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Hispanic Heritage Month continues in October, plus Halloween events for all ages and more

The library continues to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in October. Visit the Orlando Public Library on October 6 for *Voices from Mariel* – Oral Histories of the 1980 Cuban Boatlift. Dr. José Manuel García will discuss his powerful story of his journey as a teenage refugee. Enjoy a screening of the *Voices of Mariel* documentary and a book sale and signing afterwards.

Halloween calls for spooky stories, fun costumes and lots of candy. On October 27, the Orlando Public Library teams up with the Orange County Regional History Center for Trick or Treat Safe Zone. Children of all ages are welcomed to dress up and enjoy crafts, trick-or-treating and a scavenger hunt. See below for more details.

Make sure to follow us on twitter @OCLSespanol for everyday content, as well as our Facebook page, @oclslib. If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, please feel free to contact us at 407-835-7323. You can also check for more library events online at www.ocls.info.

Citizenship Inspired ocls.info/citizenship

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

Mondays, October 1 & 8, 6 p.m.

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Saturdays, October 6 & 13, 12:30 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.

Celebrate Through Films

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

Tuesdays, October 2 & 9, 11 a.m.

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with films that highlight the cultures and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Wednesdays, October 3 & 10, 6:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Thursday, October 4, 6:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.

Join this Spanish-language book club to discuss literature, art, music and more. All are welcome.

Searching for Jobs

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Tuesday, October 2, 1:30 p.m.

Uncover resources and formulate strategies to search and apply for jobs.

Spanish Cuisine: More Than Just Spice

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, join Chef Warren Caterson as he demonstrates how to create healthy meals from various regions of Spain using local and easy to source ingredients. For more information about Chef Warren, visit chefwarrencaterson.com.

Celebrate with Dora and Friends

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, October 9, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Wednesday, October 10, 11 a.m.

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

Thursday, October 11, 2 p.m.

North Orange Branch 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

Tuesday, October 16, 11 a.m.

Grab your backpacks and let's go, vámanos! Join in on the adventure to create crafts and hear stories inspired by Dora the Explorer and her amigos. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Little Chef: Mickey Waffles

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

Thursday, October 4, 2 p.m.

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Friday, October 5, 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Monday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Wednesday, October 10, 10:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday, October 17, 3:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Friday, October 19, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Thursday, October 25, 11 a.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Friday, October 26, 10:30 a.m.

Hola Biblioteca

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Thursday, October 4, 5 p.m.

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

Wednesday, October 10, 4:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Saturday, October 20, 11 a.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesday, October 24, 3:30 p.m.

Take a trip to the library and enjoy stories, crafts and activities to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

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

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Friday, October 5, 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.

Booktoberfest: Wonderland

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Friday, October 5, 6:30 p.m.

Don't be late for this very important date! Booktoberfest takes over the library for one night every year. Sample a tasty variety of beers from America's Oldest Brewery, Yuengling Beer, and enjoy some light bites from Roque Pub, Pom Pom's Teahouse & Sandwicheria and more. Challenge your friends to a game of giant chess or a game of croquet, play trivia, try beer from a selection of local microbrews, and learn about the brewing process from a brewmaster. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Orange County Library System, which helps fund important library programs and initiatives.

Voices from Mariel – Oral Histories of the 1980 Cuban Boatlift

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

Saturday, October 6, 3 p.m.

Between April and September 1980, more than 125,000 Cuban refugees fled their homeland, seeking freedom from Fidel Castro's dictatorship. Dr. José Manuel García, author of *Voices from Mariel*, emigrated on the Mariel boatlift as a teenager and will discuss stories from this powerful moment in history. Following a book sale and signing, enjoy a screening of the *Voices from Mariel* documentary.

Community Arts Fest

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturday, October 6, 6–8 p.m.

Local artists will exhibit their works and meet other artists from the Hunters Creek/South Chase area. Live music from pianist/vocalist JJ Speights and refreshments will be provided. Are you a local artist that would like to exhibit their work at the Community Art Fest? Contact Julie Ventura at 407.835.7316 or ventura.julie@ocls.info to apply.

Cuisine Corner: Healthy Hispanic Dishes

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Thursday, October 11, 6:30 p.m.

Discover healthy dishes that are easy to incorporate into your diet. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to create healthy Hispanic dishes. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit breakingbreadwithmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required. Register online at ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

Mexican Danza

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Saturday, October 13, 2 p.m.

Join us and Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with a Mexican folkloric dance performance. Enjoy colorful costumes and traditional Mexican music.

Celebrate With Dance

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Sunday, October 13, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Monday, October 15, 2 p.m.

Enjoy a lively performance of Spanish folk dances by Alborea Dances in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Technoween

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

Sunday, October 14, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us for a terrifyingly good time for the whole family! Featuring a performance from Phantasmagoria – Orlando's original steampunk storytelling troupe, an appearance from The Tourist City Ghostbusters, a children's costume contest, a horror movie trivia contest and much more!

Fiesta!

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Monday, October 15, 1 p.m.

We are having a fiesta in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month! Join us for music, crafts and more! Recommended for all ages.

Trick or Treat Safe Zone

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Young ghouls and goblins will enjoy trick or treating throughout the Orlando Public Library and the Orange County Regional History Center along with creepy crafts, candy and a scavenger hunt! Costumes are encouraged.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Salsa, Salsa, Salsa!

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

Monday, October 29, 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage with a salsa tasting, salsa dancing and spicy games! Recommended for upper elementary, tweens and teens.

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