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The 100th Anniversary of Captain Charles L. Albertson's Book Donation, Native American Heritage Month, Fall Family Events and More

It was this month 100 years ago that the first seeds of Orange County Library System were planted. A retired police inspector from Waverly, New York named Captain Charles Albertson, who spent his winters in Orlando, recognized that the city lacked a proper public library. Over the years, he had amassed a collection of 12,000 books, and he offered to donate them to the city of Orlando, provided the city would build a library to house them. In November 1921, the city approved this plan, and two years later, the Albertson Public Library opened its doors, and the Albertson collection made.

To mark this centennial anniversary, we've partnered with [Ivanhoe Park Brewing Company](#) to loan Albertson's name to a new beer brewed in his honor. Captain Albertson Ale goes on sale at Ivanhoe Park Brewing on November 10, and a portion of the proceeds from sales of those suds will benefit Friends of the Orange County Library System. For more information about Captain Albertson's life and to view digitized copies of his autobiography and examples of his donated books, visit www.ocls.info/albertsonanniversary.

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month in November with history and cultural events for all ages. Learn about important Seminole leaders Chief Osceola and Bettie Mae Jumper as well as how to make a Miccosukee dish with Chef Aimee Osceola-Jones. Visit <https://www.ocls.info/native-american-heritage-month> for a complete listing of events.

The library also invites everyone to get ready for fall with these family events all about gratitude and family. For more information, visit <https://www.ocls.info/classes-events/library/Online/hashtag/family>.

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 for a complete listing of all library events.

Modern by Tradition: Innovation and the Transformation of Seminole Culture

Tuesday, November 2, 7 p.m.

Dr. Andrew Frank will discuss the culture of Florida Seminoles and the connection from 1700 to today.

Part of the Florida Humanities Florida Talks series.

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Write-In with Nanowrimo

Saturdays, November 6–20, 4–6 p.m.

Sunday, November 7, 4–6 p.m.

Sundays, November 14 & 21, 1–3 p.m.

Join us for focused writing time and connect with other local writers via Zoom. All writers welcome, regardless of NaNoWriMo participation. NaNoWriMo is National Novel Writing Month, visit nanowrimo.org for more details.

Creating Thank You Notes

Sunday, November 7, 2 p.m.

Give thanks with a heartfelt note! Learn how to create simple envelopes and note cards. Join Lynda Chandler, as she shares creative tips and techniques for lettering on cards and envelopes.

Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Temporary Protective Status for Haiti

Thursday, November 11, 11 a.m.

Join Vesna Bozic, USCIS Community Relations Officer in Orlando, to learn about Temporary Protective Status for Haiti. Explore what it means, who is eligible, and how one applies. This event will be presented in Haitian Creole.

Family Crest Art

Saturday, November 13, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, November 24, 2:30 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what your family crest would look like? Work together to create a unique representation of your ancestry. Recommended for families with children ages 6–12.

Cuisine Corner: Indian Taco

Tuesday, November 16, 7 p.m.

Chef Aimee Osceola-Jones will show us how to make Indian tacos, a Miccosukee dish.

Genealogy Conversations at Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to jumpstart your genealogy and family tree research. Learn how to discover information while you are sitting around the table with family members.

Making Chief Osceola: The Abolitionists and the Rise of an American Myth

Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m.

Dr. Andrew Frank discusses the myths and fabrications about influential leader of the Seminole people in Florida, Chief Osceola. Part of the Florida Humanities Florida Talks Series.

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Thanksgiving Sides

Monday, November 22, 6:30 p.m.

Culinary expert Dianne Morin demonstrates how to create tasty side dishes; cauliflower rice with toasted walnuts and a flavorful sugar-free hibiscus-cranberry sauce.

Cuisine Corner Jr. – Corn Chowder

Tuesday, November 23, 3 p.m.

Corn is used for many different foods; popcorn, cornflakes, corn dogs and more. Explore its history, how it's grown and learn how to cook a delicious corn chowder to share with your family. Recommended for families with children ages 3–12.

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