday, January 16, Noon

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. Comfortable exercise clothing and cross training or aerobic style shoes recommended. Recommended for children ages 4–13 and adults.

Let's Dance Flamenco

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturdays, January 5–19, 12 p.m.

Join dance instructor Montse Romero to learn the art of Flamenco Dancing. Registration required.

Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Learn a Language Using Library Resources

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Monday, January 7, 2:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

Tuesday, January 22, 12:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 22, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Monday, January 28, 5:30 p.m.

Become familiar with online language learning resources and other resources at the library that can help you learn a new language or improve your English.

English Classes for Families

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Mondays & Tuesdays, January 8–March 12, 6–8 p.m.

This 10-week series is designed to develop English skills for the whole family. Bilingual teachers will help parents and children work on their language skills and provide strategies to address challenges they may face at work or school. Snacks will be provided. Sponsored in part by the Florida Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Please be prepared to attend all class sessions.

LEGO Block Party

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

Tuesdays, January 8 & 15, 6:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, January 19, 2:30 p.m.

Is there anything you can't build with LEGO? Let's find out! Join us for lots of building fun. We provide the LEGOs, you provide the creativity. LEGO will be provided but cannot go home with you.

Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Citizenship Inspired, ocls.info/citizenship

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Tuesdays, January 8–29, 6:30 p.m.

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Saturdays, January 12–February 2, 12:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Saturdays, January 5–19, 10:15 a.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Tuesdays, January 15–February 5, 4:30 p.m.

Students meet each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview. To be eligible for U.S. Naturalization, you must be able to read, write and speak basic English. This series is for adult learners and is free to Orange County district resident cardholders, fee cardholders and Orange County Property Owner cardholders. Registration is required. Register online at ocls.info/citizenship or call 407.835.7323.

Melrose Meetups: Say It Paint So!

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Sunday, January 13, 2 p.m.

Sit and relax while painting on a canvas with instructor assistance and walk away with your very own masterpiece. Registration required.

OCLS Writers Conference

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

Saturday, January 26, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Make 2019 the year you finish and publish a novel. The OCLS Writers Conference will provide the tools and knowledge you need to reach your writing and publishing goals this year. Authors and publishing professionals will teach workshops on both craft and business topics. This conference is free to the public, but registration is required for all attendees. Visit ocls.info/writersconference for more information and to register.

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