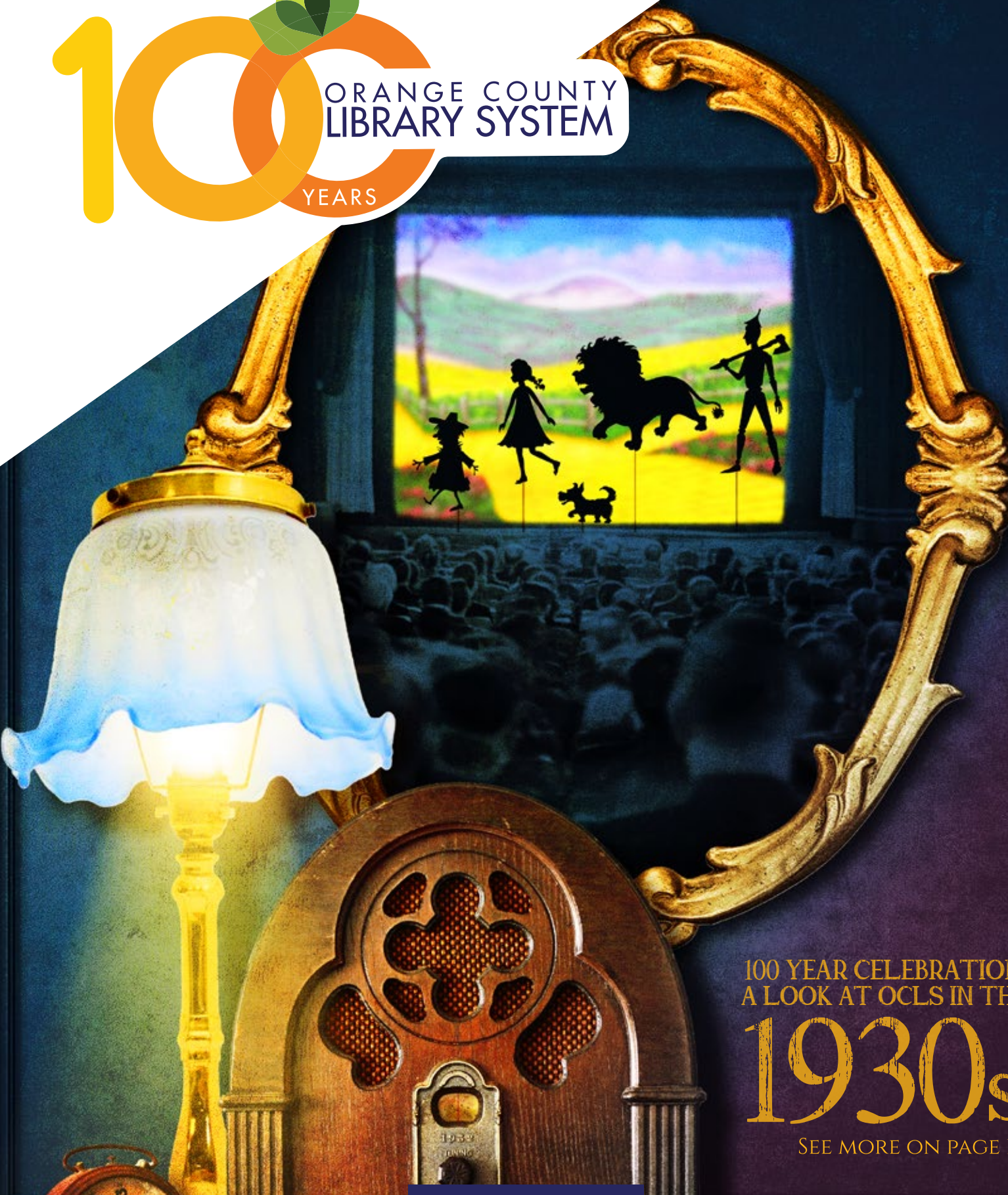


100 YEARS
ORANGE COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM



100 YEAR CELEBRATION:
A LOOK AT OCLS IN THE

1930s

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BOOKS & BEYOND



WAIVE FINES *goodbye*

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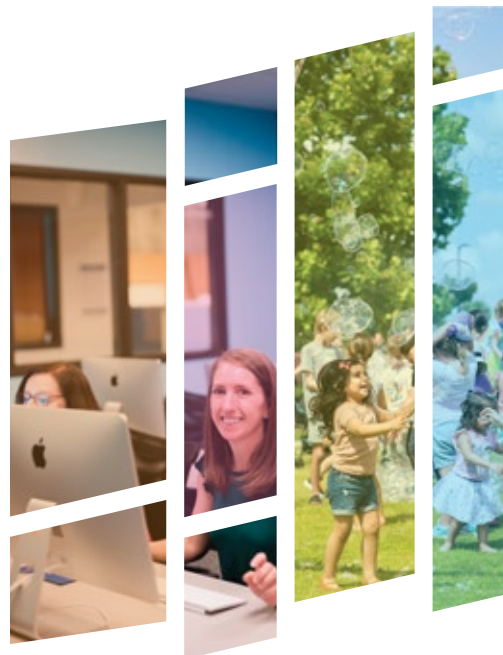
Since going fine free ...

9,317 accounts have started using their library cards again

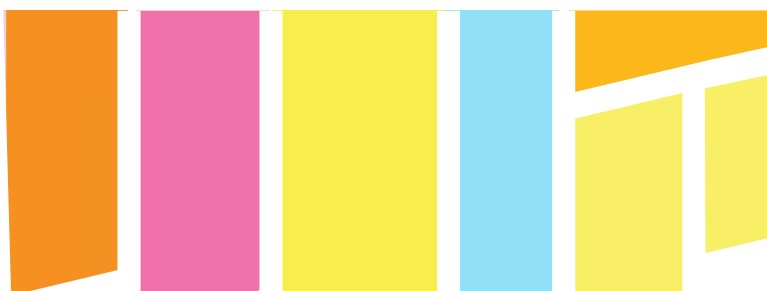
35.2% of people who signed up for a library card between 10/16/22 and 11/30/22 reported that the library dropping overdue fines was an important factor in their decision

\$91,431.50 worth of materials have been returned so far

The oldest due date of an item returned was **March 2005!**



We want to hear from you!
Share your feedback here



HORIZON WEST BRANCH LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 7 P.M.

Waterleigh Community Clubhouse | Ballroom
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787

*Learn more about the future Horizon West Branch
and meet the architects, Borrelli + Partners and
builders, H. J. High Construction*



16TH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST AUTHOR SERIES FEATURING JANE GREEN FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 6:30 PM

Southwest Branch | 7255 Della Drive Orlando, FL 32819

Presented in partnership with The Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips.



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LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Next Board Of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, March 9, 6 p.m.

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Next Friends Of The Library Board Of Directors Meeting:

Virtual
Wednesday, March 22, Noon

FROM THE DIRECTOR |

As part of our 100 Year Celebration, we plan to share stories about the history of Orange County Library System in each issue of *Books & Beyond*. We'll focus on one decade at a time, and this month, we take a look at the 1930s – a particularly difficult time for everyone, including the library.

Following the stock market crash of 1929, the library struggled with budget cuts that resulted in the closure of one of its three branches and discontinuation of county-wide service. Although many found it frustrating, the library limited its service to City of Orlando residents. It also reduced operating hours and salaries, among other cost-cutting measures.

In a report from a local newspaper, head librarian Olive Brumbaugh said that the library would, “cancel all outstanding orders for books, curtail purchase of new books, cut salary schedules materially. Postpone the training of apprentices, which would be a saving of \$1,200 for the remainder of the year.”

Despite these hardships and more over the course of the next 10 years, the library endured. It even managed to open a new branch in 1938 and close out 1939 with 18,000 more volumes in its collection than it had in 1929. I think that's a testament to the resilience of libraries and their dedication to serving their communities, even during the toughest times.

You can read more about what things were like for Orange County Library System (known then, simply, as Albertson Public Library) on page 18 of this magazine. I also encourage you to visit orlandomemory.info, our website dedicated to collecting and preserving our community's history. Our staff has worked hard over the past year to document as much of our library's history as we could verify by poring through our archives, digging up old newspaper clippings and talking to people who have oral histories to share about what the library was like in the past. At that site, you'll find scans of the library's old annual reports, photos of the library from over the years, interviews with library staff and customers and more. And it's not just focused on the library – the site contains information on people, places and experiences from all over Orange County.

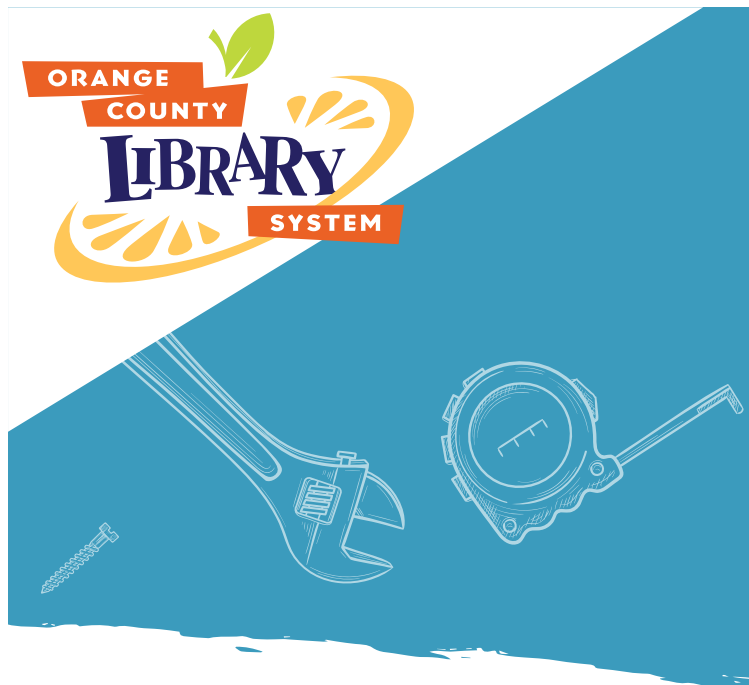
Scan the QR code below to go straight to the Orlando Memory site, but do it when you have a little time on your hands – you may find yourself going down a rabbit hole of local ephemera, nostalgia and culture you're not going to find anywhere else.



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Director/CEO
Orange County Library System

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WINDERMERE BRANCH WILL BE CLOSED FOR A REFRESH FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 4

LA SUCURSAL DE WINDERMERE ESTARÁ CERRADA
POR REMODELACIÓN DEL 20 DE FEBRERO AL 4 DE MARZO.

VISIT US WHEN WE REOPEN MARCH 5, 2023
VISÍTENOS CUANDO ABRAMOS EL 5 DE MARZO

While we are closed, you can access library services
online or visit any of our other library branches.

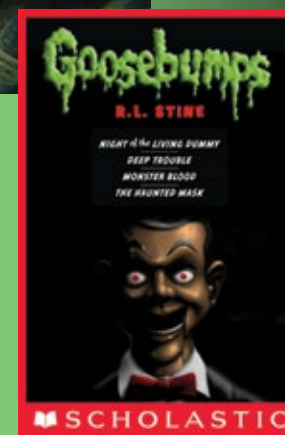
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Winter Garden Branch
805 E. Plant St.
Winter Garden, FL 34787

West Oaks Branch and Genealogy Center
1821 E. Silver Star Road
Ocoee FL 34761

Southwest Branch
7255 Della Drive
Orlando, FL 32819

These projected dates are subject to change.



ORLANDO
BOOK FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, APRIL 15

ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY | 101 E. CENTRAL BLVD., ORLANDO

With special guest

R.L. STINE

Before there was J. K. Rowling, before there was Stephenie Meyer or Suzanne Collins, there was R.L. Stine. Witty, creepy and compulsively readable: his books defined horror for a generation of young readers – readers who have now come of age. As recognized by *USA Today*, R.L. Stine was the best-selling author in America for three years in a row (1993–95). *The Guinness Book of World Records* cited him as the best-selling series author in history.

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LIBRARY EVENTS

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Puzzle Swap
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, March 4, 3:30–5 p.m.
Finished with an old puzzle and looking for something new? Stop by and swap an old puzzle for a new-to-you one. Please bring at least one complete puzzle for adults.

Drawing 101
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 4, 3:30 p.m.
Learn drawing techniques and participate in guided activities each month. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Registration required.

All-Levels Yoga
Virtual
Monday, March 6, 9 a.m.
Get moving with this energizing and relaxing yoga sequence for all levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you.

Shamrock UV Resin Keychain
Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room
Tuesday, March 7, 5:30 p.m.
Create a one-of-a-kind shamrock UV resin keychain to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Endometriosis
Virtual
Wednesday, March 8, 11 a.m.
Join Jessica Daly, faculty librarian and assistant professor with Advent Health, as she discusses symptoms and treatments for endometriosis.

Peace Corps Info Session
Virtual
Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.
Serving in the Peace Corps is a great way to immerse yourself in a new culture, learn a new language and have the experience of a lifetime. Join us for an info session on the application process.

Plant Clinic
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, March 9, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 11, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Bring your plants and ask questions! Master Gardener Volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office will be available to answer your gardening questions.

Semamori Paper
Stitched Patterns
Virtual
Friday, March 10, 10:30–11:45 a.m.
Semamori are traditional Japanese auspicious patterns. Learn about the meaning and history of the featured semamori pattern. Pierce and stitch the pattern on paper.

Beginner Line Dancing
Southwest Branch
Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m.
Learn beginner line dances to all types of music and discover a great way to exercise and have fun. Partners not needed. Non-stick sole shoes recommended. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

DIY Felt Clover Shamrock Pin
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 11, 2:30 p.m.
Learn how to make a simple four-leaf clover shamrock pin to rock around town on St. Patrick's Day. Pin it on your jacket or bag to welcome whatever good luck may come your way.

Paint Party!
North Orange Branch
Sunday, March 12, 2–3:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 23, 5:30–7 p.m.
Inspired by the life and art of Georgia O'Keeffe, you'll be guided through painting a colorful succulent on a canvas that you can take home.

Chair Yoga
Virtual
Monday, March 13, 9 a.m.
Get moving with this energizing and relaxing Chair Yoga sequence for all levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you. Requires use of a chair.

Yoga for Strength
Virtual
Thursday, March 16, 7 p.m.
This all-levels yoga class focuses on poses to build focus, core strength, endurance and improve muscle tone, all while using your own body weight. Presented by certified yoga instructor Dana Brady.

Altered Books Workshop
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, March 19, 2–4 p.m.
Junk journal, scrapbook, diary? Bring your imagination and join us to discover the possibilities of altered books at this monthly workshop. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Podcast Listening Club
Virtual
Tuesday, March 21, 7–8:30 p.m.
Join us to discuss a themed podcast listening list. Like a book club, but instead of reading a pre-selected book, listen to informative and interesting podcasts. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

West Oaks Plant Swap
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 25, 10–11:30 a.m.
Meet other nature enthusiasts to celebrate spring at this plant exchange. Bring your own plants and cuttings to share with others and you might walk away with a new favorite for your own garden.

Dungeons & Dragons at the Library!
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 25, 2:30–5:30 p.m.
Have you heard about D&D and want to see what it's all about? Are you an experienced player looking for a new party? Join us at the library where every event is a new adventure! Recommended for ages 16 and up.

IN CONCERT SONNY & PERLEY

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, March 5, 2 p.m.

Interpretations of jazz, the great American songbook, international cabaret and bossa nova with a salute to female composers.

The exciting duo of Sonny Daye and Perley Rousseau achieves a rare musical symbiosis. The husband and wife team have spent the last several years developing and perfecting their unique blend of jazz, bossa nova, American songbook standards and international cabaret, which has become their musical signature. They engagingly perform the timeless standards of composers such as Gershwin and Porter as well as the irresistible bossa nova melodies of Antonio Carlos Jobim.

THE DESIGNER IS IN: DESIGN YOUR SPACE

Southwest Branch
Saturdays, March 4–25, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Join interior designer Rebecca Hubler as she helps homeowners and design enthusiasts understand and apply the basics of interior design to successfully create their own projects.



TRUST IN IMPROV
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, March 26, 3–5 p.m.
I have your back! Support on and off the stage is an important skill set in improv and is key to a great show. In this month's workshop you will learn how and when to support fellow players.



ART & DISPLAY

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PHOTO FUNNIES

Southwest Branch
On Display Through March
 Roger Smith has a fascination with photography and humor. In his travels across the U.S., he has captured in natural, unaltered photos the abundance of the subtle and often overlooked humor that surrounds us every day.

WOMEN IN THE ARTS, INC.
WOMEN EXHIBITION
in the MARCH 10-APRIL 14
ARTS PUBLIC VOTING
 MARCH 10-18

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, March 25, 2 p.m.
 Women in the Arts, Inc. presents the 12th annual Celebrating the Genius of Women competition in honor of Women's History Month. Meet the artists and participate in an interactive gallery walk followed by an awards ceremony. For more information, visit ocls.info/womeninthearts.

CUISINE CORNER

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TOSTONES AND DIP

Virtual
Wednesday, March 15, 6 p.m.
 Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show us how to make tasty tostones and dip. See what toppings and sauces go well with tostones.



Make Your Own Summer Rolls

Southwest Branch
Tuesday, March 14, Noon
Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, March 23, Noon

Learn how to make delicious, refreshing and healthy Vietnamese summer rolls with chef Ha Rhoda during this hands-on class that's perfect for all ages. Registration required.

Eatonville Weekend Wellness Workshop

Eatonville Branch
Saturday, March 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Learn to make your favorite meals in a healthier way that doesn't cost a fortune and how to make healthier choices to incorporate into your soul food. Cooking demo by Hebni Nutrition Consultants.

MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

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WEST AFRICAN KORA

Chickasaw Branch
Friday, March 17, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m.
 Sean Gaskell will give a performance on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. Gaskell's performance will feature traditional songs and some of his own personal compositions.

Duo Formosa - From Asia to America
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m.
 Duo Formosa demonstrate the full spectrum of the expressiveness of both violin and piano. From the majesty of Strauss sonatas to the lyricism of Taiwanese music and virtuosity of American music.



BOOK SALE

March 31, April 1-2

Friday & Saturday:
 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday: 1:30-5 p.m.*

Winter Garden Sidewalk Sale:
Saturday, March 4

*Our popular Thursday Night Friends Member Preview event will return in Spring 2023! All active Friends of the Library members can join us for a sneak preview of all sale items on Thursday, March 30, 4-6 p.m.

BOOK CLUBS

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Southwest Daytime Book Club Southwest Branch

Thursday, March 2, 2–3:30 p.m.

Join the Southwest Daytime Book Club to discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Brooks braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession and injustice in America. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Weekly Read

Virtual

Tuesdays, March 7–28, 1–2:30 p.m.

Join others in a weekly read of a book selection, short story, essay or poem read aloud for your listening pleasure, with pauses for comments and discussion. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Alafaya Book Club

Virtual

Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m.

The Alafaya Book Club will discuss *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde.

Nature Walk Book Club Southwest Branch

Monday, March 13, 10 a.m.–Noon

Enjoy a walk on a paved trail at a local park followed by discussion of *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Southeast Book Club Southeast Branch

Monday, March 13, 3 p.m.

Virtual

Monday, March 13, 7 p.m.

Join us to discuss *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

Hiawassee Book Club

Virtual

Monday, March 20, 7–8:30 p.m.

In March the Hiawassee Book Club will discuss *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Chickasaw Book Club

Virtual

Monday, March 27, 5:30 p.m.

Discuss this month's book selection, *The Storyteller's Death* by Ann Dávila Cardinal.

Southwest Book Club Virtual

Tuesday, March 28, 7–8:45 p.m.

Join the Southwest Book Club to discuss *There is Nothing for You Here: Finding Opportunity in the 21st Century*, a memoir by former foreign policy expert Fiona Hill. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Southwest Daytime Book Club Southwest Branch

Thursday, March 30, 2–3:30 p.m.

Join the Southwest Daytime Book Club to discuss *There is Nothing for You Here: Finding Opportunity in the 21st Century*, a memoir by former foreign policy expert Fiona Hill. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Readers of the Pack Tween Book Club

Virtual

Thursday, March 30, 5 p.m.

Engage in a dynamic discussion and a themed activity based on *I Survived: The Children's Blizzard 1888* by Lauren Tarshis. Registration required. Recommended for ages 9–12.



WRITERS CORNER

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WRITING WORKSHOP: DEVELOPING MAGICAL SYSTEMS

Virtual

Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m.

A big part of fantasy worldbuilding is the magic system. Learn how to create your own magical system that is both interesting and makes sense from author and worldbuilding specialist Cass Morris.

Writing Action & Fight Scenes Virtual

Sunday, March 5, 1 p.m.

Learn how to add oomph to your action and fight scenes from author and martial arts instructor L.E. Perez.

Traditional Publishing 101 Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Saturday, March 11, 4 p.m.

Authors Elle E. Ire and José Iriarte will give an overview of publishing novels and short fiction traditionally. Please bring all of your questions related to traditionally publishing fiction.

OCLS Writer's Group Virtual

Sunday, March 12, 4 p.m.

Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

Time Management for Writers Virtual

Thursday, March 23, 7 p.m.

Writing time often suffers when other responsibilities demand our attention. Author and editor Alli Martin will discuss making the most of your writing time and managing your productivity.

What to Ask on the Agent Call and How to Parse the Answers Virtual

Thursday, March 30, 7 p.m.

"The Call" is when a literary agent offers representation. Literary agent Erin Casey Westin will discuss important questions to ask and red flags to help you find the right representative.

STAFF PICKS

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Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neal Hurston

Their Eyes Were Watching God, an American classic, is the luminous and haunting novel about Janie Crawford, a Southern Black woman in the 1930s, whose journey from a free-spirited girl to a woman of independence and substance has inspired writers and readers for close to 70 years.

The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet.

Survival in the Storm: The Dust Bowl Diary of Grace Edwards by Katelan Janke

Fourteen-year-old Katelan Janke writes this exciting and harrowing tale of Grace Edwards and her family's struggle to survive the dangers and despair of the American Dust Bowl.

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

The Little Girl Who Fought the Great Depression: Shirley Temple and 1930s America by John F. Kasson

Delves into the optimism and good cheer that surrounded the adored young Depression-era box office star whose singing, acting and charming smile helped revive the American spirit during the 1930s and for many decades after.

The Purple Diaries: Mary Astor and the Most Sensational Hollywood Scandal of the 1930s by Joseph Egan

The Purple Diaries is a look at Hollywood's Golden Age as it has never been seen before, as Egan spins a wildly absorbing yarn about a scandal that threatened to bring down the dream factory known as Hollywood.

MEET THE AUTHOR

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Author Talk with David Epstein Virtual

Monday, March 13, 1 p.m.

Join us for a conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author David Epstein as he chats about his most recent book, *Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World*.

Author Talk with Jernard A. Wells Virtual

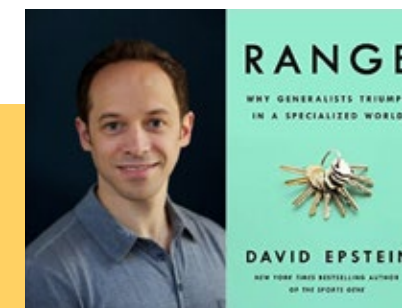
Tuesday, March 21, 4 p.m.

Join us as we chat with celebrity chef Jernard Wells about his newest cookbook, *Southern Inspired: More Than 100 Delicious Dishes from My American Table to Yours*.

Author Talk with Pam Jenoff Virtual

Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m.

Join us for an exciting trip through time as we chat with *New York Times* bestselling historical fiction author Pam Jenoff about her newest book, *Code Name Sapphire*.





Medicare Mondays
South Trail Branch
Mondays, March 6 & 20, 1–3 p.m.
Join Collette Rance, a former teacher and experienced Medicare Scholar, at a no-pressure, no-sales, strictly educational event about Medicare.

Senior Educational Series
North Orange Branch
Mondays, March 13 & 27, 1–2:30 p.m.
Collette Rance, a former teacher and experienced Medicare Scholar, will share how to make healthy lifestyle choices, provide caregiving, avoid scams and other tips for wellbeing.

FINANCIAL
CONCEPTS FOR
SENIOR LIVING

LIFE Information for Elders
Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room
Thursday, March 16, 12:10 p.m.
Join Kevin Ploché, financial educator at HowMoneyWorks / Wealthwave, as he shares financial literacy with a focus on senior living by sharing user-friendly financial concepts. This seminar is part of the monthly LIFE Information for Elders series. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

Snack & Learn:
Preventing Falls for Seniors
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, March 22, 11:30 a.m.
Join Village Medical and Fyzical Therapy as they discuss how to prevent falls for seniors. Learn about signs that indicate when you should alert your primary care physician.

Conversations
With Your Doctor –
LIFE Information for Elders
Branching Out Series
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, March 29, Noon
Join Jessica Daly from AdventHealth as she discusses making the most of your next visit to the doctor. Learn how to prepare, execute and follow up after an appointment with your physician. This seminar is part of the quarterly LIFE Information for Elders Branching Out Series. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

Qigong Movement
and Breathing
Southwest Branch
Friday, March 31, 10:30 a.m.
Learn ancient qigong practice with modern day instructor Jasmine Win. Using the five elements of life, students will undergo an empowering and uplifting shift to take control of their health and lives.



KEEPING
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KNOW ABOUT
AGING AT HOME

Smarter Senior Seminar Series
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about what services are available for you as you age at home. Understand your potential needs that will keep you at home.



Level Up Orange
Neighborhood Navigators
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, March 1, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, March 9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 1–3 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Thursday, March 23, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Level Up Orange offers career exploration, training and internships, and job placement to Orange County residents who qualify. Level Up Orange is a program of CareerSource Central Florida.

The program is funded by Orange County government using federal dollars. This project is being supported, in whole or part, by federal award number HR 1319, Title IX, Subtitle M, Section 9901, awarded to Orange County, FL by the Department of Treasury.



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Career Academy:
Interview Like a Pro
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, March 21, 2:30 p.m.
You've landed an interview! Now what? Get tips that will help you to practice and prepare, and to write a memorable thank you letter.

Career Academy:
Perfecting Your Resume
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, March 28, 2:30 p.m.
Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.

JOB
STRATEGIES
FOR MATURE
WORKERS

North Orange Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 1 p.m.
Explore strategies older job seekers can implement to help expedite a job search and find gainful and meaningful employment. Learn strategies, resources and tips to age-proof your resume.



LANGUAGE LEARNING

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ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

English Conversation Plus Southwest Branch
Wednesdays,
March 1, 8, 22 & 29, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15, 1:30 p.m.
 Practice speaking and listening in English. Designed for intermediate to advanced adult English learners. Increase fluency, enrich vocabulary and gain confidence. Plus, reading and writing practice.

English for Families North Orange Branch
Wednesdays,
March 1 & 8, 6–8 p.m.
 Interactive classes for parents and children (ages 6–12) that focuses on developing English vocabulary and literacy skills through strategic and fun story reading.

Conversation Hour Chickasaw Branch
Thursdays, March 2–30, 12:30 p.m.
Fridays,
March 3, 17 & 31, 12:30 p.m.
Saturdays,
March 11 & 25, 12:30 p.m.
Virtual
Wednesdays, March 1–29, Noon
Thursdays, March 2–30, 2 p.m.
Mondays, March 6–27, 4:15 p.m.
Tuesdays, March 7–28, 6 p.m.
 Practice your English speaking skills in a Conversation Hour. Each session will have specific topics for discussion.

Practice Makes Perfect Southeast Branch
Thursdays,
March 2–30, 1–2:30 p.m.
 Practice Makes Perfect are English conversation classes led by Adult Literacy League volunteers.

Bilingual Hour Southeast Branch
Thursdays,
March 2, 9, 23 & 30, 4 p.m.
 Are you learning Spanish or English and looking for a class to practice your skills? Well, this conversational practice hour is for you! Each class will have a fun topic to discuss.

English Conversation Hour Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, March 4–25, Noon
 Practice your English speaking skills during the English Conversation Hour. All proficiency levels are welcomed!

Creole Connect South Trail Branch
Mondays, March 6–27, 4:15 p.m.
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Making Cents: Your Money in English Chickasaw Branch
Tuesdays,
March 7–28, 5–6:45 p.m.
 In this six-week series, you will learn the English skills needed to manage your money in the USA.

ENGLISH FROM ZERO

Chickasaw Branch
Thursdays, March 2–30, 10:30 a.m.
Fridays, March 3, 17 & 31, 10:30 a.m.
Mondays, March 6–27, 5:30–6:45 p.m.
Saturdays, March 11 & 25, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursdays, March 2–30, 4:30–6 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursdays, March 2–30, 4:45–6:15 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Fridays, March 3–31, 4:30–5:45 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, March 4–25, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, March 7–28, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Virtual
Thursdays, March 2–30, 12:30 & 6 p.m.
Monday, March 6–27, 3 & 6:45 p.m.
Tuesdays, March 7–28, 3:30 p.m.

English from Zero is a series of vocabulary classes that follow the Oxford Picture Dictionary outline to address fundamental English vocabulary needed for everyday life.



LANGUAGE CLASSES

Práctica Spanish Conversation Virtual
Wednesdays, March 1–29, 4–5:30 p.m.
 Practica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Conversational topics and themed vocabulary will be provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Intermediate Spanish Virtual
Wednesdays, March 1–29, 10:30 a.m.
 Get an introduction to Spanish grammar by focusing on the parts of speech, verb conjugations, sentence structure and vocabulary building.

Beginner Mandarin Chinese for Adults Alafaya Branch
Sundays, March 5, 12 & 19, 3 p.m.
 In this beginner series for adults, Jenny Forest Lin, Principal of the Oviedo Chinese School, Inc., will introduce students to the basics of Mandarin Chinese.

“Hola Amigos” – Spanish from Zero for Kids with Ms. Brenda Virtual
Mondays, March 6, 20 & 27, 6 p.m.
 Basic Spanish for children and families with Ms. Brenda.

Basic Spanish Virtual
Tuesdays, March 7–21, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn basic Spanish vocabulary.

Basic Spanish with Ms. Wilnelia Virtual
Tuesdays, March 7–28, 6 p.m.
 This workshop is perfect for individuals who speak little to no Spanish.

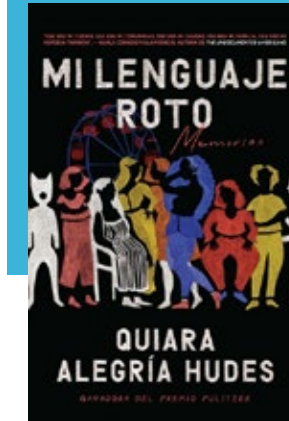
Spanish from Zero – Basics with Ms. Brenda Virtual
Tuesdays, March 7, 21 & 28, 4 p.m.
 Learn Spanish basics with Ms. Brenda.

NUEVO EN LA BIBLIOTECA



Mujer sin vergüenza: poemas
 por Sandra Cisneros
 traducción de Liliiana Valenzuela
 Una valiente colección de poemas nuevos de Sandra Cisneros, autora del libro de mayor venta *La casa en Mango Street*.

Mi lenguaje roto: memorias
 por Quiara Alegría Hudes
 traducción de Daniel Esparza
 La dramaturga ganadora del premio Pulitzer y coguionista de *In the Heights* cuenta en sus memorias la experiencia de crecer en un barrio pobre de Filadelfia junto a su numerosa familia puertorriqueña.



La cocina casera mexicana
 por Mely Martínez
 El tan anticipado libro de cocina de Mely Martínez, *La Cocina Casera Mexicana*, compila recetas tradicionales y caseras que se disfrutaban cada día en los hogares Mexicanos.

Un llamado a la felicidad
 por Roger Gonzalez & Andrea Gonzalez
 Este libro inolvidable te ayudará a dar los pasos necesarios para lograr una salud emocional óptima, tener el balance perfecto entre bienestar físico y espiritual y convencerte de que tú eres un ser humano muy valioso al que debes cuidar y amar sin límites.



Los sueños de la niña de la montaña
 por Eufrosina Cruz
 Este libro cuenta una historia de terquedad y rebeldía. La de una niña que a los 12 años decidió escribir su destino y, de paso, ayudar a miles y miles de mexicanas a cambiar su suerte.

CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED

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Citizenship Inspired Southeast Branch
Saturdays, March 4 & 11, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Mondays, March 6–27, 4–7 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturdays, March 11–25, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Virtual
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, March 7, 8, 14 & 15, 3–5 p.m.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, March 21, 22, 28 & 29, 3–5 p.m.
 During this program, students will meet to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.



Finding Your Roots Series: Military Records

Virtual
Wednesday, March 1, 6:30 p.m.
 Military records have been created throughout our history regardless of whether or not there was a war being waged. Learn how military records can help you to uncover information on your ancestors.

Genealogy in the States: Florida

Virtual
Thursday, March 2, Noon
 Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Florida. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Ancestors' Stories in Newspapers

Virtual
Tuesday, March 7, 1 p.m.
 Explore how you can use newspapers to expand your family history research and learn more about your ancestors.

Finding Your Roots Series: DNA Testing

Virtual
Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.
 Learn the basics of genetic genealogy and how DNA testing can supplement your traditional genealogical research. Explore the different types of tests that are available.

Using City Directories in Genealogy Research

Virtual
Tuesday, March 14, 1 p.m.
 Learn how historical city directories can supplement your family's genealogical research.

DPLA and Genealogy

Virtual
Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.
 Discover the Digital Public Library of America and learn how you can use this amazing resource to enhance your genealogical research.

Genealogy in the States: Massachusetts

Virtual
Thursday, March 16, Noon
 Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Massachusetts. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Sunday Morning Genealogy

Virtual
Sunday, March 19, 11 a.m.
 Grab a cup of coffee (or tea) and join us for this Sunday morning genealogy hangout. Feel free to ask any type of genealogy question or propose a genealogy discussion topic.

Social Security Records for Genealogy

Virtual
Tuesday, March 21, 1–3 p.m.
 The Social Security Act was passed in 1935 and helped to create records for genealogists. Learn how this act impacted your ancestors and what records were created as a result.

Genealogy in the States: South Carolina

Virtual
Thursday, March 23, Noon
 Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in South Carolina. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Working on the Railroad: Railroad Records

Virtual
Tuesday, March 28, 1 p.m.
 Do you have an ancestor who worked for the railroads? Join us and learn where to turn to discover information about the railroad, its records, and where you might find them.

Exploring DNA Tools on Ancestry.com

Virtual
Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.
 Learn about the latest tools Ancestry.com has developed to assist you in working with your DNA matches.

Genealogy in the States: Tennessee

Virtual
Thursday, March 30, Noon
 Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Tennessee. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

GENEALOGY IN THE STATES: NEW YORK

Virtual
Thursday, March 9, Noon
 Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in New York. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

RESEARCHING IN NYC THE FIVE BOROUGHS

Virtual
Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 p.m.
 Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of repositories in the five boroughs of New York City. Discover what records are available and how to use them.



SAVE THE DATE

NEA BIG READ

KEYNOTE WITH

ROSS GAY



Sunday, April 2, 2 P.M.
Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude is a book that studies the wisdom of the garden and orchard, places where all – death, sorrow, loss – is converted into what might, with patience, nourish us.



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VALENCIA COLLEGE

Every month during 2023, we highlight 100 years of service to the community by highlighting each decade the library has been open with special events and programs that illuminate our history and enhance our present. In March, we celebrate the 1930s.



OCLS IN THE 1930s

Here's a look at the challenges the library overcame throughout the decade.

December 1930

The library's collection contains 55,318 books and periodicals and three branch locations are in operation

July 1931

The financial crisis after the stock market crash leads to a 25% cut in the library's operating budget. Grand Avenue library branch is forced to close

October 1931

Staff salaries and operating hours are reduced and library services are limited to city residents

October 1932

The library board and staff members mourn the death of Captain Albertson and pay tribute to his life and memory

December 1935

More than half of Orlando residents are active borrowers using the library

August 1938

Colonialtown branch library opens

December 1939

There are 73,422 volumes in the library and a total of 350,841 materials have been circulated

THE HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM: OLIVE BRUMBAUGH AND THE ALBERTSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

BY ANDREA JACKSON, MARKETING SPECIALIST

In the spring of 1923, the library board was in need of an experienced librarian to organize and administer the newly established Albertson Public Library. After a lengthy search, they received an application from Miss Olive Brumbaugh, librarian of the Public Library of Frankfort, Indiana. On April 20, 1923, the position was offered to her, and she relocated from Frankfort to Orlando to begin her tenure as head librarian. Beginning her service on May 1, 1923, Olive's first order of business was to convert the large collection of books from Captain Albertson's private library into a well-organized public library. Her first annual report showed that she had classified and catalogued 21,190 books.

As head librarian, Olive prepared reports and created materials about the library's work. In a pamphlet written in 1923, she declared the library's slogan to be "The right book to the right person at the right time." In 1928, Olive wrote an open letter to the mayors and city commissioners challenging them to fund the library to meet the needs of the community. She stated, "a public library is a necessary part of the educational equipment of every city. It is not a building, nor a collection of dead books, but a living, active agent of service."

Throughout her career, Olive led her staff and guided the library through successes and challenges, including the Great Depression. As a result of the financial crisis, the library board cut the operating budget by 25 percent. Olive gave her full cooperation to the board, agreeing to reduce her own pay. In addition, it was deemed necessary to close school library stations and the Grand Avenue Branch. A local newspaper reported that "although deeply distressed about it, neither the librarian nor library staff in any way criticized the board for the action it had taken. They wish to express their willingness in every way to cooperate in the present emergency."

Olive was an active member of the Florida Library Association where she served as president from 1927-1928. This role allowed her to make meaningful personal connections and to travel. In 1931, after attending the American Library Association conference in New Haven, Connecticut, she went sightseeing with her friends in New York and wrote about her lively experience.

"After all New York is New York, and if I had my way, I'd certainly be a New Yorker ... We went to [a couple of speakeasies] - one in the Village called "The Annex," where we sat on beer kegs and had some kind of liquor and bread and cheese. Then we went to one where the ritzy people go on Park Avenue ... swank is the word and don't forget it."

Through her professional associations, Olive became acquainted with Dr. Melvil Dewey, inventor of the Dewey Decimal System. In December 1926, the Albertson Public Library hosted a birthday luncheon for Dr. Dewey at the Florida Library Association meeting in Orlando.

Olive Brumbaugh was 41 years old when she was hired as head librarian. She faithfully served the community until her retirement nearly 20 years later. On November 10, 1942, she notified the board of her resignation to marry William G. Morris of Key West. At the request of the board, she remained in her position until January 15, 1943.

Grateful for her years of service, the board included a testimonial of appreciation in the 1942 annual report.

"During her twenty-year residence in Orlando, Miss Brumbaugh endeared herself to the people by her interest in the civic life of the community. Her fine personality enriched the social and intellectual life of Orlando. Through her untiring effort to interest young and old in the library and its resources, she has developed a large number of library patrons in the City Beautiful."



100 Year Celebration Challenge for Adults
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Through December 31
It was 100 years ago that the first seeds of the Orange County Library System were planted. The library is challenging you to participate in activities all year long in celebration of our centennial anniversary.

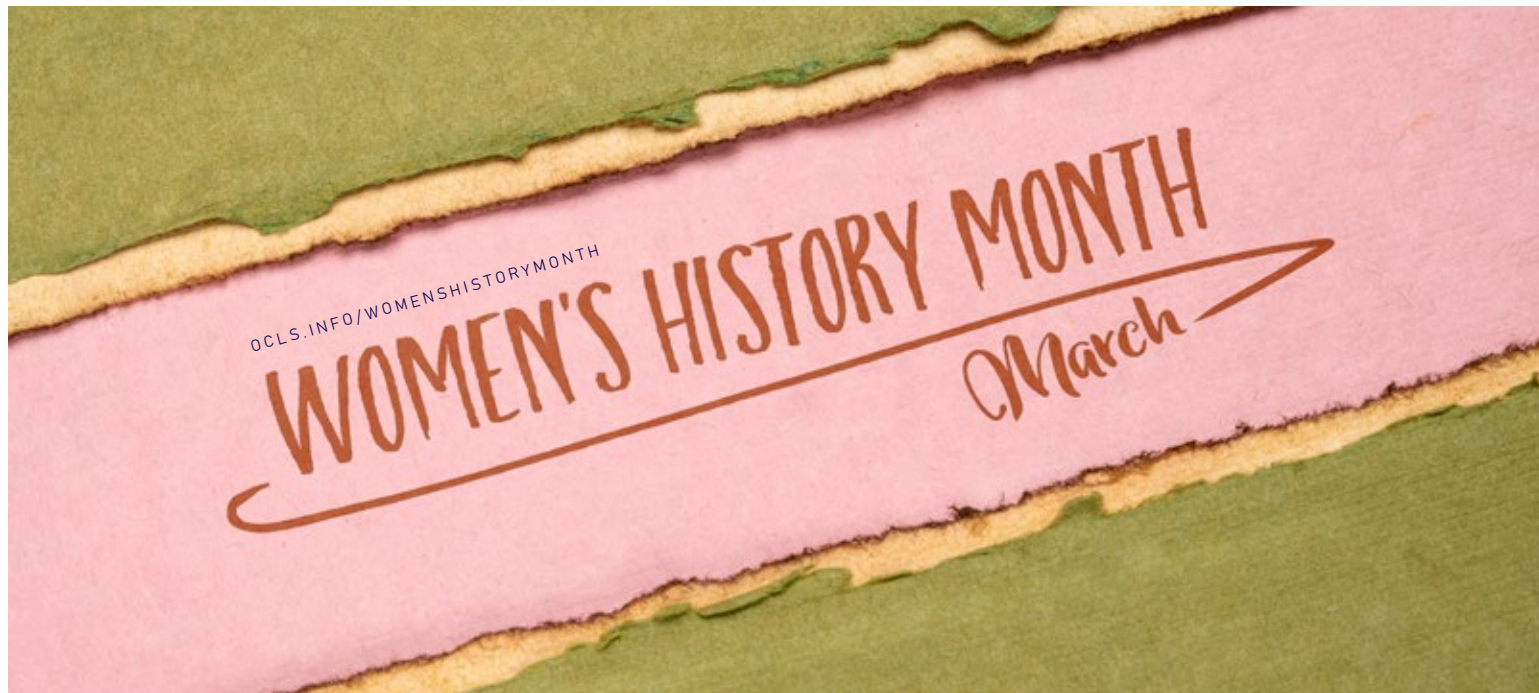
A Decade in Film: 1930s
Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room
Wednesdays,
March 8 & 22, 2-4 p.m.
This series explores film through each of the decades our library has been open! Celebrate the history of film every month in 2023.

Orange Slice Felt Coasters
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, March 9, 5:30 p.m.
Learn how to assemble cute orange slice felt coasters in honor of Orange County Library System's 100 Year Celebration.

Art 101: 1930s Radio Painting
Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room
Tuesday, March 14, 5:30 p.m.
Tune in as we celebrate the 1930s with a hands-on painting session at the library. Each Art 101 event will feature a hands-on activity. Space is limited. Registration required. Recommended for ages 15 and up.

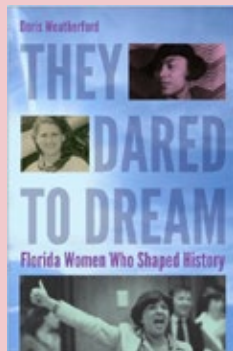
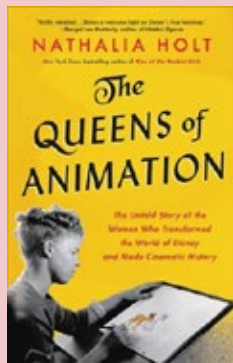
Southwest Film Club
Southwest Branch
Saturday, March 18,
2:30-5:45 p.m.
The Southwest Film Club presents a showing of 1938's *The Adventures of Robin Hood*. Stay after the film for a discussion of the movie's content and themes with medievalist professor Stephen Hopkins.

Florida Seafood Stew Virtual
Monday, March 27, 6:30 p.m.
Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make a delicious Florida seafood stew with savory broth infused with local seafood and herbs served with crusty bread for dipping.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023 CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS

ocls.beanstack.org
March 1–31
 Celebrate Women's History Month! Log your reading and complete activities to earn badges throughout the challenge.



Pow-HER-ful
North Orange Branch
Thursday, March 2, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Thursday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Thursday, March 9, 11 a.m.
Tuesday, March 21, 11 a.m.
 With great power comes great responsibility. Explore the common empowering qualities of well-known women like Simone Biles, Frida Kahlo, Jane Goodall and more. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Leaf Detective
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 3:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, March 8, 4 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, March 22, 4 p.m.
 Children will participate in rainforest activities while learning about Margaret Lowman and her discoveries as one of the first scientists to explore the rainforest canopy. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Inspirational Women Artists
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 4:30 p.m.
 Learn about the life and art of an influential female artist and discover techniques to recreate her unique art style. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Women Make History
Hiwassee Branch
Wednesday, March 8, 4:30 p.m.
 Recognize the impact of powerful women who made awesome contributions to our history with stories, crafts and activities. Recommended for families with children ages 6–12.

Women Rock!
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, March 9, 3:45 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, March 25, 3 p.m.
 Take a listen, sing along and explore some of the rebel ladies who have rocked the music world. Recommended for tweens and teens.

The Notorious R.B.G. & Other Powerful Women
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, March 10, 10:30 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Monday, March 13, 4 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, March 22, 10:15 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, March 7, 11 a.m.
 It is never too early to start fighting for what you believe in. Join us in celebrating outstanding women, like Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in this craft filled storytime. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Flying High
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 18, 3 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, March 18, 3 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesday, March 28, 3:30 p.m.
 Design, fold and test paper airplanes in recognition of famous women who dared to fly. Recommended for families.

Women's History: A Snapshot
Eatonville Branch
Monday, March 20, 3:45 p.m.
 Through a guided tour, delve into the history of women that is not widely known. Recommended for ages 6–12.

A World of Color
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, March 27, 3:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 28, 4:30 p.m.
 Create abstract art using vivid colors inspired by the work of Disney artist, Mary Blair. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Super Women Storytime
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.
 Allies assemble! Read stories and participate in activities featuring favorite women superheroes such as Ms. Marvel and Wonder Woman. Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

Wonder Women
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, March 29, 4 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, March 29, 4 p.m.
 Marvel at the contributions of some amazing women in history with brainy trivia and brilliant activities. Recommended for ages 6–12.

MELROSE

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Kodachrome, produced by the company Kodak, is the oldest selling brand of color film in existence. Invented in 1935, it quickly became the standard film for cinematography and still photography. Notably, Kodachrome captured the first color photographs of historical events such as the Hindenburg disaster of 1937, World War II and the first climbers confirmed at the top of Mount Everest in 1953. Prior to its emergence, it was difficult to create a convincing image with color due to the dull images other films produced. Because of its impact, Kodachrome has been described as a technological breakthrough like the first color television.

Melrose Center Photography Instructor Pedro Raphael Berrios, an Award-winning photographer with over 30 years of experience as an editorial and commercial photographer, recalled his first purchase of Kodachrome film in 1980. "Every photographer I knew used Kodachrome, especially for color photography." As the industry standard roll to carry on assignment, Kodachrome was used by *National Geographic* photographers in the first decades that the magazine printed in color due to its rich color saturation. Pedro added, "Many popular color magazines during the 1940s to 1980s, including *LIFE* and *LOOK*, among others, used this film."

Kodachrome was undeniably a transformative film which produced strikingly bright and vibrant color tones. For photographers, both amateur and professional, Pedro described Kodachrome as "the best film you could purchase compared to what was available, even for the commercial industry." After nearly 75 years on the market, Kodak sadly announced Kodachrome's discontinuation in 2009. With its rich history and prolific use, it is easy to see why this film was treasured by photographers.

Join us on Saturday, March 4, 2–3:30 p.m., for Remembering Kodachrome: From Film to Digital Emulation, hosted by Pedro Berrios. Attendees will travel to an era in photography when Kodachrome was the film of choice. Learn more about the history of this legendary film, its popularity and its evolution into the digital era.

SECOND SATURDAY IMPROV SHOW

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, March 11, 4 p.m.
 Join us the second Saturday of each month at the Melrose Center for this fun filled rollercoaster of laughs featuring improv actors from the Orlando Improv Community.

IMPROV TWO

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Sundays, April 16–June 4, 3–5 p.m.
 Learn how to tell stories, create environment and evoke real emotions for our characters in this seven-week series. Recommended Prerequisite: Improv One or equivalent improv experience.

Glowforge 3D Laser Printer Orientation

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
 See your project come together with just a few steps on the Glowforge printer. Learn machine layout and operations, proper settings and safety precautions, and how to gain access to our Glowforge printer. Completing this class is your first step to access the Glowforge in the Fab Lab during our Open Lab hours. For available dates and times, visit linktr.ee/melroseocls.

Create a Spaceship LEGO Video Game Camp

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesday–Thursday, March 14–16, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
 Do you love LEGO and video games? Learn to use Unity by modding a microgame with virtual LEGO bricks. Recommended for ages 13–17.

Create an Obby Style Video Game Camp

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesday–Thursday, March 14–16, 2–3:30 p.m.
 Learn how to navigate the Unity Editor, manipulate game objects and program custom behaviors while creating an obstacle course video game. Recommended for ages 13–17.

Build a Treasure Box

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Friday, March 17, 2–4 p.m.
Monday, March 20, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
 Build and customize a beautiful box to house your trinkets, tokens and treasures! This workshop taught by Melrose Fab Lab Instructors. Recommended for ages 13 and up.



CELEBRATE PI WITH PIE

Celebrate Pi Day with projects using the mathematical pi or with our favorite dessert pie! From sewing custom circle skirts from your own measurements to cute pins celebrating pies, we've got a project for you this Pi Day.

SEWING: VINTAGE CIRCLE SKIRT

Orlando Public Library
Sundays, March 5–26, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Mondays, March 6–27, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Pi Day with a handmade circle skirt. Learn to make a vintage circle skirt with a lapped zipper and a waist band.

SEWING: CIRCLE SKIRT

Washington Park
Wednesdays, March 8–22, 4–6 p.m.

Create an easy circle skirt using your body measurements and simple math using pi.

Let's Crochet Easy as Pie Purses

Virtual
Thursdays, March 2–23, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

The project looks hard but is "easy as pie"! This project uses double crochet stitches. You will also learn to add "front post" and "back post" double crochets to your toolkit if you have not already.

Let's Knit a Cherry Pie Scarf

Virtual
Mondays, March 6 & 27, 10:30 a.m.–Noon

Celebrate OCLS's 100th birthday by knitting the decades with us. This month's featured pattern is The Cherry Pie Scarf by Yucca. It's a quick knit with star stitch and integrated I-cord details.

Let's Embroider a Pi Day Pie Pin

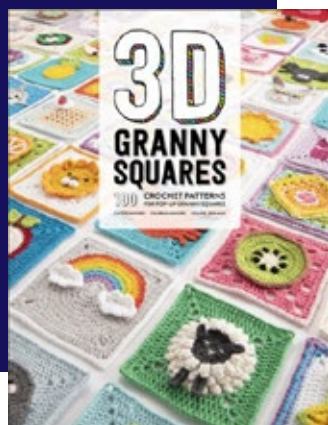
Virtual
Friday, March 10, 4–5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Pi Day (3.14) by making a little pie pin using basic embroidery stitches and felt.

Sewing: Simple Spring Skirt

South Trail
Tuesdays, March 14–28, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Are ready to learn some more advanced sewing skills? Create an elastic waist skirt. We will teach you everything you need to know.



3D GRANNY SQUARES

by Caitie Moore

The humble granny square gets a fresh new look in this collection of 3D granny square crochet patterns. Choose your favorite from 100 different designs including flowers, animals, food and drink, and motifs, whether it's a fragrant rose, a cherry pie, or a jellyfish. Each motif features a 3D element that is integral to the granny square design.

LEVEL UP OVER SPRING BREAK

Design and code over Spring Break. Challenge your friends to complete your Mario worlds or defeat the final boss in your top-down RPG. Kids ages 5–17 can gain more experience at ocls.info/schoolbreak.



MARIO DAY

Celebrate Mario Day on March 10 (MAR10) by creating custom Super Mario Worlds. Bowser has much to fear as you learn the principles of level design.

Nintendo Game Design: Super Mario Maker 2 (Ages 7–9)

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, March 11, 10:30 a.m.
Monday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch

Monday, March 13, 11 a.m.
Wednesday, March 15, 11 a.m.

Let's-a go! Create custom Super Mario levels and worlds with enemies, obstacles and rewards. Challenge classmates to play your game and try to beat their levels.

Nintendo Game Design: Super Mario Maker 2 (Ages 10–12)

Orlando Public Library
Friday, March 10, 4 p.m.
Monday, March 13, 2:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch

Sunday, March 12, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 16, 1:30 p.m.

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Alafaya Branch

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Saturday, March 18, 3:30 p.m.

Let's-a go! Create custom Super Mario levels and worlds with enemies, obstacles and rewards. Challenge classmates to play your game and try to beat their levels.

CODE

Code with Sphero indi Cars (Ages 5–6)

Orlando Public Library
Friday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.
Speed into STEM with indi! Help indi cars drive through mazes you design. Learn the basics of coding and computational thinking with indi.

Code with Sphero indi Cars (Ages 7–9)

North Orange Branch
Monday, March 13, 2 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.
Speed into STEM with indi! Help indi cars drive through mazes you design. Learn the basics of coding and computational thinking with indi.

Let's Code an Ocean AI (Ages 7–9)

Alafaya Branch
Sunday, March 12, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14, 11 a.m.
Saturday, March 25, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, March 16, 2:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.
Machines can learn just like us! Explore the ocean while learning how machines can see patterns and predict outcomes.

VIDEO GAME DESIGN

Video Game Design: Role-Playing Games (Ages 7–9)

Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, March 14, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 25, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 2 p.m.
Design your own role-playing video games. Use Tynker to create a classic top-down role-playing game complete with enemies to fight and treasure to find.

Video Game Design: Role-Playing Games (Ages 10–12)

North Orange Branch
Tuesday, March 14, 2 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, March 14, 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 25, 2:30 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursday, March 16, 2 p.m.
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Video Game Design: Role-Playing Games (Ages 13–17)

Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, March 15, 2:30 p.m.
Design your own role-playing video games. Use Tynker to create a classic top-down role-playing game complete with enemies to fight and treasure to find.



HOLI: FESTIVAL OF COLORS

Southeast Branch
Saturday, March 4, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 8, 4:30 p.m.
 Celebrate the Hindu spring festival of Holi. Learn the history and meaning of this festival and how it is celebrated in India and around the world. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Mindful Start Family Yoga
West Oaks Branch
Wednesdays, March 1–29, 10 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Mondays, March 6–27, 10:30 a.m.
 Silly and fun yoga poses designed for kids! Flow-through an imaginative journey filled with puppets, parachute games and relaxing rest time! Recommended for families with children ages 0–7.

Fun Family Film
South Trail Branch
Saturdays, March 4–25, 2–4 p.m.
Fridays, March 10 & 17, 2–4 p.m.
 Join us for a movie that's fun for the whole family!

Kids Yoga & Meditation
North Orange Branch
Mondays, March 6–27, 10:15 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesdays, March 7–28, 2 p.m.
 Practice yoga, meditation and mindfulness in a fun way by integrating music with movement. Families can wiggle together and learn ways to calm down. Recommended for families with children ages 3–10.

STEAM Free Play
South Trail Branch
Mondays, March 6 & 20, 3:30–5 p.m.
 Explore and play as we have fun with STEAM-related toys! Kits such as LEGO and K'NEX are available for anyone to play.

Project WILD: Learning to Look, Looking to See
Southeast Branch
Friday, March 10, 4 p.m.
 Discover things you don't see right before your eyes! Learn to carefully observe your natural surroundings and the importance of the environment. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Movie and a Craft
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 11, 3–5 p.m.
 Sit back and relax during a family-friendly movie while working on a craft or coloring sheets.

Dancing Through the Decades
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, March 14, 11 a.m.
 Get up and move! Listen to the story *How Do You Dance?* by Thyra Heder while learning popular dance moves done throughout the last 100 years. Recommended for families with children ages 3–12.

Family Art Adventure: 100 Years of Art
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 3:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.
Hiawasse Branch
Thursday, March 30, 4:30 p.m.
 Explore art styles through the decades as we celebrate the library's 100th birthday! Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

Family Volunteering
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, March 15, 11 a.m.
 Volunteer together as a family by crafting supplies and decorations for the library at a variety of activity stations. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

Animal Adaptations
Hiawasse Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 11 a.m.
 They're weird, wacky and wonderful! Meet some creatures with strange features in this up-close look at some unusual animal adaptations. Recommended for families with children ages 0–12.

Animals in Action
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, March 16, 11 a.m.
 Animals move in many ways. How many can you think of? Can you imitate? Discover all the right moves and get moving during this lively presentation! Recommended for families with children ages 0–12.

ShamROCKS!
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, March 17, 3:30 p.m.
 Do you have the luck of the Irish? Brush up on your leprechaun folklore and be prepared for a legendary time.

Cookies & Milk with a Cop
North Orange Branch
Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m.
 Bring your kids to meet our local police officers and enjoy a story, cookies and milk. This series will be a great chance to interact with Apopka officers in a fun and informative environment.

Artmazing
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 18, 2 p.m.
 Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must! Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

Family Art Adventures – Yayoi Kusama
Southeast Branch
Friday, March 24, 4 p.m.
 Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must! Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

100 Years of Cinema
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, March 24, 3–5 p.m.
 This month, we're watching Shirley Temple's first technicolor film, *The Little Princess*. Join us for a screening of the movie, snacks and a drink named after the iconic actress.

Dungeons, Dragons & Libraries
North Orange Branch
Saturday, March 25, 1–3 p.m.
 Have you ever wanted to play Dungeons & Dragons? Now's your chance! Join us adventurers on our next quest! Recommended for families with children ages 9–15.



BABY

SPRINGTIME SPROUTS

Southeast Branch
Monday, March 6, 10:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.
 It's baby's first spring! Discover new ways to play and interact with sensory activities for your little one.

Baby Games
Southwest Branch
Monday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.
 Support your baby's physical, social and emotional learning through play and build thinking, communication and language skills.

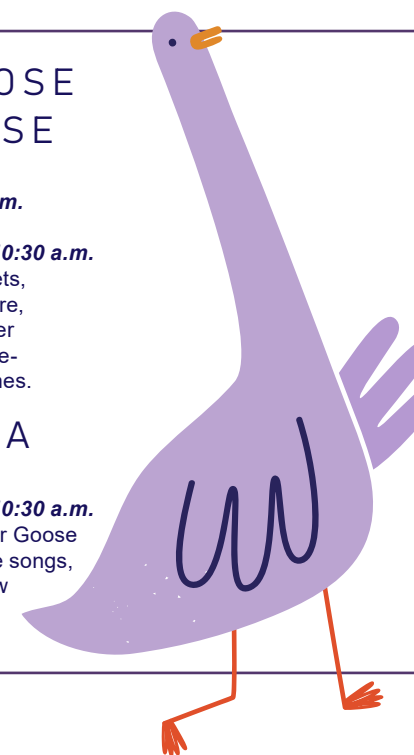
Baby Bash
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 22, 10:15 a.m.
 Bring your baby for singing, playing and working on motor-development skills.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

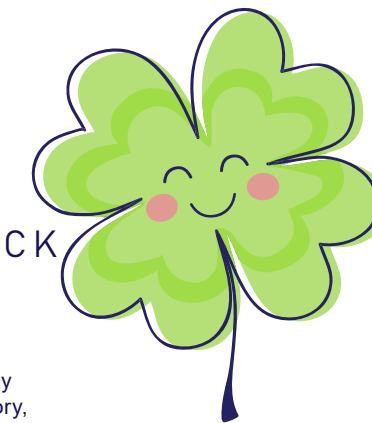
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Mondays, March 13 & 27, 10:30 a.m.
 Using rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more, we will be interacting together to help develop important pre-literacy skills in our littlest ones.

MAMA GANSA

Orlando Public Library
Mondays, March 13 & 27, 10:30 a.m.
 A Spanish immersion Mother Goose on the Loose with interactive songs, rhymes and activities to grow your baby's early literacy and Spanish skills.



TODDLER



LITTLE SHAMROCK

Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 8, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 14, 11 a.m.
 Follow the rainbow with your little lucky charms for an Irish feast with a fun story, interactive stations and everything green.

Storytime Craft
North Orange Branch
Wednesdays, March 1–29, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursdays, March 2–30, 10 a.m.–Noon
 Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Toddler Playground
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 1, 10:30 a.m.
 Toddlers use unstructured play to advance their physical and cognitive development and to have FUN!

Bubble Playtime
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesdays, March 7 & 21, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, March 21, 11 a.m.
 Help your child with their motor development skills in this interactive bubble class. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Pigglebration
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 11 a.m.
 Celebrate National Pig Day with stories and activities featuring our favorite pigs. Registration required.

Battle of the Stars Storytime
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, March 14, 10:30 a.m.
 All hands on deck for a Storytime mashup of Star Wars and Star Trek! We'll read stories and use the force to boldly go where no storytime has gone before.

Good Morning, Farm!
Southeast Branch
Monday, March 20, 10:15 a.m.
 Say hello to all your farm friends with stories and fun hands-on learning.

Caregiver Coffee and a Craft
Southeast Branch
Monday, March 20, 11 a.m.
 Connect with other caregivers while sipping a hot beverage and making a craft. Your child will explore play with friends.

Hoppity-Hop-Hop!
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.
 It's bunny time! Hop along with a story and sensory activities full of fun for every bunny.

Jumpin' Jubilee
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, March 22, 11 a.m.
 Celebrate with stories, songs, dancing and crafts in honor of the library's 100th birthday!

Cardboard Box Play!
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 28, 11 a.m.
 Fuel your creativity with a cardboard box! Explore imaginary places with friends during an interactive storytime and free play. Registration required.

Parachute Play
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, March 28, 11 a.m.
 Play, explore and learn about the world. Put thoughts into words by talking about what your child is doing and building positive social interactions with others.

Artsy Toddler
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 29, 10:15 a.m.
 Learn new fine motor skills using paint, paste, glue and stamps to create! Toddlers will enjoy stories and songs about butterflies, then create a craft.

Green Grass Grows All Around
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 29, 10:30 a.m.
 There once was a tree, a pretty little tree, the prettiest little tree that you ever did see! Join us for stories, songs and activities about the greenery growing all around us.

Tall as a Giraffe
North Orange Branch
Thursday, March 30, 11 a.m.
 Have fun comparing and grouping with basic math concepts like short, tall, big and small.



THE BENANNA BAND

Alafaya Branch
Monday, March 13, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 10:30 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m.

Kids will go bananas for this high-energy musical duo that focuses on inclusion and music for all ages, abilities and identities. Fun music for everyone. Recommended for children ages 0–8 years old.

Stinky Skunks
Virtual
Wednesday, March 1, 11 a.m.
 Preschoolers will discover amazing facts about skunks through fact-filled stories and activities that encourage learning and the development of early literacy skills.

Blue's Clues and You Storytime
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 1, 11 a.m.
 Get out your handy dandy notebook and help us solve some clues! Enjoy stories and games inspired by *Blues Clues and You*. Registration required.

Chiquiticos / Little Ones
Southeast Branch
Thursdays, March 2–30, 10:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Mondays, March 6–27, 11 a.m.
 Learn Spanish through the exploration of original music with a live guitar performance. Reinforce new vocabulary words using visual, auditory and kinesthetic skills. Recommended for ages 0–8.

Little Chef: Pistachio Kiss Cookies
Virtual
Thursday, March 2, 11 a.m.
 Learn kitchen safety and early mathematical skills while creating a delicious recipe made to share!

Pajama Party
Virtual
Mondays, March 6, 20 & 27, 7 p.m.
 Put on your pajamas and enjoy an interactive virtual storytime with books, songs, games and a craft.

Bubble Playtime
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 10:15 a.m.
 Help your child build their fine and gross motor skills with this interactive bubble experience.

Yoga with PLAYologist Yolonda
Eatonville Branch
Tuesdays, March 7–28, 10:15 a.m.
 Fun-filled yoga, meditation and mindfulness sessions with a twist that uses a PLAY-based yoga curriculum that is trauma-informed conscious.

When the Wind Blows
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 10:30 a.m.
 Do you hear the drip-drop of rain or the clapping of thunder? Observing the weather, will sure make you wonder ... what could it mean when the wind blows?

Little Chef: Citrus Sunrise Smoothie
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 10:30 a.m.
 Orange you glad you live in Florida? Learn about the delicious citrus we grow and make a fresh and favorable smoothie.

Alphabet Adventures
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 11 a.m.
 Learn the alphabet with exciting stories and fun activities.

Slow Sloths
Virtual
Wednesday, March 8, 11 a.m.
 Preschoolers will have fun with stories and songs to learn about sloths while practicing early literacy skills.

Countdown to Spring
North Orange Branch
Thursday, March 9, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, March 14, 10:30 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Thursday, March 23, 11 a.m.
 4-3-2-1! Spring is coming soon! Help us get ready with stories and activities to welcome the season.

Little Artist
North Orange Branch
Friday, March 10, 11 a.m.
 Get creative with arts and crafts! Preschoolers will enjoy age-appropriate stories and crafts.

Cuentame un Cuento
South Trail Branch
Tuesdays, March 14 & 28, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 21, 11 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesdays, March 7 & 21, 10 a.m.
Friday, March 10, 11 a.m.
 Learn basic Spanish in an interactive bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish. This storytime is suitable for speakers of either language.

Sesame Street Storytime
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Mondays, March 6, 20 & 27, 11 a.m.
 Can you tell me how to get, how to get to *Sesame Street*? Let's make it a sunny day with a virtual storytime and craft celebrating our favorite friends.

Slimy Snails
Virtual
Wednesday, March 15, 11 a.m.
 Discover just how slimy snails can be with stories and songs that introduce early literacy practices for preschoolers.

Little Chef: Shamrock Cinnamon Rolls
Virtual
Thursday, March 16, 11 a.m.
 Top of the mornin' to ya! Learn kitchen safety and early mathematical skills while creating a St. Patrick's Day recipe made to share.

Little Chef: Moon Snacks
North Orange Branch
Thursday, March 16, 11 a.m.
 Blast off on a tasty adventure as we spread, cut and layer an out-of-this world snack inspired by a favorite friend in the sky! Adult participation is required.

Little Chef: Bird's Nest Treats
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.
 Spring has sprung and it's time for birds to make their nests! Join us for a celebration of the season with a bird's nest inspired treat. Adult participation is required.

Flutter By
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.
 From crawling caterpillar legs to colorful wings, flutter by to explore the lives of beautiful butterflies.

I Love My Hair!
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, March 21, 11 a.m.
 Who has great hair? You do! Let's celebrate all different types of hair with stories, songs and a craft.

Flamboyant Flamingoes
Virtual
Wednesday, March 22, 11 a.m.
 Through stories and songs that promote early literacy, preschoolers will learn about flamingoes and make a simple craft.

Pirates and Princesses
South Creek Branch
Thursday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.
 Ahoy, matesy! Come to our royal romp full of swashbuckling stories, side-splitting sea shanties and other fantastic fun.

Arabic Storytime
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, March 26, 4:30 p.m.
 Listen to storytime in Arabic. Connect with friends and sing the Arabic alphabet song. Participate in circletime, interactive songs, play and craft time.

STEM 100
Southeast Branch
Monday, March 27, 10:15 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, March 28, 11 a.m.
 What does 100 look like? How can we use 100 of something? Celebrate 100 years of the library in STEM stations completing different activities, each using 100 items!

Centipede's 100 Shoes
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.
 Help centipede put on his 100 shoes, then crawl into the celebration with stories, songs and rhymes about centipedes and other bugs in honor of the library's 100th birthday!

Pigeon Wants a Party
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, March 28, 11 a.m.
 Mo Willems' one and only Pigeon is ready to celebrate! Explore crafts, stories and Pigeon fun for everyone!

Witty Wolves
Virtual
Wednesday, March 29, 11 a.m.
 Preschoolers will learn about wolves through fact-filled stories and activities that promote early literacy.

Little Chef: Key Lime Pie Parfait
Virtual
Thursday, March 30, 11 a.m.
 Crush and layer ingredients to make one of Florida's famous treats! This no-bake layered dessert will allow your little one explore texture and new flavors that will make their taste buds jump.

COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesdays, March 1–22, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursdays, March 2–30, 11 a.m.
 Learn about pets through stories, rhymes and activities designed to help preschoolers develop the necessary skills to become readers and succeed in kindergarten. Recommended for ages 4–5.



STORYTIMES

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TINY TALES
 (ages birth–18 months)
 South Creek Branch, Mondays, 11:15 a.m.
 Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
 North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
 Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
 West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.

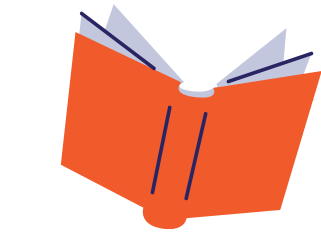
TODDLER TIME
 (ages 18 months–3 years)
 South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:45 a.m.
 Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
 North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
 Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
 West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
 Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
 Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.

STORYBOOK FUN
 (ages 3–5 years)
 South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
 Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
 Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
 North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
 Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
 West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
 Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.

Zero to Five Storytime
 (ages 0–5 years)
 Fairview Shores Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
 Hiawassee Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
 Washington Park Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Eatonville Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
 South Trail Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Family Storytimes
 Hiawassee Branch, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
 Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11 a.m.
 North Orange Branch, First Sundays, 2 p.m.
 Alafaya Branch, Second Sundays, 2 p.m.
 South Creek Branch, Third Sundays, 2 p.m.
 West Oaks Branch, Fourth Sundays, 2 p.m.

BOOK BUDDIES



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Southwest Branch
Thursdays, March 2–30, 5 p.m.
 Drop in and practice your reading skills with a teen volunteer buddy. Recommended for ages 5–8.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF PICTURE BOOKS

South Creek Branch
Thursday, March 16, 2 p.m.
 Travel back in time through picture books. We will share stories from the past 100 years and children will have the opportunity to become picture book illustrators. Recommended for ages 6–8.

MAYOR BUDDY'S BOOK CLUB END OF BOOK PARTY

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Wednesday, March 22, 4 p.m.
 Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club is celebrating the completion of their latest book, *J.D. and the Great Barber Battle* by J. Dillard. Recommended for ages 8–12.



Kids Play & Create
Orlando Public Library
Wednesdays,
March 1, 8 & 29, 2:30 p.m.
 Choose your own adventure with a variety of board games and DIY crafts. Challenge your friends to a fun game or let your creativity fly with provided craft supplies.

Southwest LEGO Club
Southwest Branch
Wednesdays, March 1–29, 4 p.m.
 The LEGO Club at Southwest Branch invites you to come use your imaginations to build! Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you.

Snack Around the World: Mexico
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, March 1, 4 p.m.
 Treat yourself to tasty snacks from a land far away! Each month we will learn about a different culture while we sample the yummiest snacks it has to offer.

Art Club
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 1, 4 p.m.
 Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Recommended for ages 9–12. Registration required for each child.

Read to Sydney
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, March 6, 4 p.m.
 Read to Sydney is a local therapy dog organization that encourages children to practice their reading skills with an attentive furry listener.

Have a Blast with Math Club
Hiawassee Branch
Mondays, March 6 & 13, 4:30 p.m.
 Help kids learn to love numbers through high-energy math activities that appeal to kids of all math abilities. Recommended for ages 6–8 or grades K–2. Registration required.

Brain Games
Fairview Shores Branch
Mondays, March 6–27, 4:30 p.m.
 Use your critical thinking and creativity skills to participate in STEM-based experiments and games.

Beginner's Spanish for Kids
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesdays, March 7–28, 4:30 p.m.
 Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary through games and activities while having fun.

LEGO Block Party
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 4:30 p.m.
 Is there anything you can't build with LEGO? The challenge is on so let's see what you can build! Bricks for play will be provided but cannot go home with you.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Pi Day Treats
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 8, 4 p.m.
 Learn how to make some easy pies for Pi Day. Make a sweet pie and a savory pizza pie! Food will be served at this event, please see staff concerning food allergies.

Passport to Australia
Virtual
Thursday, March 9, 4 p.m.
 Learn about the lives of kids around the world through hands-on activities.

Spring Into Crafts
South Trail Branch
Monday, March 13, 2:30 p.m.
 Drop in and celebrate spring with easy to make crafts!

Cuisine Corner Junior: Cheesy, Green Hummus
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, March 14, 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 4 p.m.
 Play with the color of your food and turn it into something new. With its creamy texture and delicious full flavor, this savory recipe will be the highlight of your party!

Diamond Painting Stickers
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, March 14, 4:30 p.m.
 Explore a world of wild animals with 3D diamond painting stickers. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Registration required.

Painting with Scissors
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 12:30 p.m.
 Learn about famous artist Henri Matisse and create your own bold and colorful work of art inspired by his cut paper technique. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Make Your Own Beat!
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 29, 4 p.m.
 Learning music production is a lot like playing with LEGO. In this activity, kids will learn fun and easy-to-follow music production techniques so they can unleash their creativity. Recommended for ages 8–14.

Happy Habitats
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 4 p.m.
 Learn about habitats, plants and animals through books and crafts. This month we're learning about the tundra. Recommended for ages 6–8. Registration required for each child.

Escape from Outer Space
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, March 16, 4 p.m.
 Work together to decode an encrypted message and solve puzzles to perform a daring rescue in deep space.

Aquatic WILD
Southwest Branch
Friday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.
 Students will describe how imaginary creatures may be inspired by real animals, distinguish between mythical and aquatic wildlife, and give examples of how wildlife can inspire myth and art.

St. Patrick's Day!
South Creek Branch
Friday, March 17, 2 p.m.
 Celebrate St. Patrick's day the leprechaun way. Don't forget to wear green!

The 100 Word Challenge
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 21, 4:30 p.m.
 Connect and collaborate with others through games and competitions, while showcasing your storytelling skills at the celebration of the century! Recommended for ages 9–12. Registration required.

Paper Pals
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 22, 4 p.m.
 Create fun paper creations inspired by your favorite characters. Learn basic paper engineering techniques while making pop-up cards and papercrafts. Recommended for ages 8–12. Registration required.

Gold Rush
West Oaks Branch and Genealogy Center
Wednesday, March 22, 4 p.m.
 Take a step back in time to the days of the gold rush. Mosey on over in your western finest for some fun at our readin' ranch. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Passport to Denmark
Virtual
Thursday, March 23, 4 p.m.
 Learn about the lives of kids around the world through hands-on activities.

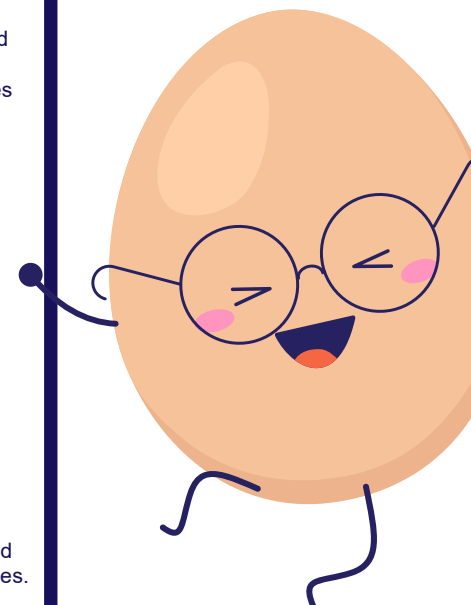
READING Paws
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, March 25, 11:30 a.m.
 The Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program improves children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a therapy dog.

Crafternoons
South Trail Branch
Monday, March 27, 4:30 p.m.
 Get ready for an hour of crafting fun with friends.

Tabletop Thursday
South Trail Branch
Thursday, March 30, 3:30–5 p.m.
 Go toe-to-toe and test your wits against your fellow kids with a variety of strategy, card and multi-player party games. Games will be provided or bring one to share!

IT CAME FROM AN EGG

Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, March 16, 3:30 p.m.
 Eggs come in all shapes, sizes and colors. From the super small to the brightly spotted, find out what lives and grows inside of eggs.



MODERN PARENTING

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CRIANZA DE LOS HIJOS EN LAS REDES SOCIALES
Southeast Branch
Wednesday, March 22, 4 p.m.
 Conozca los peligros de compartir en exceso la información de su hijo en las redes sociales.

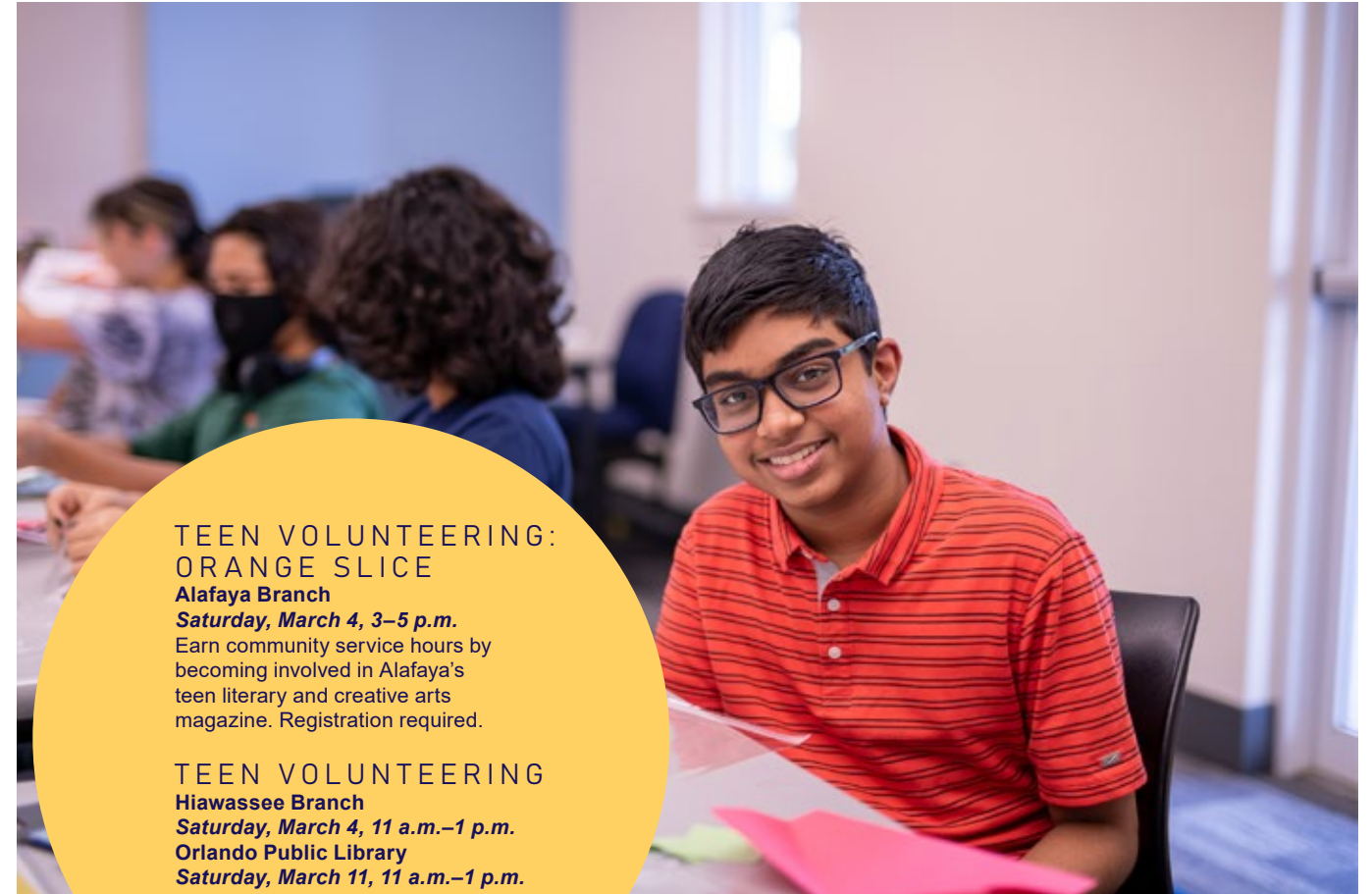
Caregiver Connect: Stay and Play
West Oaks Branch
Thursdays, March 2–30, 11:45 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Mondays, March 6 & 27, 11 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Mondays, March 6–27, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Mondays, March 6–27, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Mondays, March 6–27, 11 a.m.
 Connect with other caregivers to meet and mingle while your little one explores imaginary play with new and old friends.

Family Zumba
Virtual
Saturday, March 11, 11 a.m.
 Get your family moving with this energizing workout class! Learn basic Zumba moves to help you dance your way to fitness. Zumba uses dance aerobics to create a fun workout.

Every Child Ready to Read Caregiver Workshop
Southwest Branch
Friday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn about the five early literacy practices as well as tips, tricks and resources to help your child strengthen important pre-reading skills. Recommended for adults and children ages 3–5.

TEENS

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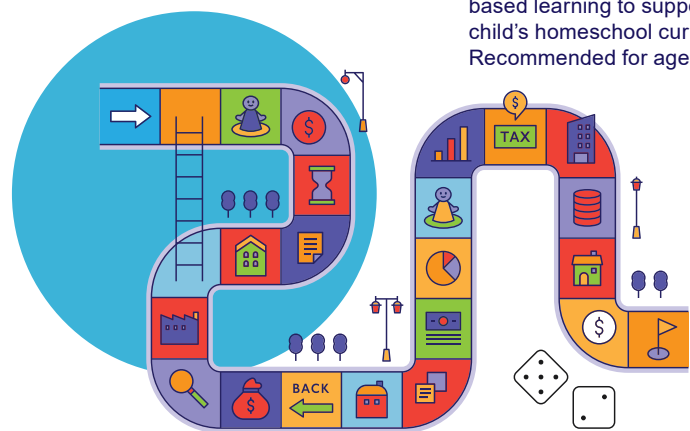


TEEN VOLUNTEERING: ORANGE SLICE
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, March 4, 3–5 p.m.
 Earn community service hours by becoming involved in Alafaya's teen literary and creative arts magazine. Registration required.

TEEN VOLUNTEERING
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, March 4, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, March 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
 High school students will earn two hours of community service by assembling craft kits for the library.

HOMESCHOOL

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HOMESCHOOL TEEN BOARD GAME MEETUP

Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, March 9, 1–3 p.m.
 Inviting all teen homeschoolers to play games, socialize and share resources. Games will be provided or bring one to share! Recommended for ages 12–17.

Homeschool Meetup
Southwest Branch
Mondays, March 6, 13 & 27, 1 p.m.
 Participate in math, science, history, art and literature-based learning to support your child's homeschool curriculum. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Homeschool: Endangered Species: SEA
Virtual
Thursday, March 9, 1 p.m.
 The list of endangered species is expanding. From land to sea to air, discover more about the animals on the brink of extinction and what humans can do to help. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool: Art Expressions
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, March 9, 2 p.m.
 Come and be creative as you learn various art techniques. Recommended for ages 6–12. Registration required for each child.

Homeschool: Endangered Species: LAND
Virtual
Thursday, March 23, 1 p.m.
 The list of endangered species is expanding. From land to sea to air, discover more about the animals on the brink of extinction and what humans can do to help. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool: Reading Rangers
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, March 23, 2 p.m.
 Who's ready to read? Discuss a different fun chapter book each month, and do an activity inspired by it. This month we're reading *The Princess in Black*. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Homeschool: Let's Write!
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, March 30, 2 p.m.
 Who wants to write their own short story? Join us as we creatively brainstorm and write a short story together! Recommended for ages 6–8.

Middle School Advisory Board Meeting
Virtual
Wednesday, March 1, 4 p.m.
 Earn community service by collaborating with your peers to test out new tween and teen services and more! Recommended for students in grades 6–8.

Teens Play & Create
Orlando Public Library, Club Central
Thursdays, March 2–30, 3 p.m.
 Choose your own adventure with a variety of tabletop board games and DIY crafts. Challenge your friends to a fun game or let your creativity fly with provided craft supplies.

Money Mondays! Savvy Spending: Sharpening Money Decisions
Virtual
Monday, March 6, 6 p.m.
 Decisions, decisions! Explore the difference between our financial wants and needs, and why separating the two is important as we learn what it means to spend responsibly.

Teen Art Adventures: Watercolor Rose
Orlando Public Library, Club Central
Thursday, March 9, 3:30 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, March 11, 3 p.m.
 Create a beautiful watercolor rose using glue and basic art supplies.

Inventor Fest
South Trail Branch
Thursday, March 16, 3 p.m.
 Calling all teen and tween inventors, entrepreneurs and problem solvers! Have a great idea that is going to change the world? Come exercise your brainpower and show us what you've got.

Escape Room: Captain Albertson's Library
West Oaks Branch
Friday, March 17, 4:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, March 29, 3:30 p.m.
 Your time machine froze in 1923. You are stuck in Orlando's original library. Using your critical thinking skills, can you solve the puzzles to escape the past?

Art Club
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 18, 3:30 p.m.
 Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Registration required.

Money Mondays! Understanding Your Take Home Pay
Virtual
Monday, March 20, 6 p.m.
 Make cents make sense! Learn about the deductions found on your paystubs and explore how to set up some super saving strategies to increase your savings during payday.

Teen Book Club
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, March 26, 1:30 p.m.
 Discuss a monthly novel, talk about your favorite books and celebrate all things YA in Teen Book Club!

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Orlando Public Library

101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Alafaya Branch

12000 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32826
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Chickasaw Branch

870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

902 Lee Road, Suite 26, Orlando, FL 32810
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

7391 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32818
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

North Orange Branch

1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

South Creek Branch

1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Sunday Hours: 🕒

South Trail Branch

4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr.,
Orlando, FL 32839
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southeast Branch

5575 S. Semoran Blvd.,
Orlando, FL 32822
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southwest Branch

7255 Della Drive, Orlando, FL 32819
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center

1821 E. Silver Star Road, Ocoee, FL 34761
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Windermere Branch

530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

BOOK DROP LOCATIONS

Horizon West Book Drop

Hamlin Town Center
14416 Shoreside Way,
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Lake Nona Book Drop

Valencia College Lake Nona Campus
12350 Narcoossee Rd.,
Orlando, FL 32832

Materials placed in book drops are
picked up and returned to the
library Monday–Saturday.



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