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The Summer Reading Program blasts off in June and preview new PBS space documentaries at the library

Journey into space with the 2019 Summer Reading Program, A Universe of Stories. The annual summer event kicks off on June 1, when we'll host our first Celebrate Summer concert at the Winter Garden Branch with a free performance by local freestyle rappers Free Daps. On June 22, Pottersiversary returns and transforms the Orlando Public Library into scenes from your favorite Harry Potter books. Wear your house colors and join in on games, trivia and more as we celebrate 20 years of the release of *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*. Make your way through popular locations like Diagon Alley and Hogsmeade Tavern as you dodge dementors and the mysterious Sirius Black.

Visit the Orlando Public Library on June 23 for Summer Space: PBS Documentary Screening, where we'll celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. Enjoy previews of two new documentaries, *Chasing the Moon* and *Space Chase USA*, about the events leading to the moon landing. Join in on a discussion shortly after the films with Elizabeth Muchow, critical part inspector for Northrup Grumman (Apollo 11) and Roy Tharpe, branch chief in the Test Support Management Office at Launch Complex 39.

Registration is open for the Summer Reading Program. Visit ocls.info/srp for a full list of events. Seating may be limited for some events, advance registration is recommended.

For more information about the events below, call 407-835-7323, or visit ocls.info for a complete listing of all library events.

What's Up at NASA?

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Sunday, June 2, 2 p.m.

Learn about NASA's past, present and future from NASA Ambassador Dr. Mark Guillette who will discuss the agency and its work. End the lecture with a solar viewing!

The Pen Meetup

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

Sunday, June 2, 3:30–5 p.m.

Meet up with other fountain pen enthusiasts each month as we learn new things and explore our favorite hobby. We will discuss everything from nib to paper. Let's slow down and write.

Responsible Cat Ownership

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesday, June 5, 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, June 25, 7 p.m.

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

Thursday, June 27, 6:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of responsible cat ownership from Kindness for Cats. Essential topics will include health, diet, spay and neuter, providing a healthy environment and more.

Cuisine Corner: Avocados!

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

Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m.

Creamy and full of healthy fats, avocados are versatile and delicious. Joycelyn Bryant from Joycelyn's Southern Kitchen will demonstrate avocado-based recipes. Registration required.

Koo Koo Kanga Roo Concert

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, June 8, 2 p.m.

Your library is koo koo for Koo Koo Kanga Roo! This dance-pop duo will have us jumping, dancing and singing along during their special performance! Seating is limited. Registration required.

Potterversary

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, June 22, 2 p.m.

Dress in your house colors and celebrate 20 years since the release of *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*. Magic awaits with trivia, games and fun for the entire family.

Summer of Space: PBS Documentary Screening

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

Sunday, June 23, 2 p.m.

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing with WUCF, Central Florida's PBS Station. Preview *Chasing the Moon* and *Space Chase USA*, two exciting new documentaries examining pivotal events in the race to the moon. Afterwards, participate in a discussion with Elizabeth Muchow, critical part inspector for Northrup Grumman (Apollo 11), and Roy Tharpe, branch chief in the Test Support Management Office at Launch Complex 39.

Food 101: Beer

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

Wednesday, June 26, 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. Learn about beer and how it's consumed around the world. Samples will not be served. Registration required.

Galaxy Calming Jar

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Saturday, June 29, 10:30 a.m.

Relax by creating your own galaxy-inspired calming jar. Calming jars serve as simple meditation tools that you can use daily. Registration required. Supplies are limited. Ages 18 and up.

Super Family Science: Rocket Launch

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Saturday, June 29, 11 a.m.

Have you ever wanted to launch a rocket into space? Learn the basics of rocket science, build your own ship and get ready for countdown! This is an event for the whole family. Registration required.

An Afternoon with Brian Whiting

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

Sunday, June 30, 2 p.m.

Meet local author Brian Whiting as he discusses three books in his new science-fiction and fantasy series: *Galactic Startup*, *Neighbors*, and *Shadows*. Brian's stories are centered around Alex and his three friends, their ability to travel into space and possibly the galactic consequences of their discovery! Book sale and signing will follow.

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