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## **Orange County Library System and Valencia College host virtual Conversation on Justice in January**

Ring in the New Year with the library as we continue to offer a wide variety of virtual events, classes and programs. From January 25 – 28 the Orange County Library System and the Valencia College Peace and Justice Institute team up to bring you Conversation on Justice. Speakers from the Institute will talk about important issues covering economics, racial inequality, immigration and more. Guest speakers and panelists include Valencia College Peace and Justice Institute Facilitators Hank Van Putten, Aida Diaz, Shari Koopmann, and more. See below for complete list of featured guests.

The OCLS Writers Conference is going virtual in 2021. Join us from January 29 – 31 for a weekend full of engaging workshops where you can gain the knowledge you need to complete your writing and publishing goals. Join authors and publishing professionals online as they share their experience and tips on both craft and business topics. Visit [ocls.info/writersconference](https://ocls.info/writersconference) to register for free today.

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, contact us as 407-835-7323. Check us out online at [ocls.info](https://ocls.info) for a complete listing of all library events.

### **Yoga**

*Tuesday, January 5, 11 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.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4717645>

### **Southwest Film Club**

*Tuesday, January 5, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m.*

Watch the film *The Wolfpack*, available on Hoopla, and then join us for a short lecture and discussion.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4713418>

### **Practica Spanish Conversation**

*Wednesdays, January 6–27, 4 p.m.*

Practica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Conversational topics and themed vocabulary will be provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

[https://www.ocls.info/classes-events?search\\_api\\_views\\_fulltext=Practica%20Spanish%20Conversation%20&sort\\_by=timestamp](https://www.ocls.info/classes-events?search_api_views_fulltext=Practica%20Spanish%20Conversation%20&sort_by=timestamp)

### **Organizing 101**

*Thursday, January 7, 11 a.m.*

Join Jane Cole, certified professional organizer, as she discusses the steps to tackle your organizing projects and reduce the clutter, chaos and stress in your life.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4719636>

### **One Minute Film Festival**

*Saturday, January 9, 4 p.m.*

Life Screenings International Short Film Festival explores what happens when a film festival and public library mash-up. The films chosen show a world we love to live in.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4724311>

### **Best Science Fiction & Fantasy Books of 2020**

*Sunday, January 10, 1–3 p.m.*

What were the standout science fiction and fantasy books of 2020? Join the Orlando Area Science Fiction Society (OASFIS) for their monthly meeting and a discussion of last year's best books.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4702351>

### **Introduction to Foundation Center Resources**

*Monday, January 11, 3:30–5 p.m.*

Looking for funding? Get the 101 on using this comprehensive directory to win grants and make a difference.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4702500>

### **Cuisine Corner with Hungry Pants**

*Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.*

Trying to eat healthier this year but tired of flavorless health food? The owners of Hungry Pants will show us how to make their delicious muhammara spread to spice up tons of different dishes.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4733357>

### **Celebrating *Masterpiece* – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*Thursday, January 14, 3 p.m.*

Rebecca Eaton, producer of *Masterpiece*, and Nancy West, author of *Masterpiece: America's 50-Year-Old Love Affair with British Television Drama*, celebrate 50 years of the award-winning program.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4728901>

### **Healthy Resolutions**

*Tuesday, January 19, 11 a.m.*

Jessica Daly, consumer health librarian, will share the importance of taking charge of your physical health as well as your mental/emotional health in the New Year.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4726344>

### **Let's Talk: Podcast Listen and Discuss**

*Tuesday, January 19, 7–8:30 p.m.*

Like book club, but for podcasts. Join us on Zoom to discuss our trending themed podcast listening list for the month. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4715961>

### **Fundamentals of Singing**

Friday, January 22, 11 a.m.

Learn the basics of singing through vocal exercises and familiar songs. Discover the foundation of good singing by working through such concepts as breath support, pitch matching and diction.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4592432>

### **Conversation on Justice with the Valencia College Peace and Justice Institute**

*Monday, January 25, 1 – 2:15 p.m.: The Employment Law Workshop with Attorney Mike Grossman*

*Tuesday, January 26, 4 – 5:15 p.m.: Displacement and Immigration from the Policy to the Professional with Rachel Luce-Hitt (Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida Education Director) and Felicia Smith*

*Wednesday, January 27, 10 – 11:45 a.m.: Panel Discussion on Sustainability with Chris Castro (City of Orlando Director of Sustainability), Susan Glickman (Southern Alliance for Clean Energy Florida Director), Jeff Benavides (Orange County Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officer), and Carrie Black (Valencia College Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability)*

*Thursday, January 28, 6-8 p.m.: The ABCs of Anti-Racism: Are You a 'Non' or an 'Anti'? Hosted by Valencia College Peace and Justice Institute Facilitators Hank Van Putten, Aida Diaz and Shari Koopmann.*

Covering today's hot-button issues ranging from immigration, economic and racial inequality, sexual orientation and the environment through the power of stories, facilitated dialogue, films, art and more.

<https://www.ocls.info/classes->

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### **The Blooms, Burrows & Burns of Orange County**

*Wednesday, January 27, 6:30 p.m.*

Did you know Orange County's Green PLACE program has 18,839 acres of environmentally sensitive lands to explore? Join Beth Jackson as she highlights the places you can visit throughout the county.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4727322>

### **2021 OCLS Writers Conference**

*Friday–Sunday, January 29–31*

Obtain the tools and knowledge needed to reach your writing and publishing goals this year. Authors and publishing professionals will teach workshops on a range of topics. For more information,

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