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Fall Fiber Fest, Melrose Film Fest, Hispanic Heritage Month and more

The library is the place to be this September for fun-filled programs and events. The Melrose Center rolls out the red carpet on September 14 for the second annual Melrose Film Festival, which features film screenings, Q&A sessions with local filmmakers and presentations. Nearly 2,000 submissions were received from more than 50 countries.

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place from September 15 to October 15, and the library hosts multiple events recognizing the history and contributions of the Latino community. See below for dates and locations of events happening at library locations around the county.

The Orlando Public Library also hosts the annual Fall Fiber Festival on September 29 for a day of sewing, knitting, crocheting and more. See the Yarnfitti Community Art Project installation, participate in speed knitting contests, meet vendors and exhibitors. For a complete list of exhibitors visit ocls.info/fallfiberfest.

If you have any questions about the information shared below, contact us as 407-835-7323. Check us out online at ocls.info for a complete listing of all library events.

Basic Spanish

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

Tuesdays, September 3–24, 6:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Wednesdays, September 4–25, 6:30 p.m.

Vocabulary Workshop for Beginners is a free workshop for individuals who speak little to no Spanish.

South Creek Small Business Expo 2019

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturday, September 7, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Support small and local businesses at the South Creek Small Business Expo 2019. Vendors will have booths where they will be selling and promoting their unique crafts and services. Join us for a fun community event.

OCLS Album of the Month Club

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

Thursday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.

Fellow music lovers rejoice! OCLS has an Album-of-the-Month Club, and you are invited to join engaging conversations about some of the greatest records ever pressed. Ages 16 and up.

Melrose Film Festival

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

Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

We're rolling out the red carpet for filmmakers and film enthusiasts alike at the 2nd Annual Melrose Film Festival. Join us for a day of film screenings, guest presentations and Q&A sessions. This year, we received nearly 2,000 submissions from over 50 countries. Entries do not exceed 10 minutes in length and fall into one of five categories: Short Films, Micro Short Films, Animated Shorts, Music Videos and Documentaries. All selected films will be screened the day of the festival, and winners from each category will be announced along with an Audience Favorite based on attendee votes. This is a great chance for local film lovers of all ages to support independent filmmakers and discover amazing Melrose Center resources.

Music in the Library: Tropical Latin Jazz

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

Sunday, September 15, 2 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the tropical sounds of Caramba Productions. The performance will include Latin jazz standards, salsa, merengue, Cuban music and more.

Know Your Rights

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.

This workshop is designed for immigrants, both documented and undocumented, and those who are interested in learning more about how to defend the constitutional rights of the immigrant community.

Cuisine Corner: Healthy Hispanic Dishes

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

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, September 19, 6:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, September 21, 11 a.m.

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef of Breaking Bread with Mira, will demonstrate how to create healthy Hispanic dishes. Space is limited. Registration required.

Mexican Danza

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Wednesday, September 18, Noon

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

Saturday, September 21, 2 p.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturday, September 28, 11 a.m.

Join us to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a Mexican Folkloric Dance performance. Enjoy colorful costumes and traditional Mexican music.

Cuisine Corner: Mojo Chicken and Black Beans

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

Friday, September 20, 2 p.m.

Join Chef Cristina as she demonstrates how to prepare a zesty and herbaceous mojo chicken with sofrito black beans. Space is limited. Registration required.

Crystal Energy: A History of Crystals and Gemstones

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

Saturday, September 21, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, September 24, 6:30–8 p.m.

Do you love crystals but wonder how to deepen your relationship with them? Join author and crystal expert Nicholas Pearson for an exciting journey through the history of crystals.

Southwest Art Club: Portrait of Frida Drawing Workshop

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Saturday, September 21, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Use soft pastels to create portrait of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo based on a rendering by Xiomara Aleksic. Materials provided. No art experience needed. Suggested donation \$20. Ages 18 and up.

Inspire Your Writing

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

Saturday, September 21, 4 p.m.

Learn how music, art and other media can influence and assist your writing. Author Taylor Simonds will discuss how to incorporate playlists, instrumental scores and mood boards into your process.

Local Author Festival

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

Sunday, September 22, 2–4 p.m.

Meet and greet local authors at our Local Author Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.

Intersectionality: Building a Framework for Social Change

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

Thursday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.

Our experiences are shaped by a variety of factors and social dynamics that operate together. Through Intersectionality we can understand these factors and use the privilege they provide to achieve equity.

Ask a Lawyer: Presented by The Orange County Bar Association

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Thursday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.

The Orange County Bar Association will provide an open forum for individuals to speak with a panel of attorneys to get insight, guidance and legal information on options for resolving a legal issue and opinions on whether an issue has legal merit.

Hispanic Fusion

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

Saturday, September 28, 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage with the Hispanic Fusion group as they perform cultural dances that represent their respective countries.

Fall Fiber Festival

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Sunday, September 29, 1–5 p.m.

Join in on a celebration of sewing, knitting, crocheting, weaving and more! Explore the Yarnfiti Community Art Project installation, meet exhibitors and vendors, compete in speed knitting competition and more. Try family-friendly activities and see who wins this years Fiber Arts Contest Grand Prize. For more information visit ocls.info/fallfiberfest.

Music in the Library: El Mariachi Show

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

Sunday, September 29, 2 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the unique sounds of El Mariachi Show. Listen as they take you on a musical journey to Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Cuba and more.

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