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Improve your child's literacy skills with the library, plus Halloween events in October

The Orange County Library System is teaming up with Every Child Ready to Read® this October for Every Child Ready to Read Caregiver Workshop. Every Child Ready to Read® is a caregiver education initiative that provides strategies parents and caregivers can use to help children from birth to age five develop essential early literacy skills and get ready to read. This workshop will provide tips and resources to help children strengthen their skills.

Beginning October 1 drop by a library branch and the Orlando Regional History Center to pick up treats and crafts, then join us virtually the week of Halloween for spooky stories and events every day. Find more kid-friendly Halloween events at ocls.info/trickortreat.

These virtual events and more are available to you online for free with your Orange County Library card. If you have any questions about the information shared below, contact us at 407-835-7323. Check us out online at ocls.info for a complete listing of all library events.

Virtual Event: Bilingual Storytime for Families

Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either language. Recommended for families.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4477999>

Virtual Event: Prime Time Family Reading Time

Tuesdays, October 6–27, 6–7:15 p.m.

A six-week reading and discussion program that inspires thought and conversation between children (ages 5–12) and families. Recipes, books and activity kits will be provided. Funded by Florida Humanities.

https://www.ocls.info/classes-events?search_api_views_fulltext=prime%20time&sort_by=timestamp

Virtual Event: Cuentame un Cuento

Wednesday, October 7, 11 a.m.

The library provides a virtual storytime in English and Spanish suitable for preschoolers. The whole family is welcome.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4582231>

Virtual Event: Cuisine Corner Junior Spooky & Sweet!

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

Learn about the five early literacy practices as well as tips, tricks and resources to help your child strengthen important early literacy skills. Recommended for adults with children ages 0-5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4584290>

Virtual Event: Monster-gami

Wednesday, October 14, 3 p.m.

Creep, crawl, or ooze on into this frightfully fun paper-folding event. Recommended Ages 9-12.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4569727>

Virtual Event: Quick Minute Science with Arturo

Saturday, October 14, 4:30 p.m.

Easy and safe science activities for the entire family! Follow along through topics like space, chemistry, physical science and more! " Recommended for ages 6-12.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4568328>

Virtual Event: Fall Into Fun

Tuesday, October 20, 10 a.m.

Celebrate fall with stories, activities and a craft that feature apples, pumpkins and autumn leaves. Recommended for preschoolers.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4572987>

Virtual Event: Local Legends Around the Campfire

Tuesday, October 20, 4:30 p.m.

Explore local folktales, stories and urban legends through old-fashioned storytelling around a makeshift campfire. Bond with friends as we share our favorite camp activities.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4570671>

Virtual Event: Every Child Ready to Read Caregiver Workshop

Thursday, October 22, 10 a.m.

Learn about the five early literacy practices as well as tips, tricks and resources to help your child strengthen important early literacy skills. Recommended for adults with children ages 0-5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4558185>

Virtual Event: Halloween Hullabaloo Puppet Show

Monday, October 26, 10 a.m.

Let your imagination run wild with this spook-tacular live puppet show! Recommended for ages 2-6. Presented by the Orange County Regional History Center.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4588734>

Virtual Event: Little Chef – Fall Flapjacks

Tuesday, October 27, 1:30 p.m.

What time is it, brunch time! Gather your tools, we are stirring up a delicious pancake batter with a fall twist. Adults participation required.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4583590>

Virtual Event: Sesame Street Halloween Storytime

Wednesday, October 28, 12 p.m.

Let's have a not-so-spooky day as we enjoy stories, songs, and activities inspired by Sesame Street! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4584014>

Virtual Event: Scary Cool Makeup

Thursday, October 29, 3 p.m.

A scary story and an introduction to a ghastly makeup look with simple tips and tricks. Recommended for tweens and teens.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4588977>

Virtual Event: The BOO! Bash

Friday, October 30, 2 p.m.

Wear your favorite Halloween costume and join us online for a ghoulish good time with creepy crafts, spooky stories, and more! Recommended for preschoolers.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4557338>

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