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Have a Scary Good Time this October at Orange County Library System

This October, Orange County Library System invites everyone to keep it creepy with Halloween themed events for the whole family, from spooky DIY crafts and treats to horror movie marathons. Dress up and trick or treat at Orlando Public Library and Orange County Regional History Center at Trick or Treat Safe Zone on Saturday, October 29. Starting on Thursday, October 27–Monday, October 31, while supplies last, library branches will also distribute take-home crafts – and candy, of course. Check out ocls.info/halloween for more details.

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations at the library also continue into October. OCLS recognizes the histories, cultures and contributions of people of Hispanic descent with events that explore everything from food and folklore to music and dance. Visit ocls.info/hispanic-heritage-month for a full calendar of activities.

The Local Author Festival kicks off at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 23 at Orlando Public Library. Get to know local authors representing a variety of genres and pick up a signed copy of your new favorite book. For more information, visit attend.ocls.info/event/6648528.

Registration is strongly recommended for all in-person events due to limited capacity. If you have any questions about the information shared below, call 407-835-7323. Visit us online at ocls.info to register, or to view a complete listing of both virtual and in-person library events.

Youth Events:

Teen Volunteering

Fairview Shores Branch

Saturday, October 1, 2–4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, October 8, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Saturday, October 15, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

High school students will earn two hours of community service by assembling craft kits for the library. Recommended for ages 13–18.

Legend of El Coquí

Windermere Branch

Monday, October 3, 4 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Thursday, October 6, 4 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, October 12, 3 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, October 12, 4 p.m.

Discover the Taíno legend of the coquí and explore the indigenous art and culture of Borinquen, the island of Puerto Rico. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Little Chef: Pumpkin Patch

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, October 4, 11 a.m.

Create your own pumpkin patch from pudding, cookies and more sweet treats! Adult participation is required. Registration required.

Teen Art Adventure: Pattern Tape Wall Art

Fairview Shores Branch

Wednesday, October 5, 4:30 p.m.

Brighten your walls with a stunning piece of art made with your very own creativity.

Family Art Adventures: Spooky Creations

South Creek Branch

Saturday, October 8, 2:30 p.m.

Show your love for Halloween with themed decorations made by you! Recommended for families with children 9 and up.

DIY Art: Creatures of the Night

North Orange Branch

Saturday, October 8, 3 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, October 11, 3 p.m.

Dream big like Pedro Linares and let your imagination tell a story. Create fantastical Mexican Folk art creatures called alebrijes and see them come to life on paper! Recommended for families.

Virtual – Little Chef: Apple Cider Muffins

Thursday, October 13, 11 a.m.

Turn your favorite seasonal beverage into a delicious muffin! In this program your child will explore kitchen safety and basic cooking principles.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.oclsl.info/event/7048974.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club End of Book Party

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Wednesday, October 19, 4 p.m.

Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club is celebrating the completion of their latest book *Quintessence* by Jess Redman! There will be a Q&A with the author. Recommended for ages 8–12.

Trick or Treat Safe Zone

Thursday, October 27–Monday, October 31

Dress up and trick or treat at Orlando Public Library and Orange County Regional History Center on Saturday, October 29.

Create creepy crafts and complete a scavenger hunt! Visit your local branch for take-home crafts and candy from Thursday, October 27–Monday, October 31, while supplies last. Visit the Orange County Regional History Center's Events page for more Halloween fun. Recommended for families with children 0–12.

Tourist City Ghostbusters Meet and Greet

Orlando Public Library,

Saturday, October 29, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Ghosts, goblins, monsters and minions go bump in the night. Learn about ghost-busting equipment and inspect various haunted artifacts inside cases. Recommended for families and children ages 3–12.

General Events:

Music in the Library: El Mariachi Show

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, October 1, 1 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the unique sounds of El Mariachi Show. Listen as they take you on a musical journey to some of the Latin countries.

Phantasmagoria

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, October 2, 4 p.m.

Join members of Victorian Horror Troupe Phantasmagoria, for a unique telling of haunted stories!

Horror Movie Matinee

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Mondays, October 3–31, 2–4:30 p.m.

Watch some of the scariest movies ever at one of the least scary times of the day. Walk out from the nightmare into the daytime with our Horror Matinee series. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual – Breast Cancer Awareness

Wednesday, October 5, 11 a.m.

Learn about the importance of preventative care for breast cancer. Explore topics such as self-exams, early detection, mammograms, sonograms and breast biopsy. Registration required.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocl.info/event/6915192.

Celebrate with Dance

Southeast Branch

Saturday, October 8, 11 a.m.

Enjoy a lively performance of flamenco dances from Spain by Alboreá Dances in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Cuisine Corner: Haitian Griyo

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Friday, October 14, Noon

Join Ingrid Alliance, chef and owner of Pinch of My Cuisine, to make griyo, fried pork that is marinated in epis and braised. Registration Required.

Virtual – Pathway to Homeownership

Wednesday, October 19, 11 a.m.

Explore each step a home buyer will walk through from beginning to end. Discover where you currently are in the process of home buying to help you plan for a successful journey to homeownership.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocl.info/event/6937006.

Spooky UV Resin Keychain

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Saturday, October 22, 11 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Saturday, October 22, 4 p.m.

Create a one-of-a-kind spooky UV resin keychain to take home with you. Ages 18 and up.

Local Author Festival

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, October 23, 2–4 p.m.

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

Virtual – Cuisine Corner: Pumpkin Cheesecake

Monday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make a delicious pumpkin cheesecake.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocl.info/event/6915821.

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