

JULY 2023

100 YEARS

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



BOOKS BY MAIL
"a library in your mailbox"

100 YEAR CELEBRATION:
A LOOK AT OCLS IN THE

1970s

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BOOKS & BEYOND

COMING SOON

TELL YOUR FRIENDS YOU'RE BOOKED THIS FALL.

Check back soon for exciting news about our upcoming author events.

WAIVE FINES
goodbye

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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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.
Fairview Shores Branch
902 Lee Road, Suite 26
Orlando, FL 32810

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

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

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

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Crockett Bohannon
Vice President Nicole Benjamin
Lizannette Tam
Sharon Smoley

Next Board of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, July 13, 6 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Melissa Stillman
Vice President Erica Lee
Treasurer Irene McNutt
Secretary Almeda Sun

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Next Friends of the Library Board of Directors Meeting:

Virtual
Wednesday, July 19, Noon



FROM THE DIRECTOR |

This year, the library's home delivery service turns 50 years old. It was launched in 1973 by former Library Director Glenn Miller, who was looking for a way to make library service more accessible for people in the county. The library had a bookmobile, but it was aging and the county was growing – it just wasn't enough to meet the demand for library materials in places where there wasn't a physical location. He took a chance on introducing an innovative new service that made people's lives a little bit easier. You can read more about how the service came to be on page 19.

Today, home delivery is one of our most popular (and commented upon) services. Every month, we deliver more than 30,000 packages to doorsteps around the county. Since January of this year, we've sent more than 166,000 packages via home delivery, and in May, we had one of our biggest months of the year so far – more than 37,000 items were delivered to homes across Orange County.

During the pandemic, home delivery was a lifesaver for so many people. We received so many comments from customers grateful that this service helped them stay connected.

"The delivery service has been a big help to my family," one customer wrote to us. "It has made it so easy to request books and other materials ... since the pandemic, my kids have read 113 books. That is a giant number and wouldn't have been possible without Orange County Library System."

Even after the pandemic restrictions have come to an end, we still receive comments, donations and thank-you notes from those who appreciate the service.

"I gave up my car. I'm 84 years old and live at Orlando Lutheran Towers," someone shared with us. "Your home delivery is a blessing."

"Your home delivery is a wonderful service," another wrote in a note along with a donation. "Thank you to everyone that makes it happen, especially my driver who is often here before we wake up."

While home delivery has gone a long way toward making sure that people have access to library materials, we're at a point once again where the growth of the county is making it critical that we take a closer look at how we serve people. Public transportation can be a challenge to use in many parts of the county, making it difficult (or impossible) for some customers to get to one of our branches. As we celebrate 100 years of service in 2023, I'm grateful that we are in a place where we can plan for the future – one in which we have the support to begin construction of two new branches, the chance to increase our ability to bring programming into the community through the work of our new Community Engagement Department, and the partnerships that are making it possible to extend our reach to the people who need it most.

It's an exciting time to be leading the library – I hope that in another 100 years, when Orange County Library System is celebrating its 200th birthday, library staff will look back at the work we're doing now and reflect on the impact it had on how we do business.



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Steve Powell
Library Director/CEO
Orange County Library System

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50%
off

BOOK SALE

Sales take place in the Friends Bookstore, located on the third floor of the Orlando Public Library. While the Friends Bookstore is open seven days a week, book sale weekends are held four times a year, and on these weekends the entire Friends Bookstore is half off! Come shop our large selection of gently used books, DVDs, music CDs, collectible items and more and enjoy 50% off all marked prices on these weekends!

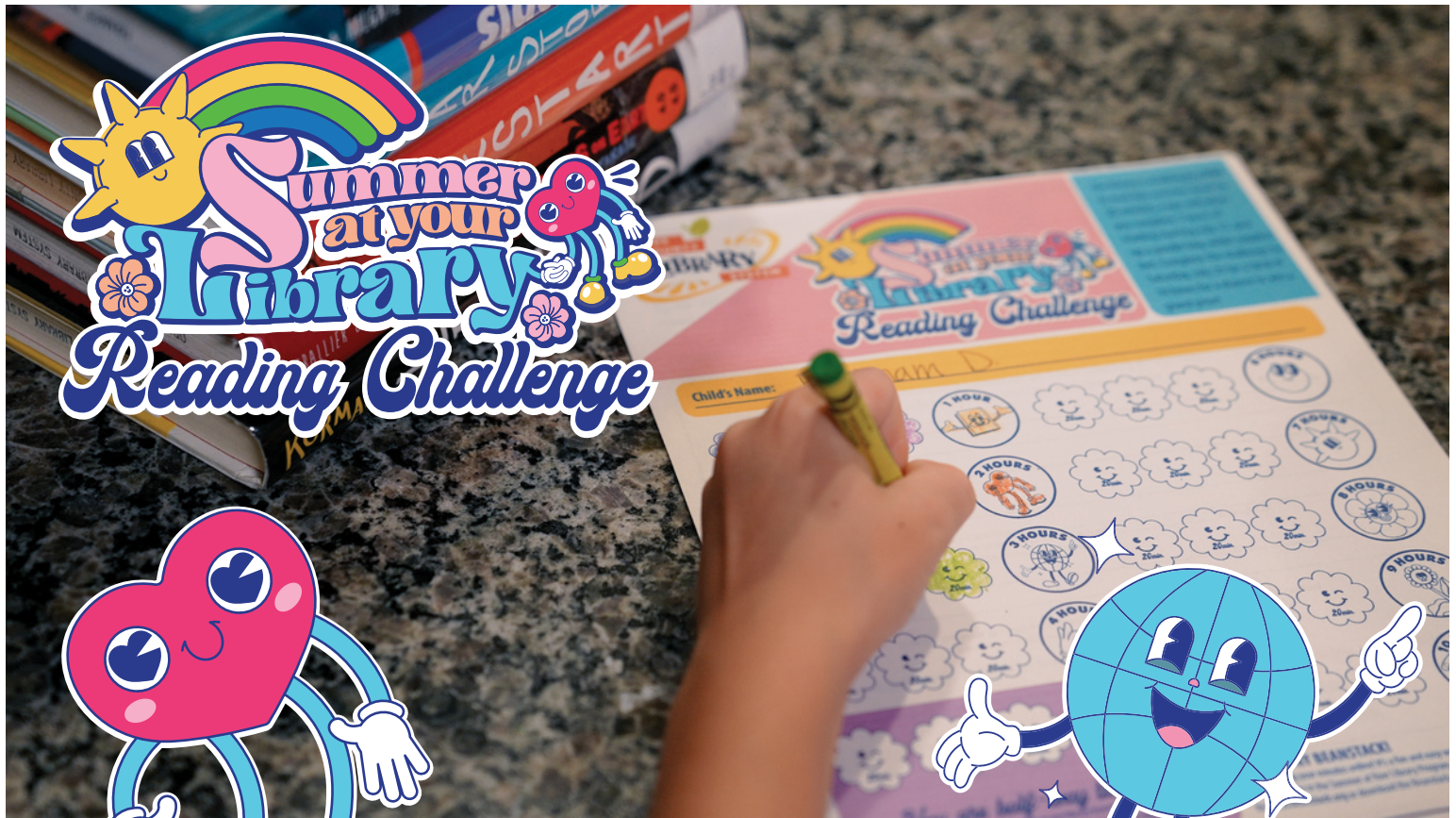
Thursday–Sunday, July 27–30

Thursday Friends Member Preview: 4–6 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday: 1:30–5 p.m.





Ready, Set, Read!

The library is challenging YOU to read this summer. Read for 20 minutes a day and when you complete 5 hours of reading, pick up a goodie bag (while supplies last) starting Saturday, July 15. Complete a total of 10 hours by Saturday, July 29 for a chance to win a grand prize! Reading trackers are available at all library locations or visit ocls.info/summer to print your own.

Try Beanstack!

You may also log your minutes online! It's a fun and easy way to participate in Summer at Your Library. Visit ocls.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app.



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THUYỀN MÂY PRODUCTIONS DANCE PERFORMANCE

Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, July 22, Noon

Experience Vietnamese culture through dance. Thuyền Mây Productions is a non-profit organization that engages people by presenting Vietnamese and multi-cultural dances, entertainment, education and beyond.

Adult Game Time

Windermere Branch

Saturday, July 1–22, 3 p.m.

Get your game on! Spend a fun afternoon playing games and meeting new friends. From party games to classic cards, on a team or on your own, enjoy seeing how the dice roll. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Puzzle Swap

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, July 1, 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.

Art 101: Harlem Renaissance

West Oaks Branch

Sunday, July 2, 3 p.m.

Learn about the Harlem Renaissance and create a tissue paper art piece inspired by Harlem Renaissance muralist, Aaron Douglas. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Tea Social Hour

North Orange Branch

Wednesdays, July 5 & 19, 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.

Efficient Irrigation

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, July 5, 5:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, July 26, 5:30 p.m.

Learn how to adjust an irrigation timer. Make your irrigation system more efficient with a functioning rain sensor and by using drip- and micro-irrigation. Each household will receive a rain gauge.

Plant Clinic

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, July 8,

10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, July 13,

11:30 a.m.–1:30 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.

Drawing 101

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, July 8, 3:30 p.m.

Learn drawing techniques and participate in guided activities each month! Recommended for ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Altered Books Workshop

West Oaks Branch

Sunday, July 9, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Junk journal, scrapbook, diary? Bring your imagination and join us to discover the possibilities of altered books at this monthly workshop. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Registration required.

All-Levels Yoga

Virtual

Monday, July 10, 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.

Southwest Film Club

Virtual

Tuesday, July 11, 7–8:30 p.m.

The Southwest Film Club discusses the themes and importance of a different movie each month. All films are available for free on Kanopy.

Beginner Line Dancing

Southwest Branch

Saturday, July 15, 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.

Dungeons & Dragons

at the Library!

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, July 15, 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.



**CUISINE CORNER:
GREEN PAPAYA SALAD**
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m.
 With culinary expert Ha Roda's guidance, we will discover the perfect balance of flavors that make green papaya salad. This popular Southeast Asian dish is refreshing and flavorful.

Podcast Listening Club
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd.,
Orlando, FL 32819
Monday, July 17, 6:30–7:45 p.m.
 Join us to discuss themed podcasts while relaxing at Foxtail Coffee Co. within the Dr. Phillips YMCA. Like a book club, but instead we discuss informative and interesting podcasts. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Introduction to Independent Film Making
Virtual
Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m.
 Do you want to try making your own film but you're not quite sure how? Telly Award-winning director, writer and actress Jennie Jarvis will discuss what it takes to get an indie film made.

Yoga for Improved Sleep
Virtual
Thursday, July 20, 7 p.m.
 This all-levels yoga class focuses on a relaxing yoga sequence for a better night's sleep. Tap into the balance and relaxation that your body can provide you.

Paper Possibilities
Virtual
Friday, July 21, 10:30–11:45 a.m.
 Imagine the possibilities: paper structures are not only fun to make, but can be customized to display art, write stories and more. This month we're featuring the heart accent folded gift box.

Sketching 101
Virtual
Friday, July 21, 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.

Chair Yoga
Virtual
Monday, July 24, 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.

ASK A LAWYER
Virtual
Tuesday, July 25, 5:30–7 p.m.
 The Orange County Bar Association will provide an open forum for individuals to speak with a panel of attorneys to get guidance on estate planning, wills and probate.

The Art of Telling a Story With Power2Improv
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, July 30, 3–5 p.m.
 Use the art of storytelling through physicality and collaboration with your fellow players. You will also learn how to interview an audience member to get their story to use on stage.

Healthy Relationships: Understanding Abuse & Resources
Virtual
Monday, July 31, 11 a.m.
 Identify the characteristics of healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationships through interactive scenarios in part two of Victim Service Center of Central Florida's Healthy Relationships series. Recommended for ages 18 and up.





BESTIE WINE GLASSES

Southwest Branch

Friday, July 7, 2–3:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Saturday, July 8, 3:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Wednesday, July 12, 5:30 p.m.

Bring your bestie and decorate matching wine glasses for the perfect best friend's craft night.

ADULT SUMMER AT YOUR LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE 2023

ocls.beanstack.org

June 3–July 29

Summer and OCLS are better together! OCLS cardholders, ages 18 and up, can participate in the 2023 Summer at Your Library for Adults program online by registering through Beanstack. Log the books you read, write book reviews and participate in challenges to earn digital badges and a chance to win prizes.



Mason Jar Macramé

Hiawassee Branch

Saturday, July 1, 2:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, July 5, 5 p.m.

Summer evenings are made to be spent outdoors with friends. Beautify your garden, backyard or front door with these macramé Mason jars.

Watercolor Techniques

Southeast Branch

Saturday, July 1, 4 p.m.

Learn how to use everyday materials to create amazing watercolor backgrounds.

DIY Friendship Bracelets

South Creek Branch

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

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, July 13, 5:30 p.m.

Create distinctive bracelets as unique as your friendships. Spend time with your friends making cute bracelets and memories or design a gift for your BFF.

Yoga for Adults

North Orange Branch

Thursday, July 6–27, 2:30 p.m.

Yoga is for everyone: male and female; young and elderly; non-flexible and active! Attendees are encouraged to dress in comfortable clothing and bring their own mat. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Flower Power Resin Charm

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Saturday, July 15, 3 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Saturday, July 15, 3 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Sunday, July 16, 2 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Friday, July 21, 3 & 4:30 p.m.

Create a one-of-a-kind flower UV resin pendant. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Best-Tea Mugs

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, July 15, 12:30 p.m.

Bring your bestie and decorate your very own friendship mugs.

Bestie Bags

Hiawassee Branch

Saturday, July 15, 2:30 p.m.

Bring your bestie and decorate your very own earth-friendly shopping tote.

DIY Epoxy Resin Jewelry

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 3–5 p.m.

Create one-of-a-kind jewelry using resin. A great gift for your loved ones and perfect for any occasion.

Grow Together

Flower Artwork

Orlando Public Library,

Albertson Room

Thursday, July 27, 5:30 p.m.

Express yourself by creating a one-of-a-kind work of art using paint and buttons.

CUISINE CORNER

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MEDITERRANEAN SUMMER COOKING

Virtual

Monday, July 17, 6:30 p.m.

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she teaches how to make Greek kabobs loaded with summer vegetables and a chicken Greek salad with a Greek yogurt sauce.

No-Cook Meal

Virtual

Wednesday, July 19, 6 p.m.

Give your stove a break with these tasty no-cook dishes. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show us how to make easy no-cook meals.

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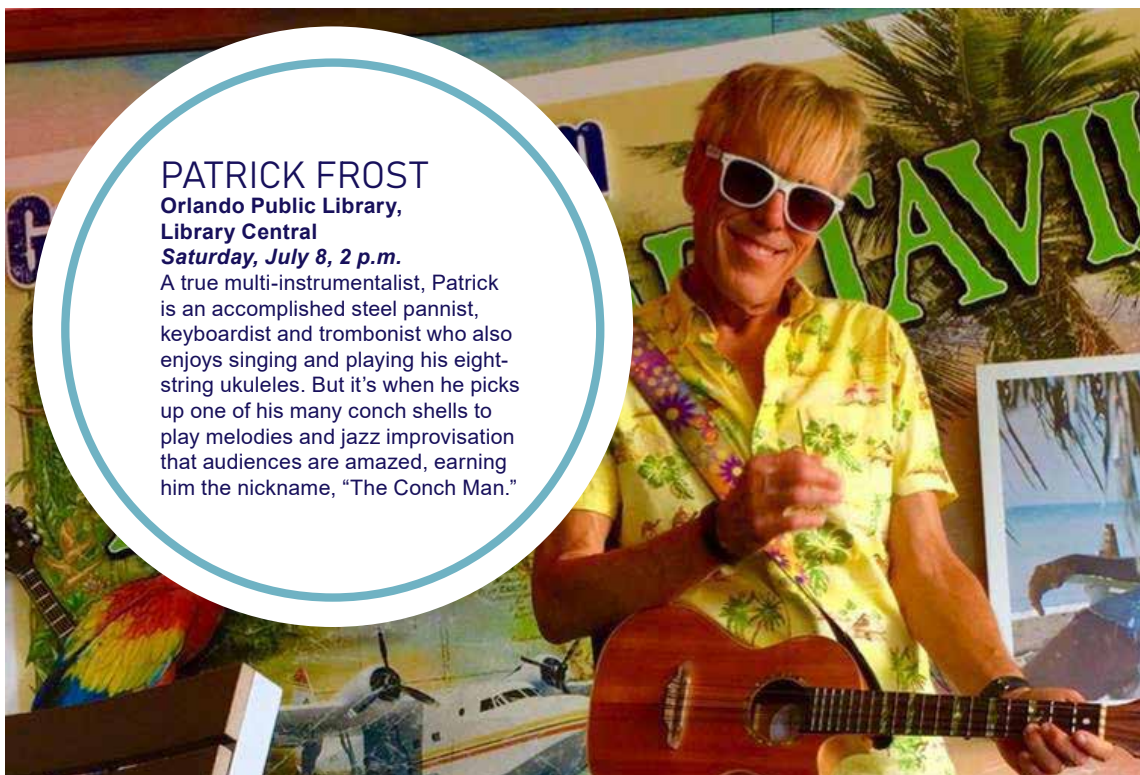
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PATRICK FROST

Orlando Public Library,
Library Central

Saturday, July 8, 2 p.m.

A true multi-instrumentalist, Patrick is an accomplished steel pannist, keyboardist and trombonist who also enjoys singing and playing his eight-string ukuleles. But it's when he picks up one of his many conch shells to play melodies and jazz improvisation that audiences are amazed, earning him the nickname, "The Conch Man."



Chrysalis Chamber Players Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m.

Flutist Meghan Brachle and pianist Catherine Lan will perform a program ranging from the Baroque to the Impressionist era, featuring works by American composers to identify, develop and promote American culture. Formed in 2011, the Chrysalis Chamber Players is a non-profit chamber music ensemble, committed to performing a kaleidoscope of high-caliber chamber music.

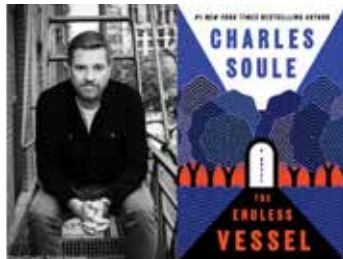
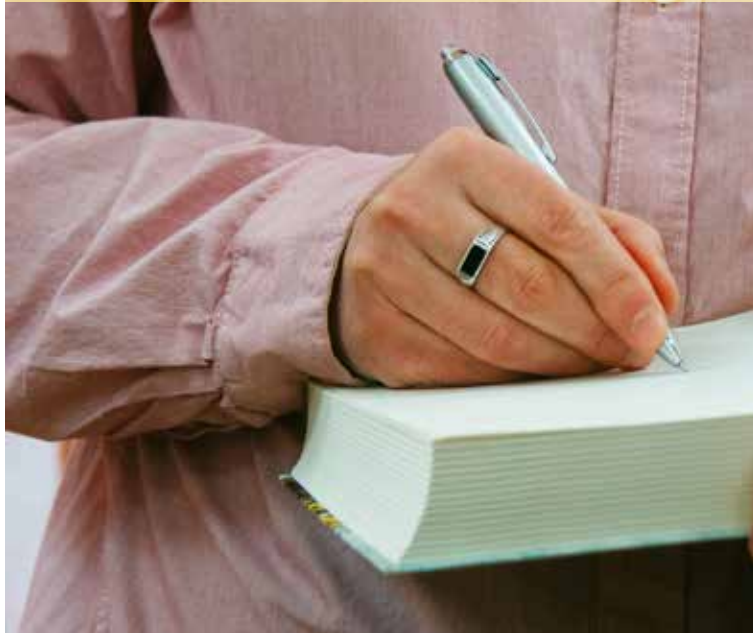
MEET THE AUTHOR

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LOCAL AUTHOR FESTIVAL

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, July 23, 2–4 p.m.

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



Author Talk With Charles Soule

Virtual
Saturday, July 15, 2 p.m.

Join us for a chat with *New York Times* bestselling author Charles Soule as he talks about his newest book, *The Endless Vessel*, which explores the way we're all connected.



Author Talk With Ethan Kross

Virtual
Thursday, July 20, 1 p.m.

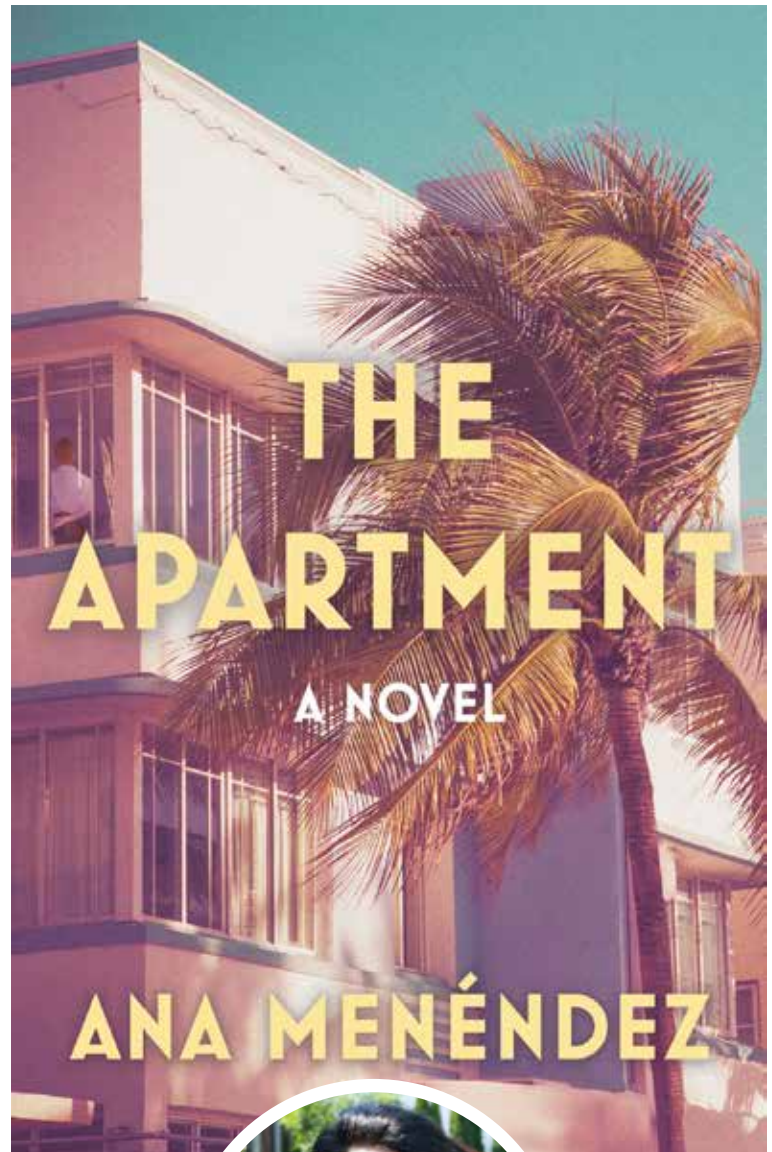
Join us for an hour-long conversation with bestselling author Ethan Kross, who will discuss his book *Chatter: The Voice in Our Head, Why It Matters, and How to Harness It*.



Author Talk With Erika L. Sánchez

Virtual
Tuesday, July 25, 4 p.m.

Join us as we chat with award-winning writer Erika Sánchez about her utterly original, moving and disarmingly funny memoir-in-essays *Crying in the Bathroom*.



MEET THE AUTHOR: ANA MENÉNDEZ

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 6 p.m.

Ana Menéndez has published five books of fiction including *In Cuba I Was a German Shepherd*. Ana will read from her new novel, *The Apartment*, and discuss her writing and career in a Q&A session. A limited number of books will be available for purchase through the Friends of the Orange County Library System.

WRITERS CORNER

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WRITING A TV PILOT

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturday, July 22, 3 p.m.

Want to be a writer for television? Telly Award-winning director, writer and actress Jennie Jarvis will discuss how to write a TV pilot that you can pitch to networks.

World Building for Speculative Fiction Virtual

Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m.

Award-winning author E.J. Wenstrom will share approaches on how to create a fictional world and share it on the page, as well as lessons learned about how to track important details while you draft.

Writing Workshop: Novel Technology Virtual

Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m.

Author Alli Martin will demonstrate apps, programs and tools to make novel writing easier. This walk-through includes tips for Word and Google Docs to master your process with the tools you already have.

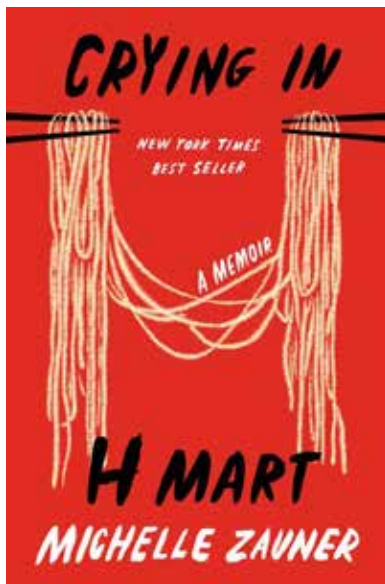
OCLS Writer's Group Virtual

Sunday, July 16, 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.

BOOK CLUBS

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SOUTHWEST BOOK CLUB

Southwest Branch
Friday, July 21, 2–3:30 p.m.
Virtual

Tuesday, July 25, 7–8:45 p.m.
Discuss *Crying at H Mart: A Memoir* by Michelle Zauner, which explores the author's experiences growing up Korean American. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.



Y Read:

Book Read Aloud and Discussion

Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819
Saturdays, July 1–29, 2–3:30 p.m.

Experience the joy and camaraderie of reading a book aloud with others at Y Read Book Club, hosted by the Dr. P. Phillips YMCA and Southwest Branch. Meetings will be held in the Dr. P. Phillips YMCA Conference Room. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Southeast Book Club

Southeast Branch
Monday, July 10, 3 p.m.

Virtual

Monday, July 10, 7 p.m.

Join the Southeast Book Club to discuss a book of your choice.

Alafaya Book Club

Virtual

Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m.

The Alafaya Book Club's July selection is *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes.

Hiawassee Book Club

Virtual

Monday, July 17, 7–8:30 p.m.

In July the Hiawassee Book Club will discuss *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline.



MASTERING GENEALOGICAL PROOF STUDY GROUP

Virtual

Thursdays, July 13–27, Noon

Join us for our Mastering Genealogical Proof study group focusing on genealogical methods and reasoning.



Genealogy In The States: Mississippi

Virtual

Thursday, July 6, Noon

Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Mississippi. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Global Genealogy: Poland

Virtual

Tuesday, July 11, 1 p.m.

Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors. This session focuses on Poland.

Genealogy In The States: California

Virtual

Tuesday, July 18, 1 p.m.

Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in California. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Genealogy In The States: Michigan

Virtual

Tuesday, July 25, 1 p.m.

Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Michigan. Discover what records are available and how to use them.



Genetic Genealogy Foundations Series

Virtual

Wednesdays, July 5–26, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about DNA testing and the different types of tests on the market available to help you with your genealogy research.

Sunday Morning Genealogy

Virtual

Sunday, July 16, 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.

NEXT CHAPTER

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KEEPING SENIORS IN THE KNOW ABOUT DOWNSIZING

Smarter Senior Seminar Series Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.

What do I do with all of my stuff? If you are thinking about decluttering, come learn the best practices to minimize your stress level. Space is limited. Registration required.

Adult Karaoke Night Fairview Shores Branch

Thursdays, July 6 & 20, 5:30 p.m.

Bring on the night by singing! Come on in and sing your way through the karaoke night!

Medicare Help Desk South Trail Branch

Monday, July 17, 1–3 p.m.

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

What is Dementia-Friendly Dining? LIFE Information for Elders

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Thursday, July 20, 12:10 p.m.

Join Dennis Dulniak, founder of Central Florida's Dementia-friendly Dining, as he discusses key criteria among dining establishments for a separate dining area and a more peaceful dining experience. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446. Seating is limited. Registration required.

Eatonville Weekend Wellness Workshop Eatonville Branch

Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Taking care of yourself helps you be more present to take care of those around you. This workshop will help you implement skills for self-care that can be done within minutes.

JOBSEEKERS

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LEVEL UP ORANGE NEIGHBORHOOD NAVIGATORS

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, July 5, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, July 13, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 1–3 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Thursday, July 27, 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.



Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, July 25, 2:30 p.m.

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

CFEC
Central Florida Employment Council
A Division of Central Florida Employment and Business Center

CENTRAL FLORIDA EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

JOB FAIR

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

JULY 12, 2023

Indoor event: 12-4 PM
Orlando Fairgrounds - 4603 W Colonial Dr.
Dress interview ready; bring resume copies.
Entry, intermediate, and experienced jobs.

WWW.CFEC.ORG/JOB-FAIRS

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

ENGLISH FROM ZERO

Chickasaw Branch
Saturdays, July 1 & 15, 10:30–11:45 a.m.

Alafaya Branch
Saturday, July 1, 10:30 a.m.

South Trail Branch
Wednesdays, July 5–26, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Fridays, July 7–28, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Southeast Branch
Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 26, 2:30 p.m.
Thursdays, July 6–27, 5 p.m.

Windermere Branch
Tuesdays, July 11–25, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, July 5–26, 3:30 p.m.
Thursdays, July 6–27, 4:45–6:15 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
Thursdays, July 6–27, 12:30–1:45 p.m.
Fridays, July 7 & 21, 12:30–1:45 p.m.

West Orange Branch
Thursdays, July 6–27, 4:30–6 p.m.

North Orange Branch
Fridays, July 7–28, 4:30–5:45 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, July 11–25, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, July 15–29, 10:30 a.m.

Virtual
Mondays, July 3–31, 3 p.m.
Wednesdays, July 5–26, 3–4:30 p.m.
Thursdays, July 6–27, 12:30 & 6 p.m.
Mondays, July 10–31, 6:45 p.m.
Tuesdays, July 11–25, 3:30 p.m.

Designed for beginning English learners, each workshop has a specific target vocabulary, grammar structure and conversation practices based on specific topics.

English Conversation Hour
Southeast Branch
Saturdays, July 1 & 15, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, July 5, 12 & 26, 4 p.m.
Fridays, July 7 & 21, 11:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, July 1, 15, 22 & 29, Noon

South Trail Branch
Fridays, July 7–28, 2 p.m.

Windermere Branch
Fridays, July 7–28, 3:30 p.m.

Virtual
Mondays, July 3–24, 4:15 p.m.
Wednesdays, July 5–26, Noon
Thursdays, July 6–27, 2 p.m.
Tuesdays, July 11–25, 6 p.m.

Practice your English speaking skills. Each session will have specific topics for discussion. All proficiency levels are welcome!

Speaking Clearly Advanced
Virtual
Mondays, July 3–31, 10:30 a.m.

This course is designed for students who want to improve their speaking and presentation skills.

Creole Connect
South Trail Branch
Mondays, July 3–31, 4–5:15 p.m.

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English For Families
Chickasaw Branch
Mondays, July 3–31, 5:15–6:45 p.m.

South Trail Branch
Thursdays, July 6–27, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

English for Families is a series of interactive classes for parents and children ages 6–12. The program focuses on developing English vocabulary and literacy skills through strategic and fun story reading.

Practice Makes Perfect
Chickasaw Branch
Thursdays, July 6–27, 2–3:30 p.m.

Practice Makes Perfect are English conversation classes led by Adult Literacy League volunteers.

Speaking Clearly Beginners
Southeast Branch
Fridays, July 7 & 21, 10:30 a.m.
Saturdays, July 1 & 15, 10:30 a.m.

Virtual
Fridays, July 7 & 21, 2:30 p.m.
Saturdays, July 1 & 15, 2:30 p.m.

This class for beginners is designed to introduce learners to the basics of the sounds of English for pronunciation.

Introducción Al Inglés
South Trail Branch
Fridays, July 7–28, 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 Intermediate
Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, July 11–25, 2 p.m.

This pronunciation class for intermediate speakers is designed to introduce learners to the rules of spelling and pronunciation of English words and phrases.

Making Cents: Your Money In English
South Creek Branch
Wednesdays, July 12–26, 4–6 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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South Trail Branch
Monday, July 17, 10:15 a.m.

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LANGUAGE CLASSES

LEARN A LANGUAGE: “THE ORIENTATION”

Southeast Branch
Tuesday, July 25, 11:30 a.m.

Explore different library resources to learn a new language! Find out what classes to take or what programs to use to learn or practice a new language.

Explore diferentes recursos de la biblioteca para aprender un nuevo idioma. Conozca que clases tomar o que programas utilizar para aprender o practicar un nuevo idioma.

“Hola Amigos”
Spanish From Zero For Kids With Ms. Brenda
Virtual
Mondays, July 10–24, 6 p.m.

Basic Spanish for children and families with Ms. Brenda

Play y Practicar!
Windermere Branch
Saturday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.

Vamos a jugar un juego! Learn and practice your Español as you play various games in Spanish! Recommended for ages 9–12.

CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED

[OCLS.INFO/CITIZENSHIP](https://ocls.info/citizenship)

CITIZENSHIP CELEBRATION

South Trail Branch

Saturday, July 8, 2–3:30 p.m.

Celebrate your new American Citizenship with a party! Join your Citizenship Inspired instructor and fellow students for a congratulatory celebration. Light refreshments will be provided.

Citizenship Inspired

Southeast Branch

Saturdays, July 22 & 29, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Virtual

Wednesdays & Thursdays, July 5, 6, 11 & 12, 3–5 p.m.

Thursdays, July 6–27, 3–4:30 p.m.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, July 18, 19, 25 & 26, 3–5 p.m.

During this program, students will meet to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.



FIBER ARTS

OCLS.INFO/FIBERARTS

FAMILY FIBER ARTS

The fiber arts are hobbies that every member of the family can enjoy. Whether it's crochet, loom knitting, macramé, embroidery or sewing, there is something for everyone. Find a family-friendly class at one of our branches or online for everyone to experience!

Let's Embroider 1970s Denim

Virtual
Fridays, July 7 & 14, 4–5:30 p.m.
Decorate your denim in the 1970s tradition with floral embroidery. This project is part of our 100 Year Celebration.

Let's Embroider a Kawaii Cuties

Southwest Branch
Monday–Wednesday, July 10–12, 10:30–11:45 a.m.
Learn how to hand embroider a cute motif. Fabric and notions provided.

LET'S LOOM KNIT FOR TWEENS AND TEENS

Orlando Public Library
Monday–Wednesday, July 17–19, 12:30–2:30 p.m.
Students will learn how to loom knit. Learning this new skill will help students improve their dexterity and fine motor skills, and learn a life-long craft.

Let's Embroider a Plush Felt House

Virtual
Friday, July 21, 4–5:30 p.m.
Have some family fun with felt as you assemble a cute plush house with simple embroidery stitches.

Let's Macramé a Mini Plant Hanger

Southwest Branch
Saturday, July 29, 3 p.m.
Display your plants in style with macramé plant hangers. Learn how to work multiple strands of cord using lark's head, square and gathering knots.



IT'S SEW EASY – SEWING FOR TWEENS AND TEENS

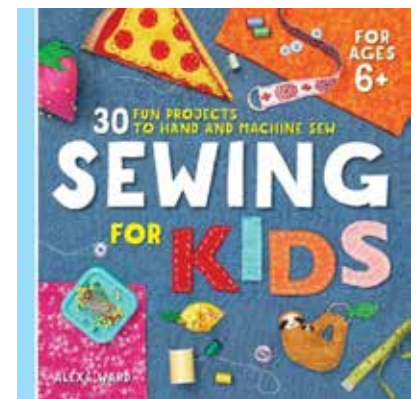
Take the fashion world by storm! We will teach you everything you need to know to start sewing like a pro. Learn to sew your own lounge shorts or tote bags. Fabric and notions provided. Recommended for ages 11–17.

IT'S SEW EASY – PULL-ON SHORTS

Orlando Public Library
Monday–Friday, July 10–14,
10 a.m.–Noon

It's Sew Easy – Tote Bags

Orlando Public Library
Monday–Friday, July 17–21,
10 a.m.–Noon



SEWING FOR KIDS: 30 FUN PROJECTS TO HAND AND MACHINE SEW

by Alexa Ward

From an adorable needle house to an awesome pizza pencil case, there are so many things that can be sewn with just a needle and thread. Packed with beginner techniques for hand and machine sewing, *Sewing for Kids* takes you stitch-by-stitch from threading a needle to making your own fingerless gloves.



3D DESIGN & PRINTING CAMP

South Creek Branch
Tuesday, July 11, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 13, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 15, 3:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday–Friday,
July 26–28, 11:30 a.m.
 Explore the world of 3D design. Build models in 3D using Tinkercad's tools and design your own pendant or bookmark. Learn the process of exporting models to a slicer software for 3D printing. Recommended for ages 10–12.

Logical Quest With the Zoombinis
Windermere Branch
Thursday, July 5, 4:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.
 Guide 16 little blue creatures to safety through a series of logic-based puzzles. Help the Zoombinis across treacherous cliffs, past hungry pizza trolls and up an unclimbable wall. Recommended for ages 10–12.

Code With Sphero indi Cars
South Trail Branch
Thursday, July 6, 11 a.m.
Saturday, July 8, 11 a.m.
Washington Park Branch
Saturday, July 8, 11:15 a.m.
Friday, July 14, 3 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, July 18, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 22, 1:30 p.m.
 Speed into STEM with indi! Help indi cars drive through mazes you design. Learn the basics of coding and computational thinking with indi. Recommended for ages 7–9.

Make a Stop Motion Movie
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, July 12, 11:30 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Monday, July 24, Noon
 Explore the basics of animation while creating your own stop-motion movie! Use the Stop Motion Studio app to bring objects to life, add titles, credits, sound and more. Recommended for ages 10–12.

Let's Code an Ocean AI
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, July 12, 2 p.m.
 Machines can learn just like us! Explore the ocean while learning how machines can see patterns and predict outcomes. Recommended for ages 7–9.

Video Game Design: Role-Playing Games
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, July 12, 3 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. Recommended for ages 7–9.

Nintendo Game Design: Super Mario Maker 2
North Orange Branch
Thursdays, July 13 & 20, 2 p.m.
 Let's-a go! Create custom Super Mario levels with enemies, obstacles and rewards. Challenge classmates to play your game and try to beat their levels. Recommended for ages 10–12.



100 YEAR CELEBRATION

OCLS.INFO/100

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 July, we look back at the 1970s.

ART 101: 1970s PAINTING

Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room
Tuesday, July 18, 5:30 p.m.

Dance over to the library and celebrate the 1970s by creating a disco-themed painting. Each Art 101 event will feature a hands-on activity. Space is limited. Recommended for ages 15 and up. Registration required.



Dancing Through the Decades West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, July 5, 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.

A Decade in Film: 1970s

Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room
Wednesdays, July 5 & 19,
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.

The 100 Word Challenge Southwest Branch

Monday, July 17, 1 p.m.

South Creek Branch
Thursday, July 20, 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.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Century-Old Recipes – Icebox Cakes

North Orange Branch
Tuesday, July 18, 2:30 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 6–8.

OCLS IN THE 1970s

January 1970

There are 77,089 registered library borrowers

November 1970

Clara Wendel retires after 27 years of service, and Glenn Miller becomes the library's third director

May 1971

The Friends of the Library hold their first book sale at Colonial Plaza, raising over \$2,700

July 1972

The Azalea Park Branch moves to a location on East Colonial Drive and renamed Eastland Branch

September 1972

The College Park Branch moves to the Northgate Shopping Center and renamed Northgate Branch

April 1973

The North Orange Branch relocates to larger quarters in the Palm Plaza Shopping Center

November 1973

Orange County Library System celebrates its 50th Anniversary

December 1973

Books-by-mail service begins

September 1974

The Pine Hills Library opens in Silver Pines Shopping Center

September 1975

The City of Orlando contracts with the library for a Municipal Reference Service at City Hall

July 1977

The Washington Shores Branch moves to 927 Goldwyn Ave.

December 1978

The library secures commitment to purchase remaining property between Central Boulevard and Wall Street at a City of Orlando council meeting

May 1979

Bookmobile service is discontinued

September 1979

There are 112,050 registered library borrowers

December 1979

Orange County Commission approves an act to establish a special tax district for library operations and expansion

100 Year Celebration – Loom Pot Holders

Hiwassee Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 4–5:30 p.m.

Use loom knit techniques to create pot holders.

100 Years of Cinema Fairview Shores Branch

Saturday, July 22, 3–5 p.m.

You've found the Golden Ticket! This month, we're watching *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* to celebrate 100 years of cinema with this 1970s classic.

100 Year Celebration Challenge for Adults

ocls.beanstack.org

January 1– December 31

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

THE HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM: HOME DELIVERY

BY JIM MYERS, MELROSE CENTER DEPARTMENT HEAD

The Orange County Library System books-by-mail program was initiated in December 1973. At the time, the library's presence in Orange County consisted of the Orlando Public Library, nine branches and an aging bookmobile. The county population was about 350,000 and development was stretching in all directions. Library Director Glenn Miller wanted to phase out the bookmobile while still providing accessible library service to residents across the county. Books-by-mail was the answer. Mail delivery service was fairly common among public libraries at the time, but these programs were typically available only to customers who were homebound. OCLS books-by-mail made no such distinction. All cardholders could call to request titles, and the library would mail books to patrons' homes at no cost. The library would pay postage, treating the cost of books-by-mail operations as equivalent to the overhead costs for a physical branch.

In 1975, 9,000 books were mailed to patrons. Growth was slow but steady into the 1980s, as Orlando Public Library was expanded and the network of branches began to reach more distant communities. In the late 1980s, the books-by-mail program was given the name MAYL, which stood for Mailbox Access to Your Library. By 1990, MAYL circulation was averaging 18,000 books per month. By 1992 audiovisual items became eligible for home delivery and accounted for 10% of all requests.

The library faced a dilemma in 1994 when the United States Postal Service announced a 70% increase in library book postage rates. In June of that year, the *Orlando Sentinel* ran a story about the impending postal increase, reporting on the library's search for home delivery alternatives. After reading the article, Rick Bennett and Dennis Clay approached OCLS with a proposal. Bennett and Clay, friends with backgrounds as managers in delivery organizations, were confident they

could provide quick delivery, at a competitive cost, with less intensive package preparation for library staff. In early 1995, the library began a trial run with Bennett and Clay's new company, Priority Express Parcel (PEP). It was soon apparent that



PEP provided a superior alternative to the post office in terms of both cost and service. By 2000, PEP was delivering 90% of requests for home delivery of materials. Along the way, the library changed the first word in MAYL so that the acronym stood for Materials Access to Your Library, as mailboxes were decreasingly involved in deliveries.

The OCLS website was introduced in 1998, allowing patrons to request items for home delivery online. That year, just over 2,500 requests were made by patrons via the web. In just two years, the library was receiving more than 15,000 online requests each month. The 2000s were a decade of extraordinary growth for MAYL. Glenn Miller's innovative approach to providing library service in the 1970s proved to be perfectly suited for the emergence of the internet. By 2008, the library was receiving more than 65,000 monthly online home delivery requests, and MAYL deliveries represented nearly 10% of all checked-out items. As MAYL grew, so did the library's relationship with PEP. The company took over inter-branch delivery in the late 1990s, and its service area expanded to ultimately handle 98% of all MAYL deliveries. By 2010, PEP was managing packaging duties for requested items, further streamlining the MAYL process.

In the years that followed, the increasing popularity of downloadable options tempered physical circulation to some degree. Still, MAYL continued to rank at

or near the top in the number of items checked out among physical OCLS locations. The service again proved to be perfectly suited for another societal shift during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. That spring and summer, home deliveries increased 50% over the previous year. In some cases, delivery included needed supplies for customers taking part in online classes. During those challenging times, MAYL connected residents to the library like never before.

It's noteworthy that as OCLS celebrates 100 years, its innovative home delivery service has existed for half of that century. Whether

known as books-by-mail, MAYL or simply home delivery, it has grown in reach and efficiency through the decades while remaining a cost-effective way to provide all residents access to library materials. Perhaps most significantly, through surveys and comments, customers continue to overwhelmingly rank home delivery as one of the best things about OCLS.





STAR WARS PREMIERE PARTY

Melrose Center

Thursday, July 27, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Audiences lined up in the summer of 1977 to experience *Star Wars: A New Hope*. Celebrate 45 years of Star Wars at the Melrose Center with activities, movie screenings and a meet and greet with our newest team member, R2-KN3!

FAB LAB WORKSHOP: STAR WARS LIGHTSABER

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Our Fab Lab instructors will show you how to turn ordinary PVC pipe fittings into a costume-worthy lightsaber. Space is limited. Registration required.

Movie Screening: *Star Wars: A New Hope*

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

See the movie that started it all in a galaxy far, far away.

VR Gaming: *Tales From Galaxy's Edge*

11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Sign up for this experience on the day of the event at the Melrose Center desk. First come, first served. Space is limited. Registration required.

DROID MEET & GREET

11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Meet R2-KN3, the Melrose Center astromech droid! 'Kenny' will be available for photo-ops throughout the event.

Movie Screening: *The Hidden Fortress*

2–4 p.m.

Are you a super fan looking for the deep cut? Stay for our screening of Akira Kurosawa's influential 1958 classic.

Make a LEGO Movie

Virtual

Tuesdays–Thursday, July 11–13, 11 a.m.

Learn how to create a LEGO stop-motion movie in this three-day class. Recommended for ages 9 and up.

Youngblood Improv

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

Tuesday–Saturday, July 18–22, 2 p.m.

Build confidence for the stage, relieve anxiety or just play in this five-day improv series. On the closing day, we do a show! See how improv can better your life in this safe, supportive environment. Ages 13–18.

Create an Obby Style Video Game Camp

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

Wednesday–Friday, July 19–21, 2–3:30 p.m.

In this three-part class, 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.



Creative Space

South Creek Branch

Saturday, July 1, 2 p.m.

Families will explore different craft-related activities. We will read stories and challenge families to complete activities with basic materials. Recommended for families with children ages 6–12.

Fun Family Film

South Trail Branch

Saturdays, July 1–22, 2–4 p.m.

Fridays, July 7–28, 2–4 p.m.

Join us for a movie that's fun for the whole family!

Bridge the Gap

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, July 1, 3 p.m.

Build bridges with new friends. Work as a team and test your engineering skills as you solve puzzles that require you to bridge the gap. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Jumbo Family Game Time

South Creek Branch

Saturday, July 1, 4 p.m.

It's time for fun on a massive scale. We'll be recreating a family board game with you as the game pieces!

Mindful Start Family Yoga

Winter Garden Branch

Mondays, July 3–31, 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesdays, July 5–26, 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 0–8.

Perler Bead Art

North Orange Branch

Wednesday, July 5, 2:30 p.m.

Create pixelated art with Perler beads. Design different characters as we talk about friendship and kindness for the summer. Recommended for families with children ages 6–12.

Family Art Adventures: Art Together

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, July 8, 11 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Saturday, July 22, 2 p.m.

Work together with your family and the library community to create a collaborative art project.

Get Your Game On!

Hiawassee Branch

Tuesday, July 11, 4:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Saturday, July 22, 2 p.m.

Create a game from scratch or reimagine a classic. Everyone will have fun as you work together to design and build your own board game. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Box Engineers

Southeast Branch

Friday, July 14, 1:30–2:45 p.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.

Drive-in Movie

Southeast Branch

Friday, July 14, 3–4:45 p.m.

Drive up and enjoy *Minions: The Rise of Gru* with us this summer!

Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

ZOOper Heroes

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library,

Library Central

Saturday, July 22, 2 p.m.

Investigate the world of superheroes with special animal abilities. Discover what kind of adaptations it takes to be Spider-Man, Batman and Catwoman! Recommended for families with children ages 0–12.

Family Art Adventures: Hooray For Fish!

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, July 15, 3 p.m.

Families are invited to listen to the story *The Family Book* by Todd Parr while learning techniques on how to paint like the featured illustrator. Recommended for families with children ages 5–12.

Family Dance Party

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, July 18, 11 a.m.

It's a dance party at the library! Get ready to dance along to some of your favorite tunes.

Dungeons, Dragons & Libraries

North Orange Branch

Saturday, July 22, 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.

Alcohol Ink Coasters

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, July 27, 5:30 p.m.

How to paint with Sharpies and alcohol.

BABY

AGES 0-18 MONTHS



SUMMER BABIES

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, July 19, 10:15 a.m.
 It's baby's first summer!
 Discover new ways to play
 and interact with sensory
 activities for your little one.

Farm Friends!
Southwest Branch
Monday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.
 Stimulate your baby's senses! Learn,
 explore and discover various farm
 animals with all of our farm friends.

Baby, Let's Count!
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.
 Find the numbers with rhymes.
 Explore new ways to support
 your baby's understanding of
 counting, sorting and patterns.

Amiguitos
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.
 Let's make new friends! Babies will
 develop important early literacy
 and social skills through bilingual
 music, movements and stories.

Really Feely Friends!
Southwest Branch
Monday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.
 Let's get really feely and explore
 the sense of touch! Develop your
 baby's motor and early literacy
 skills and create a sensory
 pad to play with at home.

Mother Goose on the Loose
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, July 31, 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!
 Recommended for babies.

TODDLER

AGES 18-36 MONTHS

FUN WITH FOREST FRIENDS

Windermere Branch
Monday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, July 11, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, July 20, 11 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, July 26, 10:15 a.m.
 Toddlers will listen to stories,
 engage in songs and rhymes and
 participate in fun activities that
 promote friendship while building
 important early literacy skills.



Friends Forever
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, July 5, 10:30 a.m.
 Life is more fun with a friend by
 your side! Learn about friendship,
 friends and things to do together!

Storytime Craft
North Orange Branch
Wednesdays,
July 5-26, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursdays,
July 6-27, 10 a.m.-Noon
 Drop in before and after storytime
 to create a make-and-take craft.

A Circle Is Round
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, July 11, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m.
 Circle up for fun and friendship
 that never end. Learn about
 shapes while you socialize in
 this song-filled storytime.

Things That Go!
Southeast Branch
Monday, July 17, 10:15 a.m.
 Start your engines and ride on
 over for a storytime on things that
 go! Engage in activities such as
 singing and playing with friends.

Seeds of Kindness
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m.
 Plant seeds of kindness and
 watch them grow! Attendees
 will learn about the importance
 of seeds and kindness through
 stories, songs and activities.

Guitar Sing Along
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for a brief sing along to
 familiar songs with live guitar
 for you and your toddler.

**Kitchen Sensory Play:
 Sandwich Spirals**
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 a.m.
 Is your child eager to start playing
 along in the kitchen? Explore the
 five senses with a food storytime
 and hands-on activity that will
 enhance motor coordination.

Jumpin' Jubilee
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m.
 Celebrate with stories, songs,
 dancing and crafts in honor of
 the library's 100th birthday!



NEVER PET A PORCUPINE

Southwest Branch
Monday, July 3, 10:30 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m.
 Chickasaw Branch
Monday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.
 Virtual

Thursday, July 6, 11 a.m.
 Explore textures from fluffy cotton balls to soft feathers and sticky paint with porcupine. We'll experience it all in this storytime with books, songs, activities and more!

Encanto Fiesta!

Alafaya Branch
Saturday, July 1, 10:30 a.m.
 Celebrate Disney's *Encanto* with songs, stories and crafts. Just don't talk about Bruno!

Kind as a Capybara!

Windermere Branch
Monday, July 3, 10:30 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, July 10, 10:15 a.m.
 Virtual
Tuesday, July 11, 11 a.m.
 Are you as kind as a capybara? Learn about the power of friendship from one of the animal kingdom's friendliest teachers. Registration required.

Sesame Street Storytime

Virtual
Mondays, July 3-31, 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.

Stories & Stretches

North Orange Branch
Mondays, July 3-31, 11 a.m.
 Wiggle and stretch to stories, songs and rhymes focusing on motor development.

Pajama Party

Virtual
Mondays, July 3-31, 7 p.m.
 Put on your pajamas and enjoy an interactive virtual storytime with a book, songs, games and a craft.

Music With Mr. Richard

Southwest Branch
Wednesday, July 5, 10:30 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, July 17, 11 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m.
 Liven up and sing along to original and wacky songs. Experience live music with a guitar and rock out with the whole family. Get ready to move and dance together. Recommended for ages 0-5.

Discover America

Virtual
Wednesday, July 5-26, 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.

Let's Dance

South Trail Branch
Thursday, July 6, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, July 24, 10:15 a.m.
 Virtual
Tuesday, July 25, 11 a.m.
 Put on your dancing shoes to rock out with stories and activities based on popular songs. Dance encourages movement, self-expression and enjoyment of music through play.

Little Chef: Candy Sushi

North Orange Branch
Friday, July 7, 11 a.m.
 Put your chef hat on and make some candy sushi. Roll out rice cereal, add some candy and have a delicious snack!

Little Readers

Virtual
Saturdays, July 8 & 22, 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.

Together in My Neighborhood

Chickasaw Branch
Monday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, July 19, 10:15 a.m.
 Preschoolers will celebrate friends and family in their neighborhood through stories and activities that promote early literacy.

Yoga With

Playologist Yolonda
Eatonville Branch
Tuesdays, July 11-25, 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.

Friendship is Magic!

Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, July 11, 11 a.m.
 Let's have a magical time with *My Little Pony*-themed stories, songs and crafts. Registration required.

Little Artist

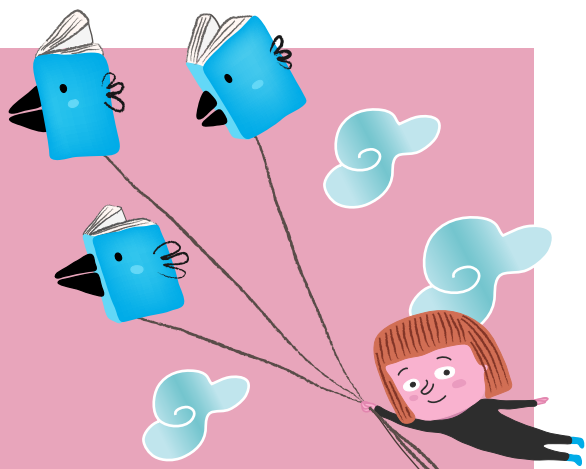
North Orange Branch
Friday, July 14, 11 a.m.
 Get creative with arts and crafts! Explore art techniques, play with bubbles, and learn letters, numbers and colors.

Little Mermaid Storytime

Alafaya Branch
Saturday, July 15, 10:30 a.m.
 Dive under the sea and enjoy stories and activities and more, all inspired by the new *The Little Mermaid* movie. Registration required.

Ready, Set, Sail!

Southwest Branch
Monday, July 17, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, July 18, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, July 18, 11 a.m.
 All aboard junior sailors! Get ready to sail through stories and activities, and talk about boats. Put on your lab coat to build and test whether your boat will sink or float.



STORYTIMES

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TINY TALES (ages 0–18 months)

Orlando Public Library, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
 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.
 West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
 Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
 Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11:30 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.
 West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
 Windermere 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.
 Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11:00 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.
 Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 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.
 Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME (ages 0–5)

Hiawassee Branch, Mondays, 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.
 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.



LITTLE CHEF: FRIENDSHIP SNACK MIX

Orlando Public Library, Papa Bear
 Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m.
 South Creek Branch
 Tuesday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.
 West Oaks Branch
 Tuesday, July 25, 11 a.m.

Measure, mix and stir up friendship!
 Create a delicious snack mix to
 enjoy and share with a friend.
 Adult participation is required.

Cuentamé un Cuento Virtual

Tuesday, July 18, 10 a.m.

Cuentamé un Cuento is an
 interactive bilingual storytime
 featuring books and songs in English
 and Spanish that are suitable for
 speakers of either language.

Little Chef: Frozen Drinks Virtual

Thursday, July 20, 11 a.m.

Beat the heat with a variety of
 ice-cold frozen drink recipes.
 Little ones will learn cooking skills
 such as kitchen safety, layering,
 measuring and presentation.

Mickey and Friends! Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, July 25, 11 a.m.

It's a great Mickey Mouse
 day and we're ready to play!
 Celebrate everyone's favorite
 mouse with fun games and
 activities. Registration required.

Pajama Jamboree

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, July 25, 4:30 p.m.

Put on your favorite jammies for
 a fun-filled evening of a story,
 craft and cookies and milk.
 Recommended for ages 3–7.

Arabic Storytime

Alafaya Branch

Sunday, July 30, 4:30 p.m.

Listen to storytime in Arabic.
 Connect with friends and sing
 the Arabic alphabet song.
 Participate in circle time, interactive
 songs, play and craft time.
 Recommended for ages 3–6.

This Is My Name

Southeast Branch

Monday, July 31, 10:15 a.m.

Your name is special, just like you!
 Help your child learn to recognize
 and spell their name through
 fun crafts and activities.



MEET A GATORLAND WRANGLER

Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, July 5, 10:30 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Monday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, July 13, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, July 14, 10:30 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Friday, July 21, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Monday, July 24, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Thursday, July 27, 11 a.m.

Get ready for family fun with "The Alligator Capital of the World." Did you know alligator babies are also known as grunts? Learn about snakes, reptiles and more up close. Recommended for ages 0-12.



What Kids Can Do

Windermere Branch
Saturday, July 1, 10:30 a.m.
Washington Park Branch
Thursday, July 6, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, July 6, 4:30 p.m.
Hiwassee Branch
Thursday, July 20, 12:30 p.m.

Learn what kids can do to be better friends and make the world a better place through anti-bullying and relationship-building activities. Recommended for ages 6-8.

Reading Paws

Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, July 1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, July 8, 11:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, July 22, 11:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, July 22, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.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.

Comedy Makers' Variety Show

Fairview Shores Branch
Monday, July 3, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, July 6, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, July 7, 10:30 a.m.
Library Pop-Up: Horizon West
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,
Winter Garden, FL 34787
Saturday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.

There's something for everyone in this high-energy variety show. Your kids will be dazzled with juggling, magic, plate-spinning and more! Recommended for ages 0-12.

Lake Nona Pop-Up: Bright Music In Libraries

Dockside Lake Nona
13623 Sachs Ave.,
Orlando, FL 32827
Monday, July 3, 10:30 a.m.

Local professional artists - including singers, pianists, instrumentalists and more - share their talents and their stories as they inspire young hearts and minds. Recommended for ages 0-12.

Meet a Firefighter

South Trail Branch
Monday, July 3, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Monday, July 10, 11 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Friday, July 14, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, July 28, 10:30 a.m.

Learn what it takes to fight the heat! Listen as firefighters explain how they protect themselves with special gear. Walk along the big red truck to see the tools they use. Recommended for ages 0-12.

Spheres Bubble Show

Washington Park Branch
Monday, July 3, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, July 28, 10:30 a.m.

Watch Blaise Ryndes, master bubble performer, blow gigantic bubbles and create "liquid fireworks." Listen to fun music as you are amazed by this bubble and light show. Recommended for ages 0-12.

Air Science With Professor Dodad

Southeast Branch
Monday, July 3, 11 a.m.
Hiwassee Branch
Wednesday, July 5, 10:30 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Friday, July 7, 10:25-11:30 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Friday, July 14, 10:30 a.m.

Library Pop-Up: Horizon West
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,
Winter Garden, FL 34787
Saturday, July 15, 10:30 a.m.

South Trail Branch
Monday, July 17, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, July 20, 10:30 a.m.

The Professor will be sharing fun science demonstrations, music, comedy and a return of Joey, his favorite sidekick. Hold on to your seats or you just might be blown away. Recommended for ages 0-12.



COMEDIC SCIENCE SHOW: WE ARE ALL INSIDE TOGETHER

Fairview Shores Branch

Monday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Monday, July 17, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Tuesday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Thursday, July 20, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Friday, July 21, 10:30 a.m.

Oh no! In an attempt to hide from his arch-nemesis, Professor Universe goes inside his arch-nemesis's body! Quickly we find ourselves lost and trying to get out. Recommended for ages 0–12.

Dance Party With DJ Renee Adams

West Oaks Branch

Monday, July 3, 11 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Friday, July 7, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Thursday, July 13, 11 a.m.

Library Pop-Up: Lake Nona

Dockside Lake Nona

13623 Sachs Ave.,

Orlando, FL 32827

Monday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.

Get ready to move and dance with this lively and engaging DJ. Challenge yourself to learn new dances and join in on the ones you know. A dance party for everyone to enjoy. Recommended for ages 0–12.

DIY Roller Coasters

Hiawassee Branch

Monday, July 3, 12:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library,

Wednesday, July 5, 2 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Monday, July 17, 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Friday, July 21, 3 p.m.

Learn about the physics behind roller coasters, then design and build your own! Recommended for ages 9–12.

Nautical Knot Bracelets

Southwest Branch

Monday, July 3, 1 p.m.

Learn to tie nautical knots to make bracelets for your first mate and all your mates.

Recommended for ages 9–12.

Read to Sydney

Winter Garden Branch

Monday, July 3, 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.

Orisirisi African Folklore

Fairview Shores Branch

Wednesday, July 5, 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, July 27, 10:30 a.m.

Share the beauty of African life and culture through a unique folkloric performance filled with drumming, dance and storytelling. A blend of African folklore and education. Recommended for ages 0–12.

Zoo Mom Science

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, July 5, 10:30 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Monday, July 17, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, July 27, 10:30 a.m.

Meet animal ambassadors such as alligators, lizards, tree frogs, creepy bugs and slithering snakes. Learn about animals in this unique and exciting program. Recommended for ages 0–12.

Let's Stick Together: Friendship Cacti

Hiawassee Branch

Wednesday, July 5, 4 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 3:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 4:30 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Thursday, July 20, 2:30 p.m.

Learn how cacti symbolize friendship in different cultures and make a decorative cactus of your own. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Jiggleman

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, July 6, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, July 7, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Friday, July 14, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, July 20, 11 a.m.

This jumping, juggling comedy act engages you in awesome music with leaf blowers, balls of all sizes and giant suits, and provides lots of side-splitting laughter. Recommended for ages 0–12.

Mad Science Olympics Show

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, July 6, 10:30 a.m.

Library Pop-Up: Horizon West

16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,

Winter Garden, FL 34787

Saturday, July 8, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m.

On your mark, get set, science! On this fun romp through the Olympics, learn about Newton's laws of motion, the Server Olympics, and the Bucket of Terror! Recommended for ages 0–12.

Zoom Around the World With Central FL Zoo Southeast Branch

Thursday, July 6, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m.

Washington Park Branch

Monday, July 17, 10:30 a.m.

Discover a world of animals, children will meet animals native to the far corners of our planet. A diversity of species, which often fill similar niches, will be presented. Recommended for ages 0–12.

Weird Friends in the Wild

Hiwassee Branch

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

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, July 13, 3 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 4:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, July 22, 3 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, July 26, 11 a.m.

Washington Park Branch

Thursday, July 27, 10:30 a.m.

Children will discover how organisms depend on each other for food, protection, transportation and shelter through stories and hands-on activities. Recommended for ages 6–8.

All Are Welcome

South Creek Branch

Thursday, July 6, 2 p.m.

Southwest Branch

Monday, July 24, 1 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, July 26, 4:30 p.m.

Hiwassee Branch

Thursday, July 27, 12:30 p.m.

Develop a global mindset and improve your communication skills by making friends from different cultures and nationalities. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Watermelon Paper Fan

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, July 6, 3 p.m.

Want to be cool for the summer? Learn how to make a watermelon paper fan.

Magical Mr. Tim

South Creek Branch

Friday, July 7, 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, July 13, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, July 21, 10:30 a.m.

Washington Park Branch

Monday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.

It's crazy, zany and chaotic magic. Can you help make the magic happen? Watch a hilarious, comical and hugely entertaining children's magician. Fun for the whole family. Recommended for ages 0–12.

Project Wild:

Busy Bees, Busy Blooms

South Creek Branch

Friday, July 7, 2 p.m.

What makes bees so busy after all? Learn all about pollination and the role wildlife plays in it. Recommended for ages 6–9.

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs

South Trail Branch

Saturday, July 8, 10:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Saturday, July 15, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Saturday, July 22, 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.

Bilingual Comedy Magic Show

Washington Park Branch

Monday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Friday, July 21, 10:30 a.m.

Learn new tricks and a few new vocabulary words in Spanish in this dynamic and educational magic show. Surprise your kids with the best bilingual magic show. Recommended for ages 0–12.

Lake Nona Pop-Up:

Michelee Puppets –

A Good Day For Pancake

Dockside Lake Nona

13623 Sachs Ave.,

Orlando, FL 32827

Monday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.

When a friend is bullied at school, Pancake the Pig doesn't know how to help. Discover the definition of bullying behavior and how to stand together to stop bullying! Recommended for ages 0–12.

Animal Sidekicks

Southwest Branch

Monday, July 10, 1 p.m.

Discover the world of animal mutualism and how different species help one another. Craft a creature and play an animal game to locate your sidekick in the wild. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Jungle Adventures

Orlando Public Library,

Library Central

Tuesday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about critters from toothy baby alligators to slithery creatures from expert gator wranglers. Enjoy a unique educational experience and be prepared to be entertained! Recommended for ages 0–12.



SNAKE EDUCATION WITH A TWIST

Southeast Branch

Monday, July 10, 11 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, July 13, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, July 14, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.

Hiwassee Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Friday, July 21, 10:30 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Monday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Friday, July 28, 10:30 a.m.

Library Pop-Up: Horizon West

16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787

Saturday, July 29, 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy a snake show with professional snake handler, Chief Rowley, and his variety of rescued reptile friends. It's guaranteed to both entertain and educate! Recommended for ages 0–12.



MAGICIAN GLEN FOSTER

Southeast Branch

Monday, July 24, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, July 27, 11 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Friday, July 28, 10:30 a.m.

Come for great laughs, illusions and magical fun. It's time for mayhem with an award-winning comedy magician and entertainer! Get ready to grin from ear to ear. Recommended for ages 0–12.

Be a Pal to Your Pet!

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, July 11, 3:30 p.m.

Whether they slither, swim, bark or crawl, we can learn to care for them all! Explore how to be an even greater friend to your pets as we learn pet care tips and tricks! Recommended for ages 9–12.

2023 Library Olympic Games

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 11 a.m.

Team up and compete in exciting games and activities while we learn about the history of the Olympic Games. Registration required.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club

End of Book Party

Orlando Public Library,

Library Central

Wednesday, July 12, 3 p.m.

Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club is celebrating the completion of their latest book! Recommended for ages 8–12.

Spy School:

Be a Model Digital Citizen

Hiawassee Branch

Thursday, July 13, 12:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library,

Wednesday, July 19, 2 p.m.

Learn the secrets to being a model digital citizen to complete spy school. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Project Wild: Good Buddies

South Trail Branch

Thursday, July 13, 2:30 p.m.

Through hands-on activities, children will learn about animal pairs and classify them according to the three major forms of symbiotic relationships. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Cookies & Milk With

Community Heroes

Fairview Shores Branch

Fridays, July 14 & 28, 10:30 a.m.

Bring your kids to meet our local community heroes and enjoy a story, cookies and milk! This series will be a great chance to interact with community leaders in a fun and informative environment.

Lake Nona Pop-Up:

Amazing Animals

Dockside Lake Nona

13623 Sachs Ave.,

Orlando, FL 32827

Monday, July 17, 10:30 a.m.

Meet rare, threatened and endangered species. Learn about interesting animals that can be found throughout different lands and animal conservation. Recommended for ages 0–12.

Happy Habitats

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 4 p.m.

Learn about habitats, plants and animals through books and crafts.

This month we're learning about the desert. Registration required for each child. Recommended for ages 6–8.

To Be a Drum Celebration

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, July 20, 10:30 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Monday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Friday, July 28, 10:30 a.m.

Be inspired by dancing and drumming as we hear the rhythm of the Earth through a storytelling performance of *To Be a Drum* by Evelyn Coleman. Recommended for families with children ages 0–12.

Dog Man Is Go!

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, July 20, 2 p.m.

Be a Supa Buddy and join forces to save the day! Enjoy activities and crafts inspired by Dog Man. Recommended for ages 6–8. Registration required.

Lost Legends of

Mr. Lemonfellow's Library

South Creek Branch

Friday, July 21, 2 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, July 25, 2 p.m.

Library puzzle master, Mr. Lemonfellow, invites you to the breakout game of the year. Can you and your friends follow the leads to unleash the long-overdue library legends? Recommended for ages 9–12.

Frank Epperson & the Popsicle: A Century of Chill
Southeast Branch

Saturday, July 22, 10:30 a.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.

Friends Forever: Animal Rescue
South Trail Branch

Monday, July 24, 2:30 p.m.
Learn about animal rescues, organize your own animal rescue and create a furry friend to take home with you. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Plaster Fun: Mythical Creatures
Hiwassee Branch

Tuesday, July 25, 4:30 p.m.
Dragons and unicorns and fairies, oh my! Let's paint mini ceramic magnets to hang on the fridge or give to a friend.

Magic With Mark Alan
Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m.
Be amazed and amused with magical fun for kids of all ages! Mark Alan has been a comedy and magical entertainer for over 25 years, performing across the United States and internationally. Recommended for ages 0–12.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Breakfast Around the World
Hiwassee Branch

Wednesday, July 26, 4–5:30 p.m.
Travel by plate! Explore the wide world of breakfast with global trivia, book recommendations and a step-by-step recipe demonstration. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Paletas for All (Bilingual)
South Creek Branch

Thursday, July 27, 2 p.m.
Celebrate community and gather for the ultimate Mexican dessert! Discover the origin of the paleta and how these frozen treats bring us together.

Pirates! All Aboard to Cuba
Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, July 27, 3 p.m.
All aboard to explore Cuba, the largest Caribbean island! Explore the land through pirate-themed stories, songs and activities.

CIRCUS DOG SHOW

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 a.m.

A special traveling dog show with a group of funny and very entertaining dogs! They know how to climb stairs, perform somersaults and other uniquely designed family tricks. Recommended for ages 0–12.



End of Summer Celebration

YOUTH END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

All Library Locations
Saturday, July 29, 2 p.m.

Have you completed the summer challenge to read for 600 minutes? Celebrate at the End of Summer Celebration with a chance to win a grand prize. Recommended for ages 0–18. Registration required.





CAREGIVER CONNECT: STAY AND PLAY

Orlando Public Library
Mondays, July 3–31, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursdays, July 6–27, 11:45 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Fridays, July 7–28, 11:35 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Mondays, July 10, 24 & 31, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, July 31, 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, July 8, 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.



PAINT PARTY!

Fairview Shores Branch
Saturdays, July 1 & 15, 3–4:30 p.m.

It's that time again for paint party! Create your very own artwork. We will have three stations for you to make art.

HOMESCHOOL

Homeschool: Friends Around Us – Animals

Windermere Branch
Thursday, July 6, 1 p.m.

Take a walk with our wild side. Discover in nature what humans can count on as a friend or foe. From mining canaries to poison ivy, what can we trust to help us or hurt us? Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool: Friends Around Us – Plants

Windermere Branch
Thursday, July 20, 1 p.m.

Take a walk with our wild side. Discover in nature what humans can count on as a friend or foe. From mining canaries to poison ivy, what can we trust to help us or hurt us? Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool: French

Windermere Branch
Tuesday, July 25, 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.

Teen Volunteering:

Orange Slice

Alafaya Branch
Saturday, July 1, 3–5 p.m.

Earn community service hours by getting involved in the *Orange Slice* – Alafaya Branch's teen literary and creative arts magazine. Registration required.

Minecraft Mania! Algebra

Virtual

Thursday, July 6, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Our mathematical adventure kicks off using addition, subtraction and division to mine for resources, create materials and group into teams!

Happiness Rocks

South Trail Branch
Thursday, July 6, 2:30 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch
Monday, July 10, 12:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, July 22, 2 p.m.

Spread happiness by painting a rock and adding a positive message on the back.

Recycle or Wishcycle?

A Better Way To Live

Sustainably
Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room
Saturday, July 8, 2:30 p.m.

Learn about how plastics shape our world and where they go after. Navigate our local recycling options and explore better “zero-waste” choices.

Kindness Counts!

Windermere Branch
Saturday, July 8, 2 p.m.

South Trail Branch
Thursday, July 27, 3:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch
Friday, July 28, 2 p.m.

Even a small act can change the world! Find out how random acts of kindness can make a difference as we show our appreciation and pay it forward.

Wreck This Art

North Orange Branch
Wednesday, July 12, 2:30 p.m.

For anyone who's ever wished to, but had trouble starting or finishing a drawing or sketch comes the Wreck This Art Challenge!



PRESSED FLORAL ART WORKSHOP

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturday, July 1, 2:30 p.m.

Prepare to be inspired and create your own pressed floral art, set inside a floating glass frame with designer Pamela Johancsik of Bomb Blooms. Recommended for ages 11–18.

Minecraft Mania! Geometry Virtual

Thursday, July 13, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
 Discover the various shapes in the Minecraft world by designing your own mansion using a combination of one-, two- and three-dimensional objects.

Herds, Packs and Prides, Oh My!

Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, July 13, 4:30 p.m.
 There is strength in numbers! Just ask a gaggle of geese, a zeal of zebras or a dule of doves! Explore why animals unify in groups and learn a few names along the way.

Science & Art Together: Paper Circuit Art

South Creek Branch
Friday, July 14, 2 p.m.
 Create a work of art using paper circuits to give it that extra shine.

Recycled Friendship Bracelets

North Orange Branch
Friday, July 14, 3 p.m.
 Be kind to your friends (and the planet) with this DIY recycled jewelry event. Learn how to create wearable art with common recyclable materials.

Teen-Work Makes the Dream Work

Windermere Branch
Saturday, July 15, 2 p.m.
 Team up with fellow teens and compete in a series of *Survivor*-like STEAM challenges. Will your squad's communication skills and ingenuity propel you to victory?

Creative Design Thinking Workshop

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturday, July 15, 2:30 p.m.
 Charminta Brown teaches participants how to turn their passions into entrepreneurship opportunities using creative design thinking and collaboration.

It's Sew Easy – Drawstring Backpack

South Trail Branch
Saturdays, July 15 & 22, 3–5 p.m.
 Create your own unique drawstring backpack perfect for school, hiking or the beach in this two-class series.

Crack Your Friendship Color Code!

Hiwassee Branch
Monday, July 17, 12:30 p.m.
 There is a color for every kind of friendship! Explore the unique meanings of colors, identify which ones represent your friendship and create bracelets using those colors.

Mini Zen Gardens

Hiwassee Branch
Tuesday, July 18, 12:30 p.m.
 Take a deep breath and relax. Learn how to make your own tabletop Zen garden with sand, rocks and other simple materials. Registration required.

Teen Takeover

Southeast Branch
Wednesday, July 19, 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.

Minecraft Mania! Personal Finance Virtual

Thursday, July 20, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
 Create your own business concept in Minecraft. Operate an amusement park, scuba dive for treasure, breed pigs and cows ... the possibilities are endless!

Teen Volunteering

Hiwassee Branch
Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
 High school students will earn two hours of community service by assembling craft kits for the library.

Art Club

Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, July 22, 3:30 p.m.
 Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Registration required.

Minecraft Mania! Economics Virtual

Thursday, July 27, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
 Work together to produce an object of your choice and distribute it via minecarts. Earn money to upgrade your factory and buy, trade and sell your way to success!

Rock Out With Rock Band

West Oaks Branch
Friday, July 28, 4–5:30 p.m.
 Are you ready to rock? Bring your friends and rock out to your favorite songs at the library with Rock Band. Registration required.

Teen Book Club

Alafaya Branch
Sunday, July 30, 1:30 p.m.
 Discuss a monthly novel, tell others about your favorite books and meet new people 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.*

CLOSURES



Independence Day
All Locations:
Tuesday, July 4

Día de la independencia
Todos las localidades:
el martes, 4 de julio



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