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ORANGE COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM

YEARS



100 YEAR CELEBRATION:
A LOOK AT OCLS IN THE

1950s

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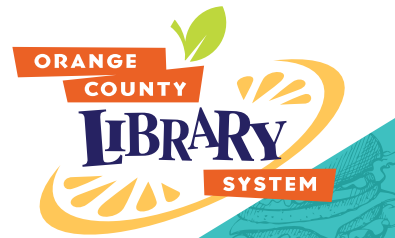
BOOKS & BEYOND



WAIVE FINES *goodbye*

Did you know?

Orange County Library System is fine free! No fines means no worries about returning your late books!



SUMMER LUNCH

OCPS MOBILE LUNCH

This summer, Orange County Public Schools Food & Nutrition Services is touring your city to offer meals at no charge to children and young adults 18 and under. The OCPS Mobile Lunch Vehicles are part of the USDA Summer Food Service Program, Summer BreakSpot. Lunches will only be offered to children and young adults 18 and under. Lunch is served Monday–Friday (no meals will be served on Monday, June 19 and Tuesday, July 4). Meals must be consumed on the premises. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Next Board Of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, May 11, 6 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Next Friends Of The Library Board Of Directors Meeting:

Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, May 17, Noon

Still using the OverDrive app?



Switch to Libby!

Same great titles & new features you'll love.

LUNCH SERVED MONDAY–FRIDAY

June 5–July 28, 2023 (no meals will be served on Monday, June 19 and Tuesday, July 4)

11 a.m.–Noon
Chickasaw Branch
870 N. Chickasaw Trail
Orlando, FL 32825

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
1702 Deerfield Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32837

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
902 Lee Road, Suite 26
Orlando, FL 32810

12:30–1:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
1211 E. Semoran Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Hiawasse Branch
7391 W. Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32818

1–2 p.m.
South Trail Branch
4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL 32839



FROM THE DIRECTOR |

When I look back at what things were like at the library in the 1950s, I see some similarities to the library of today – Orange County was growing, and the community needed more libraries to adequately serve its needs. In fact, the Annual Report for 1952–1953 was titled: *To a Growing Community, From its Growing Library*, and it reflected a library system that was working hard to keep up with demand, despite its growth to four branches in addition to the Albertson Public Library and the introduction of a bookmobile.

“The growing number of Orlando inhabitants requires an increasing degree of those cultural resources which make for social harmony through individual enrichment,” the report noted.

By 1954, the library’s Board of Trustees published a proposal calling for the expansion of the Albertson Public Library, or an additional structure on a piece of property next door. That call for a bigger library was amplified when library service was officially expanded beyond the borders of the city of Orlando, to all residents of Orange County, in 1957. By the end of the decade, the library’s circulation had grown from 338,509 in 1951 to 590,651 in 1959 – a massive leap in less than 10 years – and it had added new events, including adult educational activities, discussion groups and a film preview series.

While the landscape for libraries is dramatically different now – it’s our digital checkouts that have been growing the most over the past few years, and our event offerings are vast – we’re once again in a situation where the demand for our services is bigger than we can fulfill with our current facilities. That’s why it was so exciting for us to host a community meeting on March 27 to share plans for our upcoming Horizon West Branch, which will be situated in the Horizon West Regional Park. We were able to share a bit about what we expect the building to look like, as well as plans for the kinds of amenities we have planned – for example, an outdoor performance area, multiple meeting rooms that can be combined to create one large meeting space, training spaces and study spaces, housed in a LEED certified building that takes advantage of some of the natural beauty of the park.

We’re still in the beginning phases of this project, so we can’t commit to an opening date just yet, but we’re hoping we’ll be able to open the doors to this beautiful new library in early 2025. We hope we’ll be able to share some good news about the progress we’re making in Lake Nona soon, too.

To keep up with our Horizon West project, we’ve created a new page on our site at ocls.info/horizon-west-updates – bookmark it and check back to get the latest.



In the meantime, I’m struck by how much these words from our 1952–53 Annual Report still apply today: “Your library grows ... because your library’s tap root reaches ever deeper into the nourishing necessity that a free people be an educated people. And for the attainment of a better present and future for the individual, the city, the state, the nation and the world.”

SCAN FOR UPDATES ON THE HORIZON WEST BRANCH



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CHECK OUT EVEN MORE AT THE LIBRARY!

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June 3 - July 29

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Registration opens May 1st

LIBRARY EVENTS

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MOMMY & ME: HEADWRAP STYLING WORKSHOP

South Trail Branch
Saturday, May 6, 1–2:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun and interactive experience that provides step-by-step instructions on headwrap styling techniques in celebration of Mother's Day. Registration is required for each participant.

Southwest Film Club
Virtual
Tuesday, May 2, 7–9:30 p.m.
The Southwest Film Club discusses the themes and importance of a different movie each month. All films available for free on Kanopy.

Veteran Resources
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, May 3, 11 a.m.
Representatives from the Orlando VA will present on suicide prevention and resources available to our veterans. Learn how to access VA and community emergency services.

Alcohol Ink Art: Metallics
North Orange Branch
Thursday, May 4, 5–6:30 p.m.
Begin your journey into the world of fluid painting with alcohol ink. Get guidance on the use of this unique artistic medium on glass.

Crafty Adults:
Alcohol Ink Coasters!
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, May 4, 5:30 p.m.
This easy craft uses Sharpie markers and alcohol to create your very own drink coasters.

Resilience and You
Virtual
Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m.
Discover the importance of resilience in our lives. Explore how living with resilience helps us to be healthier, happier, more creative and open to change.

Beginner Line Dancing
Southwest Branch
Saturday, May 6, 10:30 a.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.

Disney and the 1964 World's Fair
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m.
What do It's a Small World, the PeopleMover, Carousel of Progress and Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln have in common? All were developed by Disney for the 1964 World's Fair. Learn the history of these experiences and more!

Financial Literacy – Your Health and Wealth
South Creek Branch
Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m.
Understanding your finances is the first step to financial freedom. Learn how to build wealth, grow your money and take control of your finances in this six-part series.

Altered Books Workshop
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, May 6, 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.

Puzzle Swap
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, May 6, 3:30 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.

Tea Social Hour
North Orange Branch
Wednesdays, May 10 & 24, 5 p.m.
Need to unwind? Listen to music, snag a sweet treat with your cuppa and have a chat while we puzzle, color or whatever else seems chill.

Plant Clinic
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, May 11, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, May 13, 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, May 12, 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.

Mindfulness Meditation
Southwest Branch
Friday, May 12, 4:30 p.m.
Practice techniques of mindfulness and meditation for well-being and vibrancy. Taught by Rev. Dr. Viviana Collazo, Luminous Holistic Center. All levels welcome. Bring own mat. Chairs available. Recommended for ages 15 and up.

Drawing 101
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, May 13, 3:30 p.m.
Learn drawing techniques and participate in guided activities each month! Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Paint Party!
North Orange Branch
Sunday, May 14, 2–3:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, May 25, 5:15–6:45 p.m.
In this mostly self-directed session, you'll be lightly guided through making creative choices by connecting with and following your intuition.

Podcast Listening Club
Virtual
Tuesday, May 16, 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.

Sketching 101
Virtual
Friday, May 19, 11 a.m.
Learn the basics of sketching through use of simple art techniques and observing the world around you. All you need is a no. 2 pencil, colored pencils, paper and paper towels.

Homeownership Program
Hiawasse Branch
Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Is it a good time to buy a home? How do I qualify for a loan? How much can I afford? Operation HOPE will provide education and tools to prepare you for homeownership in this free workshop.

Financial Literacy – Assets and Accumulation Strategies
South Creek Branch
Saturday, May 20, 10:30 a.m.
Understanding your finances is the first step to financial freedom. Learn how to build wealth, utilize investment strategies and take control of your finances in this six-part series.

Southwest Art Club:
Your Story With Mixed Media Workshop
Southwest Branch
Saturday, May 20, 2–4:30 p.m.
Learn how to draw inspiration from a personal story, music or memories to create a unique mixed-media artwork using colored pencils, oil pastels, watercolors and more. Materials provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Dungeons & Dragons at the Library!
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, May 20, 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.

Create Everything From Nothing with Power2Improv
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, May 21, 3–5 p.m.
Learn the art of miming objects and bringing the imagination to life on stage. You will make your miming – like drinking, eating and chopping wood – believable. Registration required.

The True Story of Smoky the War Dog
Virtual
Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m.
Found by accident in the jungles of New Guinea during World War II, this brave dog went on to be chosen as the number one mascot of the South Pacific and the world's first official therapy dog of record.

Intro to Foundation Center & Grant Resources
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, May 25, 11 a.m.
Looking for funding? Get the 101 on using this comprehensive directory to win grants and make a difference.

YOGA

All-Levels Yoga
Virtual
Monday, May 8, 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.

Yoga for Anxiety
Virtual
Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m.
This all-levels yoga class focuses combining movement, meditation and breathing, to help you reduce anxiety, stress and depression. Presented by certified yoga instructor Dana Brady.

Chair Yoga
Virtual
Monday, May 22, 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.



SPRING INTO CLEANING AND ORGANIZING

Virtual
Monday, May 22, 11 a.m.
Join Jane Cole, certified professional organizer, as she guides you through a plan for a successful spring cleaning. Learn the steps to achieve clean and organized spaces.

ART & DISPLAY

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PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE: A 100 YEAR JOURNEY

Orlando Public Library
On Display Through December

Honoring 100 years of service to residents, this display at Orlando Public Library chronicles the history of Orange County Library System throughout the decades – from the origins of the Albertson Public Library to the modern services available today.

1948
SILVER ANNIVERSARY
In 1948, the Albertson Public Library celebrated 50 years of service and provided a historical perspective on the library's growth. The organization was the first to be incorporated in the State's program. It was the first to be incorporated in the State's program. It was the first to be incorporated in the State's program.

1949
BOOK MOBILE
In preparation for the addition of a bookmobile was presented to the Board of the Albertson Public Library. The District Board had requested a price to raise \$5,000 to purchase the vehicle, and the Board of County Commissioners approved the purchase. After it was taken off the road in 1949, the vehicle became the first as a library vehicle in Washington State until August 1963.

1949
FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
The Friends of the Orange County Library System, a group of citizens interested in supporting libraries for reading hours and activities, formed in Orlando.

1949
BRANCHING OUT
From the central public library, a growing network of branches was established in various parts of the county. The first branch was established in 1949. In 1950, there were 22 children, 14 in the city and 12 in the county. In 1950, there were more than 1,000 books in the library collection, and there were no funds to purchase more books to keep pace with the growing use (approximately 1949).

1949
THE BRANCH 1
The Branch 1 Washington Branch was opened in 1949 in a rented building located on South Lake Street. In 1950, the Branch was moved to a purchased building on Jackson and Tully streets.

1958
FAVORABLE REPORT ON LIBRARY CONDITIONS
The report of the National Library of Medicine at Washington, D.C., in 1958, stated that the library conditions were favorable. The report stated that the library conditions were favorable. The report stated that the library conditions were favorable.

1962
A NEW BUILDING TAKES SEAT
The construction of a new library was announced through a bond issue election. In the referendum, voters approved the bond issue for the library. The new building was completed in 1962. The new building was completed in 1962.

MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

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BLAKEMORE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m.
Enjoy a live performance by the students of the Blakemore School of Music. Students of all ages will perform classical music.



CUISINE CORNER

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JAMAICAN FRITTERS AND CARROT JUICE

Virtual
Tuesday, May 30, 6:30 p.m.
Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make savory Jamaican saltfish and vegetable fritters served with traditional carrot juice.



BOBA!

Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, May 13, 3 p.m.
Experience a taste of Taiwan and learn to create a fan favorite, boba! Explore the culture through a recipe demonstration and taste your very own refreshing drink. Recommended for families.

ARROZ CON POLLO

Virtual
Wednesday, May 17, 6 p.m.
Arroz con pollo como lo hacía mi mamá! Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show us how to make arroz con pollo. Be inspired to recreate this family recipe.



BOOK CLUBS

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Southeast Book Club

Southeast Branch

Monday, May 8, 3 p.m.

Virtual

Monday, May 8, 7 p.m.

Join the Southeast Book Club to discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

Alafaya Book Club

Virtual

Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m.

The Alafaya Book Club discusses a new book every month.



Hiawassee Book Club

Virtual

Monday, May 15, 7–8:30 p.m.

In May the Hiawassee Book Club will discuss *Dava Shastri's Last Day* by Kirithana Ramiseti.

Southwest Book Club

Virtual

Tuesday, May 23, 7–8:45 p.m.

Discuss *Silverview* by John le Carré. In his last complete masterwork, le Carré asks what we truly owe to the people we love. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.



Winter Garden Book Club

Virtual

Thursday, May 25, 6 p.m.

Join us as we discuss *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson.

Southwest Daytime Book Club

Southwest Branch

Friday, May 26, 2–3:30 p.m.

Discuss *Silverview* by John le Carré. In his last complete masterwork, le Carré asks what we truly owe to the people we love. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

MEET THE AUTHOR

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BOOK LAUNCH: *SECOND CHANCES IN HOLLYWOOD* BY SARAH HENDESS

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m.

Enjoy a short talk and Q&A from author Sarah Hendess for the launch of her new book *Second Chances in Hollywood*. A book sale and signing will follow the talk.

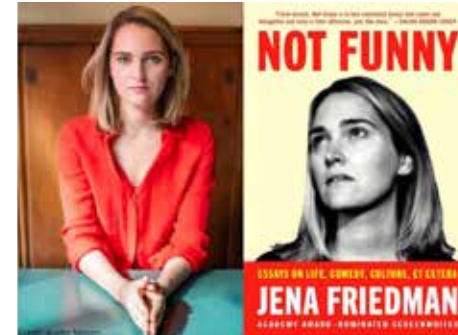


Author Talk with Jena Friedman

Virtual

Wednesday, May 10, 8 p.m.

Join us for an hour-long conversation with Academy Award nominated screenwriter Jena Friedman as she discusses her book, *Not Funny*.



Author Talk with Courtney Summers

Virtual

Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m.

Enjoy an hour-long conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author Courtney Summers as she discusses her new book, *I'm the Girl*.



STAFF PICKS

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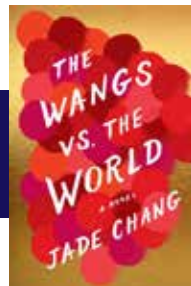


Mixed Plate: Chronicles of an All-American Combo by Jo Koy

Mixed Plate illuminates the burning drive, celebration of his Filipino heritage and the brilliant comedic talent that make Jo Koy one of the world's most successful comedians.

The Wangs vs. the World by Jade Chang

A hilarious debut novel about a wealthy but fractured Chinese immigrant family that had it all, only to lose every last cent, and the road trip they take across America that binds them back together.

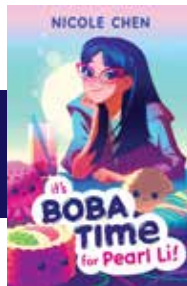


What My Bones Know: A Memoir of Healing from Complex Trauma by Stephanie Foo

A searing memoir of reckoning and healing from an acclaimed journalist and former *This American Life* producer investigating the little-understood science behind Complex PTSD and how it has shaped her life.

It's Boba Time for Pearl Li! by Nicole Chen

This joyful, moving middle grade book follows a big-hearted Taiwanese American girl as she aims to gain her family's acceptance and save her favorite boba tea shop by selling her handcrafted amigurumi dolls.

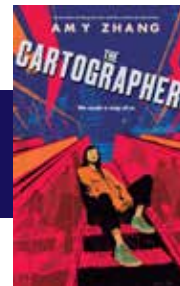


Stay True: A Memoir by Hua Hsu

A gripping memoir on friendship, grief, the search for self and the solace that can be found through art, by the *New Yorker* staff writer Hua Hsu.

In Limbo: A Graphic Memoir by Deb J.J. Lee

A debut YA graphic memoir about a Korean American girl's coming-of-age story – and a coming home story – set between a New Jersey suburb and Seoul, South Korea.



The Cartographers by Amy Zhang

Seventeen-year-old Ocean Wu moves to New York City to start college, but she defers her enrollment, keeping it a secret from her immigrant mother, and instead uses the time to deal with her ambivalence about her place in the world.

WRITERS CORNER

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A DEEP DIVE INTO SCENE STRUCTURE

Virtual

Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m.

Learn how to take your scenes to greater heights with book editor and author Lorin Oberweger. Create richer and more dynamic moments that lead to a much more satisfying work.

Finance Basics for Authors: Earning, Investing and Taxes

Virtual

Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m.

Join author George Jreije for a discussion on finances that will include building income streams, book deals, investing for the future and the inevitable taxes that come with all of that!

Structure and Pacing

Virtual

Tuesday, May 9, 7 p.m.

Structure and pacing are necessary elements to ensure an ideal reading experience. Editor Kristen Stieffel will share common story structures, how to enhance your plot and how to control pacing.

TikTok for Authors

Virtual

Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m.

Everyone's saying TikTok is the place for authors to be online. Author Mari Mancusi will discuss strategies and content ideas for authors looking to start or improve their presence on TikTok.

OCLS Writer's Group

Virtual

Sunday, May 21, 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.

Choosing a Publishing Path

Virtual

Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m.

Changes in publishing have made it an exciting, but confusing, time to be an author. Hybrid author Sarah Nicolas will present publishing paths and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each.

DEMENTIA SENSITIVITY

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, May 31, Noon

Increase your awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias by learning about early signs and symptoms, communication techniques and resources to help individuals and their families.

Breakfast and Conversations with Seniors

Fairview Shores Branch

Friday, May 5, 10–11:30 a.m.

Participants will learn about whole grains and the important role they play in keeping us healthy.

Senior Educational Series

North Orange Branch

Mondays, May 8 & 22, 1–2:30 p.m.

Collette Rance, former teacher and experienced Medicare scholar, will share how to make healthy lifestyle choices, provide caregiving, avoid scams and other tips for wellbeing.

Meditation for Seniors and Caregivers – LIFE Information for Elders

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Thursday, May 18, 12:10 p.m.

Join Shequila Roberts, founder of Determine Now, as she takes a dive into emotional awareness and emotional intelligence through meditation for all ages. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

Keeping Seniors in the Know About Affordability

Chickasaw Branch

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

Learn more about HECM financing, Social Security, pensions and VA benefits. Space is limited. Registration required.

Qigong Movement and Breathing

Southwest Branch

Friday, May 26, 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.

LEVEL UP ORANGE NEIGHBORHOOD NAVIGATORS

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, May 3, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, May 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Wednesday, May 17, 1–3 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Thursday, May 25, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

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CAREER ACADEMY: PERFECTING YOUR RESUME

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, May 16, 2:30 p.m.

Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.



Orlando Mayor's JOB FAIR

"Bridging the gap between you and 100 employers from the Central Florida region!"

May 17, 2023
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Medicare 101

South Trail Branch

Monday, May 1, 1–3 p.m.

Join Collette Rance, former teacher and experienced Medicare scholar, at a no-pressure, no-sales, strictly educational event about Medicare.

Medicare Monday

Washington Park Branch

Mondays,

May 1, 15 & 29, 1–2:30 p.m.

Sabrina Ramos and Sandra Sims, experienced Medicare educators, will lead this educational program all about Medicare.

Medicare Help Desk

South Trail Branch

Monday, May 15, 1–3 p.m.

Join Collette Rance, former teacher and experienced Medicare scholar, for a one-on-one session to discuss your Medicare questions and needs. Registration required.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

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ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

English from Zero
Chickasaw Branch
Mondays,
May 1–22, 5:30–6:45 p.m.
Thursdays,
May 4, 18 & 25, 10:30 a.m.
Saturdays, May 6 & 20, 10:30 a.m.
Friday, May 26, 10:30 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, May 2–30, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays,
May 3, 10, 24 & 31, 2:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays,
May 2–30, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday,
May 3–31, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Fridays,
May 5–26, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursdays, May 4–25, 4:30–6 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursdays,
May 4–25, 4:45–6:15 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Fridays,
May 5–26, 4:30 p.m.–5:45 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, May 6–27, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Mondays, May 1–22, 3 & 6:45 p.m.
Tuesdays, May 2–30, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesdays,
May 3–31, 3–4:30 p.m.
Thursdays,
May 4–25, 12:30 & 6 p.m.
Join us to learn and talk about new basic English vocabulary associated with different topics.

Speaking Clearly Advanced
Virtual
Mondays, May 1–29, 10:30 a.m.
This course is designed for students who want to improve their English speaking and presentation skills.

Creole Connect
South Trail Branch
Mondays, May 1–22, 4–5:15 p.m.
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Writing Clearly for Beginners
Virtual
Tuesdays, May 2–30, 10:30 a.m.
Review different English grammar points and basic sentence writing.

Speaking Clearly Intermediate
Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, May 2–30, 2 p.m.
This class for intermediate speakers is designed to introduce learners to the rules of spelling and pronunciation of English words and phrases.

Conversation Hour
Virtual
Wednesdays, May 3–31, Noon
Thursday, May 4–25, 2 p.m.
Join us to practice your English speaking skills. Each session will have specific topics for discussion.

English Conversation Plus
Southwest Branch
Wednesdays, May 3–31, 1 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 Conversation Hour
Southeast Branch
Wednesdays,
May 3, 10, 24 & 31, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 20, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays, May 12 & 26, 11:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursdays,
May 4, 18 & 25, 12:30 p.m.
Saturdays, May 6 & 20, 12:30 p.m.
Friday, May 26, 12:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Fridays, May 5–26, 2 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, May 6–27, Noon
Virtual
Mondays, May 1–22, 4:15 p.m.
Tuesdays, May 2–30, 6 p.m.
Practice your English speaking skills during the English Conversation Hour. All proficiency levels are welcomed.

Introducción al Inglés
South Trail Branch
Fridays, May 5–26, 4–5:30 p.m.
Introducción al Inglés está diseñada y enfocada en Hispanohablantes interesados en aprender el idioma del Inglés comenzando desde lo mas básico y desarrollando vocabulario, gramática, y conversación.

Speaking Clearly Beginner
Southeast Branch
Fridays, May 12 & 26, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, May 20, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Saturdays, May 6 & 20, 2:30 p.m.
Fridays, May 12 & 26, 2:30 p.m.
In this class for beginners, learners will get an introduction to the basics of the sounds of English for pronunciation.

Making Cents: Your Money in English
Southeast Branch
Thursdays, May 18 & 25, 5 p.m.
In this six-week series, you will learn the English skills needed to manage your money in the USA.

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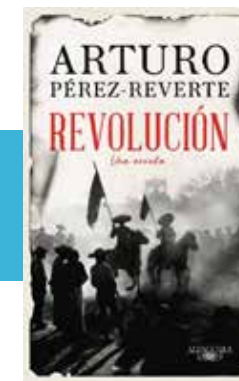
La educación de Margot Sánchez por Lilliam Rivera traducción de Eva Ibarzábal
Lilliam Rivera es una de las voces más singulares y apasionantes de la literatura juvenil. *La educación de Margot Sánchez* es divertida, emotiva, cautivadora y auténtica. Retrata el ritmo y el conflicto de un cambiante Bronx, New York. Adoro esta novela.



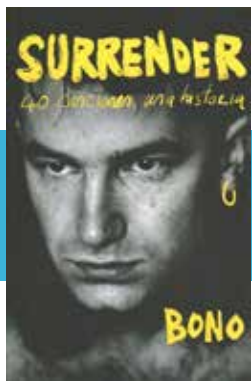
Furia [Spanish ed.] por Yamile Saied Méndez traducción de Evelia Ana Romano
Furia es una conmovedora historia sobre la familia, la identidad, el primer amor y, por supuesto, el fútbol. Resonará en cualquier muchacha a quien alguna vez le han dicho que no puede y no haya parado hasta conseguirlo.



Quando "echarle ganas" no es suficiente por César Lozano
El libro más revelador de César Lozano, donde reafirma el valor de la palabra para enfrentar los retos cotidianos y comparte sus mejores secretos para ayudar a los demás.



Revolución: una novela por Arturo Pérez-Reverte
Revolución es mucho más que una novela sobre los dramáticos acontecimientos que sacudieron la república mexicana en el primer tercio del siglo XX. Es un relato de iniciación y madurez a través del caos, la lucidez y la violencia: el asombroso descubrimiento de las reglas ocultas que determinan el amor, la lealtad, la muerte y la vida.



Surrender: 40 canciones, una historia por Bono traducción de Ana Mata Buil y Miguel Temprano García
Las memorias de Bono, el vocalista principal de U2. Un libro honesto e irreverente, íntimo y profundo. *Surrender* es la historia de su vida, de sus retos, y de los amigos y familia que lo han sostenido.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

Spanish from Zero – Basics with Ms. Brenda
Virtual
Tuesdays, May 2–30, 4 p.m.
Designed to introduce learners to the basic sounds of Spanish. Ms. Brenda will teach you pronunciation, vocabulary, reading and basic phrases.

Beginner's Spanish for Kids
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesdays, May 2–30, 4:30 p.m.
Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary through games and activities while having fun. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Bilingual Interactions with Ms. Brenda
Virtual
Tuesdays, May 2–30, 5 p.m.
Talk with Ms. Brenda and her students to practice your bilingual speaking skills. Ms. Brenda will provide additional examples, while helping you develop an ear for the language by putting your speaking skills to use.

Intermediate Spanish
Virtual
Wednesdays, May 3–31, 10:30 a.m.
Designed to introduce learners to Spanish grammar by focusing on the parts of speech, verb conjugations, sentence structure and vocabulary building.

Práctica Spanish Conversation
Virtual
Wednesdays,
May 3–24, 4–5:30 p.m.
¡Práctica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Conversation topics and themed vocabulary will be provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Open Lab: Ask a Tech "Bilingual Hour with Ms. Brenda"
Southeast Branch
Thursdays, May 4–25, 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!

Learn a Language: Spanish with Ms. Brenda
Southeast Branch
Thursdays, May 4–25, 3 p.m.
Learn basic Spanish in a fun and interactive way with Ms. Brenda.

Spanish Conversation Hour
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesdays, May 10 & 24, 5:30 p.m.
Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Conversational topics and themed vocabulary will be provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

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Southeast Branch
Saturdays, May 6 & 13, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Virtual
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, May 9, 10, 16 & 17, 3–5 p.m.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, May 23, 24, 30 & 31, 3–5 p.m.
During this program, students will meet in person to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.





Using GedMatch.com

Virtual
Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m.
 Learn how to navigate **GedMatch.com** and see how a variety of tools can help you further analyze your DNA and connect with your DNA matches.

The Paperless Genealogist

Virtual
Thursday, May 4, Noon
 Feeling bogged down with too much paper from years of genealogical research? Explore options for going paperless and see how digital versions can actually enhance your research experience.

Utilizing the General Register Office (GRO) Records

Virtual
Tuesday, May 16, 1 p.m.
 The GRO oversees civil registration in England and Wales maintaining records of births, marriages and deaths dating back to 1837. Learn how to utilize this resource in your genealogical research.

Connecting With Cousins

Virtual
Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.
 Explore the best way to begin analyzing and working with your DNA matches.

Exploring DNA Websites

Virtual
Thursday, May 18, Noon
 Explore four DNA websites: Ancestry DNA, FamilyTreeDNA, MyHeritage and 23andme. Learn the differences between the companies and see how to navigate each company's website.

Sunday Morning Genealogy

Virtual
Sunday, May 21, 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.

Civil War Pension Files: Union & Confederate

Virtual
Tuesday, May 23, 1 p.m.
 Explore the contents of both Union and Confederate Civil War pension files. Discover what types of information are contained in these records.

Uncovering Family Secrets: DNA Surprise

Virtual
Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.
 What happens when you do a DNA test, and the results don't turn out the way you expected? This case study will walk you through one person's experience with an unexpected discovery in the family.

Global Genealogy – Canada

Virtual
Thursday, May 25, Noon
 Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors. This session focuses on Canada.

Genealogy in the States: Georgia

Virtual
Tuesday, May 30, 1 p.m.
 Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Georgia. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

DNA Techniques: Leeds & McGuire Methods

Virtual
Wednesday, May 31, 6:30 p.m.
 Learn how to utilize these genealogy problem-solving methods and see how they can help you with your DNA analysis.



CREATE CUSTOM POKÉMON CARDS

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Sunday, June 4, 2 p.m.
Monday, June 5, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, June 6, 10:30 a.m.

Design your own holo or standard Pokémon cards using everyday materials. We will demonstrate the crafting and graphic design steps required to create your own personalized cards! All necessary tools and materials will be included. Recommended for ages 10–12.

Melrose Meetups: Intro to Film Photography

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Thursday, May 25, 5:00 p.m.

Join us as we discuss the basic principles of film photography. Learn how you can get started, types of cameras, film developing and scanning processes.



Create a Droid with Blender

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday & Monday, June 3 & 5, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Sunday, June 4, 1:30–3 p.m.

Learn to use professional and always free design software to create 3D models. Learn the basics while building a droid model. You can later 3D print your design or bring it to life with animation. Sign up for Animate your Droid with Blender camp to find out how!

Animate Your Droid with Blender

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Wednesday–Friday, June 7–9, 10:30 a.m.–Noon

You've created a droid in Blender, now it's time to bring it to life and learn the steps you must take to animate it. Learn how to rig a character for animations involving forward and reverse kinematics.

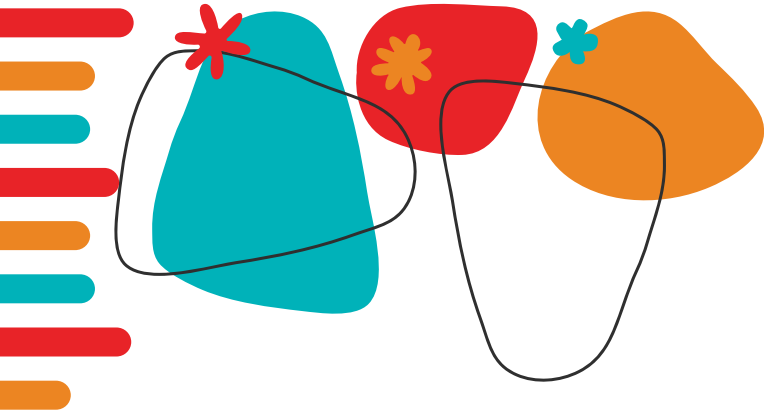


Melrose Pop Festival
 Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
June 10, 2–7 p.m.

Coming next month, join us in the Melrose Center for the Melrose Pop Festival, featuring musical acts Eugene Snowden, Beth McKee, Hannah Stokes, Marc With a C, Milk Carton Superstars and Oak Hill Drifters. Hosted by Marko Torres, this event on the newly enhanced Melrose Stage is a nod to the 1967 Monterey Pop Festival, the historic event that featured breakthrough performances by Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Otis Redding and many others.

ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

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Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 2023 Challenge for Adults

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May 1–31

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated each year from May 1–31. Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander voices through reading. Log your reading, book reviews and activities here to earn badges all month long.



KUNG FU SHOW PRESENTED BY WAH LUM KUNG FU TEMPLE

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, May 20, 1 p.m.

A diverse team of professional performers from the Wah Lum Kung Fu Temple will present a lion dance, kung fu and tai chi performance demonstrations. Explore Chinese culture through this demonstration.



A PASSAGE TO OPPORTUNITY: MY JOURNEY FROM VIETNAM TO AMERICA

West Oaks Branch
Friday, May 19, 1:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Tuesday, May 23, 1:30 p.m.

Between 1975 and 1997 nearly 2 million people fled Vietnam to escape the fallout of the Vietnam War. Hear the first person experience from long time OCLS presenter Ha Roda as she shares her story.



Beginner's Chinese Calligraphy

Virtual

Monday, May 1, 11 a.m.
Join artist Jojo Liu as she teaches the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Halau Kaleooka'iwa Haumana Presents Hula Dancing

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, May 6, 2:30 p.m.
Halau Kaleooka'iwa Haumana will tell the stories of the land and people of Hawaii through hula. Experience authentic and traditional Hawaiian culture.

Vietnamese Silk Painting

West Oaks Branch

Sunday, May 7, 3–4:30 p.m.
Create a work of art that honors the technique and tradition of Vietnamese silk painting. Enjoy the unique character and beauty of this art form. Registration required. Recommended for ages 15 and up.

Chinese Painting Basics

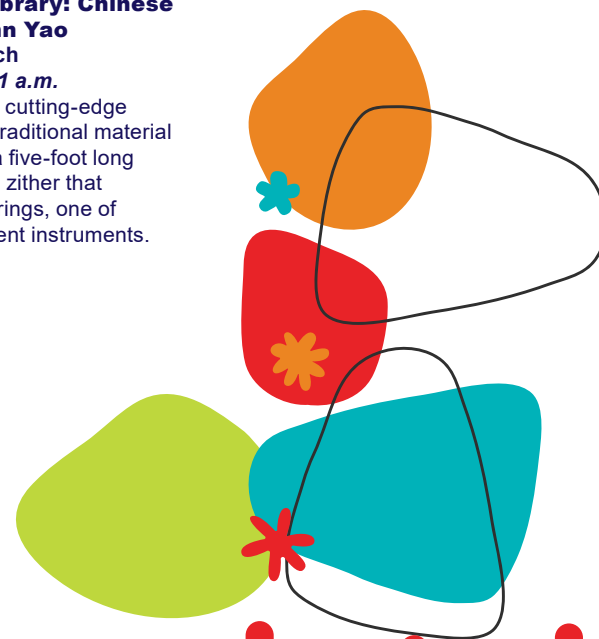
Virtual

Monday, May 8, 11 a.m.
Join artist Jojo Liu as she teaches the basics of Chinese painting which includes how to use the brush and ink, the technique of bamboo stalks, leaves, branches and the composition of the painting.

Music in the Library: Chinese Guzheng by Ann Yao

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, May 26, 11 a.m.
Ann Yao performs cutting-edge interpretations of traditional material on the Guzheng, a five-foot long horizontal plucked zither that typically has 21 strings, one of China's most ancient instruments.



YOUTH EVENTS

Aloha, Toddlers!

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, May 2, 11 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, May 17, 11 a.m.
Cruise down to the library for a staycation luau with plenty of tropical island fun for your little ones. Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

China and the Celebration of Invention

South Creek Branch

Tuesday, May 2, 4:30 p.m.
From kung fu to kites, come celebrate the inventions of ancient China! Take a trip with us through activities and crafts. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Family Art Adventures: Samoan Siapo Cloth

Southeast Branch

Friday, May 5, 4 p.m.
Discover the cultural importance of the Samoan art form siapo and create a patterned cloth of your own! Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Totally Totoro

South Creek Branch

Saturday, May 6, 2 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, May 17, 3:45 p.m.
Are you a fan of anime and manga? Share your fandom with others while making crafts inspired by the classic anime, *My Neighbor Totoro*. Recommended for ages 11–18.

Mau Loa, Hawaii

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, May 10, 3 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, May 31, 4 p.m.
Aloha! Discover the splendors of our 50th state with activities, trivia and crafts for all ages. Recommended for families with kids ages 6–12. Registration required.

A Trip to Japan

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, May 10, 4 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, May 30, 4 p.m.
Konichiwa! Explore the land of the rising sun with stories, games and crafts inspired by Japan. Recommended for ages 6–12.

History Happenings: Ancient China

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, May 10, 4 p.m.
Travel to the Forbidden City to discover the ancient world of the Ming Dynasty. Through crafts, activities and games, you will learn more about the fascinating history and culture of ancient China. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Family Art Adventures: Hokusai

Southeast Branch

Saturday, May 13, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 17, 3:45 p.m.
Learn about Hokusai, the Japanese artist that created the wood block painting, *The Great Wave Off Kanagawa*. Then create a masterpiece in his style. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Little Chef: Crazy About Congee

South Creek Branch

Tuesday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, May 23, 11 a.m.
Your little one will use their scooping, mixing and layering skills to top off their classic Chinese rice porridge. Adult participation is required. Recommended for ages 3–5. Registration required.

Central Florida's Asian & Pacific Islander Community

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, May 16, 3:45 p.m.
Kids will learn about the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in Central Florida through a brief history walk through and an engaging discussion and activity. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Artmazing: Yayoi Kusama

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, May 24, 3:30 p.m.
Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Recommended for families.

Chinese Tales

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, May 24, 4 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy animal fables, crafts and activities at this library celebration of Chinese tales. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Travel to Japan

Fairview Shores Branch

Wednesday, May 24, 4 p.m.
Travel to Japan through crafts and activities. Children will paint a cherry blossom tree and will make a paper lantern. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Pirates! All Aboard to Hawaii

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, May 25, 4:30 p.m.
Join our quirky pirate crew as we sail to Hawaii for a trickster tale! We'll share stories, experiment with science and dance our way through new adventures.

Art History for Kids: Asian Calligraphy

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, May 26, 3:30 p.m.
Learn the history of calligraphy as it moved from China to Korea and Japan and make your own masterpiece. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Chinese Tea Garden

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, May 31, 4 p.m.
Observe a traditional Chinese tea ceremony and learn about the Chinese zodiac and chopsticks. Then create a Chinese-style paper lantern. Children will use spatial reasoning. Recommended for ages 6–8.



100 YEAR CELEBRATION

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Every month during 2023, we celebrate 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 May, we look back at the 1950s.

OCLS IN THE 1950s

July 1950

College Park Branch opens at 703 Smith St.

December 1951

Total circulation of materials was 338,509

February 1954

The library Board of Directors published a proposal calling for an expansion of the current library building

August 1954

The new Booker T. Washington Library building at 548 West Jackson St. was completed and opened to the public

November 1957

Free service extended to all county residents

January 1959

The Jaycee Report on Library Conditions is published, highlighting the need for a new library building

December 1959

Total circulation of materials was 590,651

THE HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM: FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

BY ANDREA JACKSON, MARKETING SPECIALIST

If you're a regular library user, you've probably heard mention of the Friends of the Orange County Library System, often referred to simply as the Friends, and wondered who they are and what they do. The organization was founded in 1949 and over the years, the Friends of the Orange County Library System have remained a key stakeholder in library operations.

Since its beginning, the Friends of the Orange County Library System has displayed a commitment to supporting library services through a legacy of giving. Our Orlando Memory website shares that in 1951, the Friends purchased a drive-up book return for the Albertson Public Library. In 1952 they donated a tape recorder, and in the following years other important contributions included listening centers for the Fine Arts and Children's Departments, microfilm of local newspapers and equipment for graphic arts.

As the years went on, the Friends held their "Ye Olde Book Sale," and between 1971 and 1973, thousands of dollars were raised by selling donated books. The funds were used to purchase equipment and support programs and special events held at the library. The Friends also donated many books which were added to the library's circulating collection. Keeping tradition alive, the Friends continue to host book sales during the year and have recently begun pop-up sidewalk sales at library branches throughout the county.

Today, the Friends' vision remains the same. "Our goal is to support the library by enhancing services, increasing public awareness and use of the library and encouraging giving for the benefit of the library. Support raised by the Friends helps the Orange County Library System to improve the quality and scope of its services," shared Melissa Stillman, current Friends of Orange County Library System President. "We believe that everyone should be able to enjoy the privileges of information access, entertaining events and education found in a great library system."

Just recently, the Friends provided Eatonville Branch with an additional AWE station – a bilingual computer learning station that provides award-winning educational software to help children develop early literacy skills. Additionally, the Friends provided books for the Head Start program – an early childhood education program for children from low-income households within Orange County. This donation ensured that many children have books to call their own. The Friends also sponsor meals and books for the library's Prime Time Family Reading Time program. This six-week reading and discussion series inspires thought and conversation between children and families.

"When I joined the Friends of the Library, I felt like I'd found my people – fellow book lovers and library super fans who were willing to give back to their library through their money, time and influence. When I travel, I enjoy visiting other libraries, and it makes me appreciate even more what an excellent library system we have in Orange County," Melissa shared.

The Friends of the Library are people who know that a community with a first-rate library is a better place to live. "We'd love to see young professionals and young families becoming Friends of the Library members and getting involved in making a difference through the library," Melissa said. Membership has its perks too! Benefits include monthly mailings of the *Books & Beyond* magazine, discounts on bookstore and gift shop purchase and member-only access to book sale preview days, all while experiencing the satisfaction of supporting your local, public library.



The Friends sponsor Ye Olde Book Sale each year to raise money for library equipment.



100 YEAR CELEBRATION CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS

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January 1– 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.

100 YEARS OF OCLS: 1923–2023

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Friday, May 12, Noon

Celebrate 100 years of OCLS by exploring people, events, locations and initiatives that have shaped our path to the award-winning library system we are today. Discover why our future looks so bright.

A Decade in Film: 1950s

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesdays, May 3 & 24, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

This series explores film through each of the decades our Library has been open! Celebrate the history of film every single month in 2023.

100 Years of Art

Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, May 3, 4 p.m.

South Trail Branch
Tuesday, May 9, 4 p.m.

North Orange Branch
Saturday, May 20, 3 p.m.

Explore art styles through the decades as we celebrate the library's 100th birthday!

Recommended for families with children 6 and up.

Therapeutic Pottery Program

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, May 9, 1:30–3 p.m.

Learn about the history of clay and the benefits to your body of working with clay while being led through a step-by-step air-dry clay pottery event. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Book Page Gift Bags

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, May 10, 5:30 p.m.

Create a one-of-a-kind gift bag made out of book pages for an eco-friendly alternative to wrap your Mother's Day and other gifts. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Art 101: 1950s Painting

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, May 16, 5:30 p.m.

Swing into the 1950s at the library with a painting session inspired by the fashion of the decade. Each Art 101 event will feature a hands-on activity. Registration required. Recommended for ages 15 and up.

100 Years of Cinema

Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, May 27, 3–5 p.m.

Bibbidi-bobbidi-boo! This month, we're watching Walt Disney's *Cinderella* to celebrate 100 years of cinema with this 1950s classic!

YOUTH EVENTS

Centipede's 100 Shoes

Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, May 3, 11 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, May 23, 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!

STEM 100

West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, May 30, 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! Recommended for ages 3–5.

FIBER ARTS

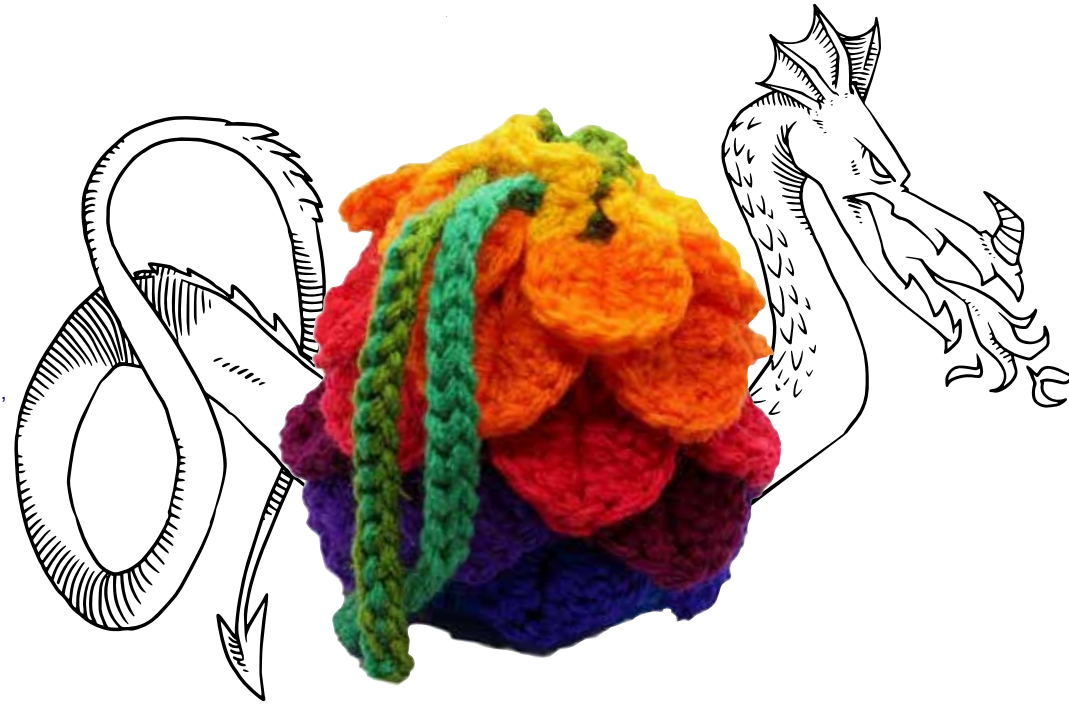
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FIBER ARTS GEEK OUT

We are celebrating Geek Pride Day all month long! Let your geek flag fly while crafting items from your favorite fandom. Whether you always have your towel, the force is with you or you are a prodigy on a broom, there is a project at the library for you.

LET'S CROCHET DRAGON SCALE DICE BAGS

Virtual
Thursdays, May 18–25, 5–6:30 p.m.
 Carry your dice or small treasures in style, dragon scale style. Learn how to crochet a drawstring bag with a scale texture using crochet in the round techniques and a modified crocodile stitch.



KNITTING MAGIC

by Tanis Gray
 You're a fiber arts witch, Harry! Bring out your wands to knit dolls, clothes and accessories inspired by the world of Harry Potter.

LET'S KNIT CUSTOMIZABLE IZZY DOLLS

Virtual
Mondays, May 1–22, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
 Celebrate OCLS's 100th birthday by knitting the decades with us. This month's featured pattern is the customizable Izzy Doll. Learn how to knit in the round using double pointed needles and add details like ruffles.

Let's Crochet Ewok Scarf Hoodies
Virtual
Wednesdays, May 3–31, 10–11:30 a.m.
 Use basic crochet stitches to create this adorable Star Wars themed scarf hoodie (scoodie)!

Let's Crochet Korok Buddies
Virtual
Thursdays, May 4–11, 5–6:30 p.m.
 No need to travel deep into a magical forest looking for woodland creatures, learn to crochet your very own Korok. Create adorable forest dwellers and hide them around to surprise your friends.

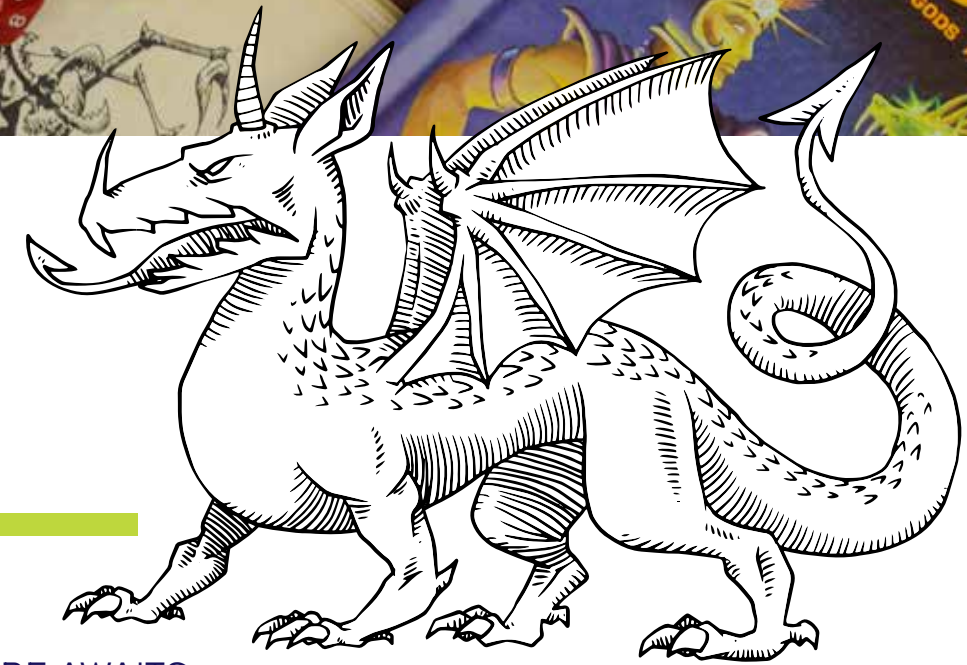
Let's Embroider BB-8
Virtual
Friday, May 5, 4–5:30 p.m.
 The force will be with you as you learn a new, unique stitch while crafting a BB-8 design in honor of May 4th.

Sewing – Hogwarts House Robes
Orlando Public Library
Tuesdays, May 9–23, 10 a.m.–Noon & 12:30–2:30 p.m.
 Did you get your letter to attend Hogwarts? Skip the long lines and high prices at the robe shops in Diagon Alley. Come make your own Hogwarts House robes.

Sewing – Easy Dish Towel
North Orange Branch
Monday, May 15, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 27, 2–4 p.m.
 Ready for your first sewing project or just want to make a unique dish towel for your kitchen? Learn to make a simple and easy-mitered corner dish towel with a hanging loop.

TECHNOLOGY

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ADVENTURE AWAITS

Dive into the world of Dungeons & Dragons in the month of May. Embark with your comrades on some new and exciting campaigns!

Let's Play D&D: The Champions of Elements (Ages 7–9)
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, May 6, 10:30 a.m.
 Go on a Dungeons & Dragons Adventure! Choose a character and compete in the Battle of Elements. Defeat all four elemental champions to be crowned the Heroes of the Elements.

Let's Play D&D: Heroes of Hesiod (Ages 7–9)
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, May 27, 10:30 a.m.
 Go on a Dungeons & Dragons Adventure! Choose a character and become a monster slayer to help your village in this D&D campaign for kids.

Let's Play D&D: Adventure Begins Board Game (Ages 10–12)
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, May 13, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn to play Dungeons & Dragons! Step into the exciting world of D&D with the Adventure Begins board game. Choose your character and work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.

Let's Play D&D: Adventure Begins Board Game (Ages 13–17)
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, May 20, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn to play Dungeons & Dragons! Step into the exciting world of D&D with the Adventure Begins board game. Choose your character and work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.

Let's Play D&D Camp (Ages 10–12)
Orlando Public Library
Sundays, May 7–21, 1:30 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Saturdays, May 13–27, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn to play Dungeons & Dragons! Start with the game basics in the Adventure Begins board game, then choose a character and play a real campaign with monsters, adventure and treasure.

Let's Play D&D Camp (Ages 13–17)
Southwest Branch
Saturdays, May 13–27, 2:30 p.m.
 Learn to play Dungeons & Dragons! Start with the game basics in the Adventure Begins board game, then design a character and play a real campaign with monsters, adventure and treasure.

FAMILY

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PIRATES OF THE ZOORIBBEAN

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, May 27, 2 p.m.

Ahoy Mateys! Set sail on an exciting pirate's journey in search of amazing coastal and island animals. Discover the true treasures of a pirate's life! Recommended for families with children ages 0–12.



Kids Yoga & Meditation

North Orange Branch
Mondays, May 1–22, 10:15 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursdays, May 4–25, 11 a.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.

Mindful Start Family Yoga

Winter Garden Branch
Mondays, May 1–22, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesdays, May 3–31, 10 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.

STEAM Free Play

South Trail Branch
Mondays, May 1 & 15, 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.

Yoga with

PLAYologist Yolonda
Eatonville Branch
Tuesdays, May 2–30, 10:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m.
Fun-filled yoga, meditation and mindfulness sessions with a twist that uses a PLAY-based yoga curriculum that is trauma-informed conscious. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Prime Time Family Reading Time

Southeast Branch
Thursdays,
May 4 & 11, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Join us for a six-week reading and discussion program that inspires thought and conversation between children and families. Meals will be provided. Registration required.

Family Game Time

Fairview Shores Branch
Saturdays, May 6–27, 10:30 a.m.
It's time for Saturday morning game time fun! We'll have family friendly games and activities for all ages.

We HeART Mom!

South Creek Branch
Saturday, May 6, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate mom, grandma or the special caregiver in your life by crafting and creating art to let her know just how much she means to you.

May the Force Be with You

North Orange Branch
Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Calling all Jedi Masters and their Padawans! Start your Jedi training with crafts, games, puzzles and all things Star Wars!

Fun Family Film

South Trail Branch
Saturdays, May 6–27, 2–4 p.m.
Join us for a movie that's fun for the whole family!

Fancy Nancy Tea Party

Hiwassee Branch
Saturday, May 6, 2:30–4 p.m.
Get fancy with our favorite girl, Nancy! Wear your fanciest clothes and join us for stories, activities and crafts that will be wonderful. Recommended for moms with children ages 6–12.

Movie and a Craft

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, May 6, 3–5 p.m.
Sit back and relax during a family-friendly movie while working on a craft or coloring sheets.

Aesthetically Pleasing

South Trail Branch
Monday, May 8, 4:30 p.m.
Relax, relate and release your stresses away with an exploration of all things pleasing to the senses. Your eyes and ears will thank you!

Hair Braiding

South Trail Branch
Wednesday, May 10, 3–5 p.m.
Learn the basics of how to single braid natural hair into a protective style. Explore healthy braiding techniques and get advice on the best hair tools for natural hair.

Far-Flying Feathers

Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, May 10, 3:30 p.m.
Learn about North American birds and their cousins across the Pacific Ocean, then enjoy bird trivia and crafts focused on avian appreciation. Recommended for families with children ages 8 and up.

ArtMazing

South Creek Branch
Saturday, May 13, 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.

Mario Party

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, May 13, 3–4:30 p.m.
Calling all Mario fans! Wear a costume (if you like) and celebrate the Mushroom Kingdom with crafts, gaming and fun activities. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Hair Braiding – Cornrows

South Trail Branch
Wednesdays,
May 17 & 24, 3–5 p.m.
Learn the basics of how to cornrow braid natural hair into a protective style. Explore healthy braiding techniques and get advice on the best hair tools for natural hair.

Cookies & Milk with a Cop

North Orange Branch
Saturday, May 20, 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.

Box Engineers

Southeast Branch
Saturday, May 27, 10:30 a.m.
Fuel your creativity with a cardboard box! Families will work together to design and construct an architectural marvel. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Dungeons, Dragons & Libraries

North Orange Branch
Saturday, May 27, 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.

EARLY LEARNING

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BABY

AGES 0–18 MONTHS

TODDLER

AGES 18–36 MONTHS

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Fairview Shores Branch
Thursdays, May 4–25, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Mondays, May 8 & 22, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, May 23, 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.

Little Hatchlings

Southeast Branch
Monday, May 1, 10:15 a.m.
Hatch up some fun with an egg themed storytime with songs. Explore egg stations with your baby after the storytime.

Baby Florida Animals

Southwest Branch
Monday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.
Songs, stories, rhymes and activities about baby Florida animals.

BABY BUGS

Southwest Branch
Monday, May 15, 10:30 a.m.
Engage your little one in songs and stories all about bugs! Learn tips to help develop their early literacy skills.



BUBBLE PLAYTIME

Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesdays, May 2, 16 & 30, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 3, 10:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, May 16, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, May 31, 10:30 a.m.
Help your child with their motor development skills in this interactive bubble class.

Parachute Play

North Orange Branch
Tuesday, May 2, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, May 3, 10:30 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.

Storytime Craft

North Orange Branch
Wednesdays, May 3–31, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursdays,
May 4–25, 10 a.m.–Noon
Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Toddler GAMES: Star Wars

Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.
Growing, Active, Musical, Educational, Silly; Join us for a super fun interactive event for your little ones.

Artsy Toddler

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 10, 10:15 a.m.
Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create! Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences.

Super Storytime!

Southwest Branch
Wednesday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.
Mighty stories for the youngest of heroes. Dress up is welcome.

Space Discovery

Southeast Branch
Monday, May 15, 10:15 a.m.
Zip up your suits and pop on your helmets – we're off on an outer space adventure.

If You're Happy and You Know It!

West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, May 16, 11 a.m.
Clap your hands, stomp your feet and shout hooray! Bring your little ones to celebrate with a smile. Registration required.

On the Farm with The Little Red Hen

South Creek Branch
Wednesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.
Explore the farm with stories, interactive stations and a craft. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Toddler Playground

Southwest Branch
Wednesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.
Toddlers use unstructured play to advance their physical and cognitive development and to have fun!

Feeling Faces

Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.
Have a great time exploring feelings and emotions with your early learner! Recommended for ages 2–5.

Guitar Sing Along

Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, May 23, 10:30 a.m.
Join us for a brief sing-a-long to familiar songs along with live guitar for you and your toddler.

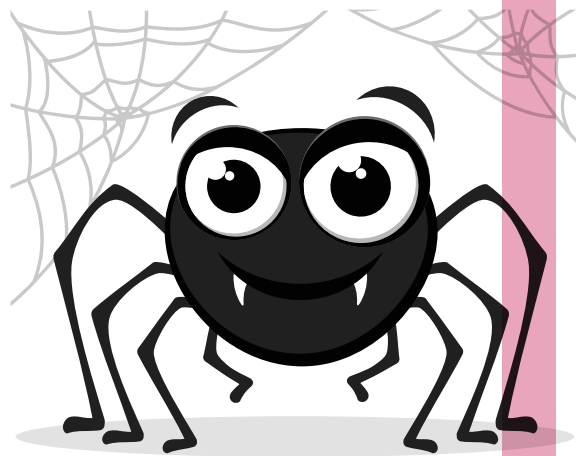
Good Morning, Farm!

Southwest Branch
Wednesday, May 24, 10:30 a.m.
Say hello to all your farm friends with stories and fun hands-on learning.



GROWING UP WILD:
WIGGLING WORMS

Southwest Branch
Tuesday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.
Can you wiggle like a worm? Learn all about earthworms and where they live. Presented as a part of the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Project WILD.



GROWING UP WILD:
SPIDER WEB
WONDERS

Southwest Branch
Tuesday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.
Children will learn about spiders, their webs and how to be safe around spiders. Presented as a part of the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Project WILD.

Chiquiticos / Little Ones
Chickasaw Branch
Mondays, May 1-22, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Thursdays, May 4-25, 10:15 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.

Sesame Street Storytime
Virtual
Mondays, May 1-22, 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.

Pajama Party
Virtual
Mondays, May 1-22, 7 p.m.
Put on your pajamas and enjoy an interactive virtual storytime with a book, songs, games and a craft.

Bubble Playtime
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, May 2, 10:15 a.m.
Help your child with their motor development skills in this interactive bubble class.

Little Chef: Apple Pie Parfait
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.
Discover apple pie in a brand-new way and learn to layer and scoop! Adult participation required.

Alphabet Adventures
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, May 2, 11 a.m.
Learn the alphabet with exciting stories and fun activities.

Discover America: Florida
Virtual
Wednesday, May 3, 11 a.m.
Travel with us on a virtual road trip across America. Preschoolers will learn about a different state each week through educational activities, stories and crafts.

Countdown to Kindergarten
North Orange Branch
Thursdays, May 4-25, 11 a.m.
Start your engines! Engage in transportation-themed stories, rhymes and activities to strengthen fine and gross motor skills needed for writing and success in kindergarten. Recommended for ages 4-5.

Fairy Tale Fun: Imagine You're a Mythical Creature
South Trail Branch
Thursday, May 4, 3:30 p.m.
From mermaids in the sea, to fairies in the garden and dragons in the sky your little ones can be anything they want to be during this interactive storytime.

Little Artist
North Orange Branch
Friday, May 5, 11 a.m.
Get creative with arts and crafts! Preschoolers will enjoy age-appropriate stories and crafts.

Little Readers
Virtual
Saturdays, May 6 & 20, 10 a.m.
Start your child's reading journey with engaging activities focused on phonics and sight words. Emergent readers should be able to recognize all alphabetical letters. Recommended for ages 4-6.

Mama Had a Little Lamb
Southeast Branch
Monday, May 8, 10:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, May 9, 11 a.m.
Everywhere that mama went, her lamb was sure to go. Join us for an event that is sure to entertain the little lambs and celebrate their mamas.

Stories & Stretches
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.
Wiggle and stretch to stories, songs and rhymes focusing on motor development.

Cuéntame un Cuento
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, May 9, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, May 10, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, May 11, 4 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, May 22, 10:15 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesdays, May 2 & 16, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, May 23, 11 a.m.
Cuéntame un Cuento is an interactive bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish that are suitable for speakers of either language.

Zoo Zen
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, May 9, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, May 2, 11 a.m.
It's time for an introduction to yoga with zoo animals and friends! Learn fun movements as you go on a wild and magical journey full of movement and stories.

Star Wars Storytime
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, May 9, 11 a.m.
Younglings and Padawans are invited to listen to galactic tales and make a Jedi craft from a galaxy far, far away. Registration required.

Discover America: Maine
Virtual
Wednesday, May 10, 11 a.m.
Travel with us on a virtual road trip across America. Preschoolers will learn about a different state each week through educational activities, stories and crafts.

Little Chef: Panqueques for Breakfast
Virtual
Thursday, May 11, 11 a.m.
Rise and shine! Put on your apron, hold on to your whisk and grab your caregiver - we are going to mix and flip a tasty pancake dish. Caregiver participation is required.

Peter Pan Storytime
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, May 16, 11 a.m.
Fly into the library for stories, activities and crafts based on Peter Pan and his Neverland friends. Registration required.

Rough Tough Trucks
Virtual
Tuesday, May 16, 11 a.m.
Beep beep! Vroom vroom! Let's zoom together to the world of rough and tough trucks with songs, stories and crafts.

It's All Groovy
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, May 17, 10:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, May 23, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, May 30, 11 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, May 31, 11 a.m.
Who's the cool cat on the street? Learn basic concepts with sing-along stories and activities inspired by Pete the Cat. Come dressed with your groovy buttons for a good time!

Discover America: Kentucky
Virtual
Wednesday, May 17, 11 a.m.
Travel with us on a virtual road trip across America. Preschoolers will learn about a different state each week through educational activities, stories and crafts.

Fun Yoga Flow for Kids
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 17, 11 a.m.
Children can strengthen their bodies and minds by practicing yoga through songs, games, breathing techniques and meditation. Learn with Ms. Sophia in Kidding Around Yoga.

Little Chef: No Bake Cinnamon Rolls
North Orange Branch
Friday, May 19, 11 a.m.
Roll on in and make no-bake cinnamon rolls with us!

Arabic Storytime
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, May 21, 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. Recommended for ages 3-6.

Cinderella Storytime
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, May 23, 11 a.m.
Grab your glass slipper and enjoy fun stories, songs and crafts inspired by Cinderella. Registration required.

Discover America: Idaho
Virtual
Wednesday, May 24, 11 a.m.
Preschoolers will celebrate friends and family in their neighborhood through stories and activities that promote early literacy.

M is for Memorial Day
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, May 24, 11 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, May 30, 11 a.m.
Celebrate Memorial Day with stories and rhythms. Take part in an indoor parade to honor our heroes for all they did for our country.

Little Chef: Edible Art
Virtual
Thursday, May 25, 11 a.m.
Mix, squeeze and paint! Turn the sweet treat of your choice into delicious art with this colorful, edible recipe. Adult participation is required.

Little Chef: Mug Cakes
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.
Serve up a delicious mini cake made in the microwave! Adult participation is required.

SmARTies Junior
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.
In this series we will explore artists and their styles. We will also create our own masterpieces inspired by their work.

Discover America: Texas
Virtual
Wednesday, May 31, 11 a.m.
Travel with us on a virtual road trip across America. Preschoolers will learn about a different state each week through educational activities, stories and crafts.



STORYTIMES

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TINY TALES
(ages 0-18 months)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 11:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 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 18-36 months)

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.
Winter Garden Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.

STORYBOOK FUN
(ages 3-5)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks 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)

Fairview Shores Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
Hiwassee 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

Hiwassee 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.

KICK-OFF SUMMER WITH KATIE NGUYEN

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m.

Kick off the summer with PBS *Mega Wow* star, Katie Nguyen for some science, some fun and some laughs as she experiments live with color! This interactive show for all ages explores the science behind color and color mixing – from paint, to light, to spinning wheels you can make at home. What better way to kick off the summer than boldly and in color?



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All Together Now

June 3 - July 29

In-person and virtual events for kids of all ages
Fun - Educational - Free

SCAN ME!

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Read to Sydney
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, May 1, 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.

Brain Games
Fairview Shores Branch
Mondays, May 1-29, 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, May 2-30, 4:30 p.m.
Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary through games and activities while having fun.

Snack Around the World: Brazil
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, May 3, 4 p.m.
Treat yourself to tasty snacks from a land far away! Each month we'll learn about a different culture and sample the yummiest snacks it has to offer. Registration required.

Star Wars Rock Painting
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 3, 4 p.m.
Whether you're a Sith or a Jedi, use the force of your creativity and paint a Star Wars themed rock. Registration required.

Appreciation Stations for Teachers and School Personnel!
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, May 3, 4 p.m.
Show your appreciation for teachers and anyone at your school you may be thankful for with craft and activity stations full of kindness!

Southwest LEGO Club
Southwest Branch
Wednesdays, May 3-31, 4 p.m.
The LEGO Club invites you to come use your imaginations to build! Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you.

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

Star Wars Origami Bookmarks
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, May 4, 4 p.m.
May the Fourth be with you! Celebrate Star Wars Day and fold your own origami bookmarks inspired by iconic Star Wars characters. Recommended for ages 9-12.

Book Buddies
Virtual
Thursdays, May 4-25, 5 p.m.
Drop in and practice your reading skills with a teen volunteer buddy. Recommended for ages 5-8.

LEGO One Scoop
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, May 6, 1:30 p.m.
Create greatness with one single scoop! The challenge is on so let's see what you can build. Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you. Registration required.

Jack Needs a Parachute
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, May 8, 4:30 p.m.
Jack is back up the beanstalk and needs your STEAM skills to construct the fastest parachute for him to escape.

Frank Epperson & the Popsicle: A Century of Chill
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, May 10, 2:30 p.m.
Experiment with Frank Epperson, the inventor of the popsicle, to understand the fun and scientific origins of this frozen treat. Recommended for ages 9-12.

May Crafternoon
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 10, 4 p.m.
You don't have to be from a galaxy far, far away to make a cool Star Wars keychain out of Shrinky-Dinks! Registration required for each child. Recommended for ages 6-8.

Plaster Fun: Mother's Day Ceramics
Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, May 11, 4:30-6 p.m.
Make a Mother's Day gift for Mom or for someone else who is special in your life. Show them how much you appreciate them with a cute plaster of paris sculpture.

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs
South Trail Branch
Saturday, May 13, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, May 20, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Saturday, May 27, 10:30 a.m.
Children can improve their reading skills by reading to a therapy dog with Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida. Practice with a furry friend and build your confidence.

Moon Myths
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, May 17, 3:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, May 17, 4 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, May 17, 4 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m.
Do you feel different when there's a full moon? Do you think it could be made of cheese? Find out what else people across the world believe about the moon.

Happy Habitats
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 17, 4 p.m.
Learn about habitats, plants and animals through books and crafts. This month we're learning about grasslands. Registration required. Recommended for ages 6-8.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club
End of Book Party
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Wednesday, May 17, 4 p.m.
Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club is celebrating the completion of their latest book *Measuring Up* by Lily LaMotte! Recommended for ages 8-12.

Fuel, Fun, Fitness
South Trail Branch
Thursday, May 18, 4 p.m.
What are the best foods to eat to fuel your body before a fun workout? Get ready, eat a snack and get active!

Passport to Brazil
Virtual
Thursday, May 18, 4 p.m.
Learn about the lives of kids around the world through hands-on activities.

One Hundred Years of Picture Books
Southeast Branch
Friday, May 19, 4 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, May 31, 3:30 p.m.
Travel back in time through picture books. We will share stories from the past 100 years and children will become picture book illustrators. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Crafternoons
South Trail Branch
Monday, May 22, 4:30 p.m.
Get ready for an hour of crafting fun with friends!

Make a Puppet!
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 24, 4 p.m.
Celebrate Kermit the Frog's birthday, and the founding of the Muppets, by making your own fabric puppet! Recommended for ages 9-12. Registration required, materials limited.

Magic Tree House Expeditions
Virtual
Tuesday, May 23, 4:30 p.m.
Jack and Annie need your help with their latest voyage in the Magic Tree House. If you love their adventures, now is your chance to be part of their travels through time. Recommended for ages 6-8.

17th Century Life in America
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, May 24, 4 p.m.
Travel back in time and find out what life was like for people living in America in the 1600s. Registration required.

Fairy House Night Lights
Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, May 25, 4:30 p.m.
Turn empty plastic water bottles and felt into adorable little fairy house night lights. Recommended for ages 7 and up.

LEGO Club
South Creek Branch
Saturday, May 27, 11 a.m.
Expand your creativity and imagination with LEGO! Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you.

The 100 Word Challenge
South Creek Branch
Saturday, May 27, 2 p.m.
Connect and collaborate with others through games and competitions, while showcasing your storytelling skills at the celebration of the century! Registration required. Recommended for ages 9-12.

READING PAWS

Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, May 13, 11:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, May 27, 11 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, May 27, 11:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, May 27, 11:30 a.m.
Virtual
Saturday, May 13, 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.



MODERN PARENTING

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CAREGIVER CONNECT: STAY AND PLAY

Fairview Shores Branch
Mondays, May 1–22, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Mondays, May 1–22, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursdays, May 4–25, 11:45 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesdays, May 3–31, 11:35 a.m.
Fridays, May 5–26, 11:35 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Mondays, May 8 & 22, 11 a.m.
Connect with other caregivers to meet and mingle while your little one explores imaginary play with new and old friends. Recommended for ages 0–5.



HOMESCHOOL

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HOMESCHOOL JR. – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Virtual
Wednesday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.
Kick start your child's education! Listen to stories and engage in activities about basic concepts. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Homeschool Meetup
Southwest Branch
Mondays, May 1–15, 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 Teen Board Game Meetup
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, May 11, 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 11–18.

Homeschool: Art Expressions
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, May 11, 2 p.m.
Be creative as you learn various art techniques. Recommended for ages 6–12. Registration required.

Homeschool Explorers
North Orange Branch
Thursday, May 18, 2:30 p.m.
Explore art and stories while meeting new friends. Support your child's homeschool curriculum with crafts and stories from around the world.

Homeschool Meetup: Cuisine Corner Jr.
Southwest Branch
Monday, May 22, 1 p.m.
What did people eat 100 years ago? Celebrate the library's 100th birthday by making a tasty recipe that is just as old! Recommended for families with children ages 6–8.

Homeschool: French
Virtual
Tuesday, May 23, 2 p.m.
Develop your French skills with us! In this French class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool: Reading Rangers
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, May 25, 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 *Meet Yasmin!* by Saadia Faruqi. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Caregiver Coffee and a Craft
Southeast Branch
Monday, May 1, 11 a.m.
Connect with other caregivers while sipping a hot beverage and making a craft. Your child will explore play with friends.

Every Child Ready to Read Caregiver Workshop
Southeast Branch
Monday, May 15, 11 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 who care for children ages 0–5.

Family Zumba
Virtual
Saturday, May 20, 10 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.

Eatonville Weekend Wellness Workshop
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, May 27, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
How do we help our pre-teens and teens handle today's challenges and changes? Join us as we explore best answers to these questions and how to bridge the gap between parents and your teenagers.

TEENS

AGES 13–18
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Middle School Advisory Board Meeting
Virtual
Wednesday, May 3, 4 p.m.
Earn community service by collaborating with your peers to test out new tween and teen programs, brainstorm new teen services and more! Recommended for students in grades 6–8.

Teen Board Game Meetup
West Oaks Branch
Friday, May 5, 4 p.m.
Leave Monopoly at home! Come learn a new board game or revisit some unique favorites. Games and snacks will be provided. Registration required.

Moon Birds
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, May 5, 4:30 p.m.
Learn to make origami birds as we celebrate award winning author, Kelly Barnhill and her book *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*.

Dance Off Party!
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturdays, May 6 & 20, 3 p.m.
Do you love to dance or move around? This program is just for you! We are bringing back the Wii console and Just Dance games. Stop by and have a good time.

DIY Miniature Zen Garden
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, May 19, 4:30 p.m.
Construct a Zen garden from rocks and gravel while exploring the art of abstraction.

Teen Book Club
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, May 21, 1:30 p.m.
Discuss a monthly novel, tell others about your favorite books and meet new people in Teen Book Club!

What's Your Emoji?
South Trail Branch
Thursday, May 25, 4 p.m.
Express yourself emoji style. Get creative with emoji-inspired games and crafts that will release your emotions.

TEEN VOLUNTEERING

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, May 13, 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.

TEEN VOLUNTEERING: ORANGE SLICE

Alafaya Branch
Saturday, May 6, 3–5 p.m.
Earn community service hours by becoming involved in the *Orange Slice*, Alafaya's teen literary and creative arts magazine. Registration required.

TEEN TAKEOVER

Southeast Branch
Wednesday, May 17, 3–5 p.m.
High school students will earn up to two hours of community service by assembling craft kits, testing new projects for future programs and performing other tasks as needed.

Teen Art Adventures: Medieval Stained Glass
West Oaks Branch
Friday, May 26, 4:30 p.m.
Lower the drawbridge, prepare the royal windows! It's time to create stained glass just like in medieval times. Registration required.

Art Club
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, May 27, 3:30 p.m.
Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Registration required.

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.

CLOSURES

Memorial Day

All Locations:
Sunday & Monday, May 28 & 29

Día de los caídos

Todos las localidades:
el domingo y lunes, 28 y 29 de mayo



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