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100

ORANGE COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM

YEARS



I ♥ '90s

100 YEAR CELEBRATION:
A LOOK AT OCLS IN THE

1990S

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BOOKS & BEYOND

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SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING

ALAFAYA BRANCH
Saturday October 28 – Sunday November 5

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LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Next Board of Trustees Meeting:
 Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
 Thursday, September 14, 6 p.m.

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Next Friends of the Library Board of Directors Meeting:
 Orlando Public Library
 Wednesday, September 20, Noon

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goodbye

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR

While doing some research on what OCLS was like in the 1990s, I learned something new: The first issue of *Books & Beyond* was published in 1996, which makes this magazine 27 years old. It wasn't always the kind of publication you're reading today.

The first issue was a simple black-and-white newsletter, just four pages long, consisting of a few program listings, a story about the introduction of free Internet access at the library, a Children's Corner section with information about storytimes and the importance of reading, and information about the Friends of the Orange County Library System, who launched the publication.

It was printed each month on paper of a different color and distributed at branches and mailed to Friends members with a special "insiders" insert that contained even more information about Friends activities and events. The newsletter continued to be published in the same format for the next six years, until 2002 when it was given a makeover. The January 2002 issue had a more professional look, with a clean layout featuring photos instead of clip art, but it wasn't until 2007 that it became a glossy bound-and-printed publication packed full of library events and highlights.

Today, *Books & Beyond* is still published thanks to the Friends' support (they help pay to print and publish this magazine every month), but it has come a long way. While we try to provide as much useful information as we can in each issue, we offer far too many events and programs to list them all. Instead, we try to offer you the highlights, with a little something from every branch. We also try to provide some interesting information about the library every month – a story elaborating on one of our programs, an interview with an author, or a feature about library history. We want *Books & Beyond* to not just be informational – we hope it can also be enlightening and educational, giving you yet another way to connect with the library.

We continue to be grateful to the Friends for helping to make this publication possible. It's just one more way they help to enhance our library system. To see some examples of the evolution of *Book & Beyond*, visit OrlandoMemory.info, where we have scanned copies dating all the way back to that very first issue.



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Delicious Recipe Videos for Hispanic Heritage Month

With Chef Yamira Lee Johnson
Breaking Bread with Mira

Videos published weekly on Instagram @OCLS

SAVE the DATE

TRICK OR TREAT Safe Zone

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.
ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY

ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER
DOWNTOWN ORLANDO



**NEIL GAIMAN
IN CONVERSATION WITH
ART SPIEGELMAN**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | 8 P.M.
DR. PHILLIPS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

100 Year Celebration Signature Author Event

presented by:

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PATHWAY TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

Virtual

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

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



Altered Books

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, September 2, 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.

Adult Game Time

Windermere Branch
Saturdays, September 2–30, 3–4:30 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.

Drawing 101: Artist Hour

Winter Garden Branch
Saturdays, September 2 & 30, 3:30 p.m.
Bring your own drawing project or use our supplies to practice drawing each month! Our teacher will be available to give tips on drawing basics. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Puzzle Swap

Alafaya Branch
Saturday, September 2, 3:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, September 16, 2:30 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, September 6 & 20, 5 p.m.
Need to unwind? Listen to music, snag a sweet treat with your cuppa, relax and chat while the library provides a meditative art activity.

Plant Clinic

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, September 9, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, September 14, 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.

Financial Literacy: Assets and Accumulation Strategies

South Creek Branch
Saturday, September 9, 11 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.

Dungeons and Dragons at the Library!

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, September 9, 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.

Paper Bead Jewelry

Southeast Branch
Saturday, September 9, 3–5 p.m.
Make colorful paper beads to use as jewelry.

Discussion of the Hugo Finalists

Virtual
Sunday, September 10, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
The Hugo Awards are annual awards given for excellence in the field of science fiction and fantasy. Join OASFiS, the Orlando Area Science Fiction Society, for a discussion of the Hugo finalists.

All-Levels Yoga

Virtual
Monday, September 11, 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.

Classical Music & Painting

Hiawasse Branch
Tuesday, September 12, 2 p.m.
Create guided art while listening to classical music and letting it influence your art. Recommended ages 18 and up. Space limited. Registration required.



INTERIOR DESIGN 101: TOOLS, TECHNIQUES AND TRICKS OF THE TRADE

West Oaks Branch

Friday, September 22, 1–2:30 p.m.

Join interior designer Rebecca Hubler as she shows how to incorporate lighting, color, texture, art and accessories to transform an ordinary space into the extraordinary. Registration required.

Emergency Fund Boot Camp: It's a Money Thing

West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, September 12, 6 p.m.
In this program, you will learn the importance of preparing for the unknown by setting funds aside for an emergency, knowing how much to have in an emergency fund and tips for setting money aside.

Podcast Listening Club: Animals and Us

Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd.,
Orlando, FL 32819
Monday, September 18, 6:30–7:45 p.m.
Join us at Foxtail Coffee Co. at Dr. Phillips YMCA to discuss *Animals and Us*. Humans and animals interact on a day-to-day basis. This podcast showcases how those interactions can lead to insight and understanding – but can also be harmful. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Adult Film Club

Eatonville Branch
Thursday, September 21, 2–4 p.m.
Saturday, September 23, 2–3:30 p.m.
Calling all adults! Are you a movie fan? Join us for a screening of *Jungle Cruise*, then return to discuss the film with your peers. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Eatonville Weekend Wellness Workshop

Eatonville Branch
Saturday, September 23, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Creating and maintaining a budget can be difficult. Learn the foundation for creating your own budget, as well as tips on how to maintain and recover when those months come that get you off track.

Financial Literacy: Fulfilling Long-term Goals

South Creek Branch
Saturday, September 23, 11 a.m.
Understanding your finances is the first step to financial freedom. Learn how to build wealth, achieve your goals and take control of your finances in this six-part series.

TTRPG Academy: D&D at Level One

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, September 23, 2:30–5:30 p.m.
Explore a new tabletop role-playing game every month as we play through a multitude of new releases and longstanding favorites. Recommended for ages 16 and up. Registration required.

Singing Improv Workshop with Power2Improv

Orlando Public Library,
Library Central
Sunday, September 24, 3–5 p.m.
This Power2Improv workshop will go over singing improv games, commitment and jumping in with both feet. Registration required.

Chair Yoga

Virtual
Monday, September 25, 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.

Chinese Calligraphy Class: Mid-Autumn Festival Program

Virtual
Monday, September 25, 11 a.m.
Learn how to write Chinese calligraphy messages to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, a traditional event where all families reunite and give each other presents.

Yoga for Back Pain

Virtual
Thursday, September 28, 7 p.m.
This all-levels yoga class focuses on poses that will help improve your mobility and strength by strengthening muscles in your lower back as well as alleviating lower back pain.

Thank You

TO OUR INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY!

We want to thank everyone who helped make this year's Summer at Your Library an unforgettable success! Your commitment to exploring new books and expanding your knowledge during the Summer Reading Challenge has been inspiring. Together, we smashed our reading goals, fostered curiosity and celebrated the power of storytelling. We're looking forward to more literary adventures in the future!



End of Summer Celebration Grand Prize Giveaway

This event recognized children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge, reading at least 600 minutes from June 3 to July 29. This year, all 15 library locations participated for the first time, and the eligibility age was expanded to include kids ages 0-18, greatly increasing access. Overall, 1,447 children and 124 teens attended End of Summer Celebration events systemwide.



Summer Reading Challenge

Kids, ages 0-18, were challenged to read for at least 600 minutes from June 3-July 29.

3,496 Participants

2,808 Completed 600-Minute Challenge

2,148,099 Total Minutes Read



Window World

AMERICA'S EXTERIOR REMODELER

Donations

Prizes were donated by 28 community partners, and four partners contributed financially to support the purchase of goodie bag items and grand prizes, including Window World of Central Florida's donation of \$50,000.

32 Community Donors

\$321,969.58 In-Kind Donations

\$52,500.00 Value of Financial Donations

2,975 Goodie Bags Distributed

408 Grand Prizes Distributed



MELROSE CENTER

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THE MELROSE AUDIO STUDIO HAS BEEN REFURBISHED!

Three newly installed QCon ProX controller stations allow for more flexibility in recording with your preferred digital audio workstation. Ready to get started? Find us at tic.ocls.info/audio for classes, a complete equipment listing and more.



GET YOUR GAME ON

The Melrose Game Development Lab features simulators and VR Learning Experiences for middle grades and teens. Practice driving on our driver education simulator system or explore a library of educational VR content from the world's leading AR and VR educational company, Victory XR. Find us at tic.ocls.info/simulation to register.

'90s Trivia Challenge

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Sunday, October 1 3-4:30 p.m.

Is that your final answer? If you love the '90s like we love the '90s you'll love our trivia challenge. Join us in person or play at home online for bragging rights and phat prizes.

WRITERS CORNER

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ORLANDO LITERARY EXPO

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, September 17, 2–4 p.m.

Connect in person with Orlando-area literary organizations. Learn what they do, the resources available to local writers, and how you can get more involved in our local literary community.

How to Pitch Graphic Novels Virtual

Tuesday, September 5, 7 p.m.

Literary agent Maeve MacLysaght will guide you through creating a graphic novel pitch, its elements and requirements, and answer your questions on how to make your proposal shine.

Pitch Your Book West Oaks Branch

Saturday, September 9, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Literary agent Sarah Fisk will teach you how to craft both an attention-grabbing elevator pitch and a compelling written book blurb for your novel-length fiction.

OCLS Writer's Group Virtual

Sunday, September 10, 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.

Timing in Your Graphic Novel Virtual

Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m.

Graphic novel writing is, like screenwriting, concerned with the flow of time. Literary agent Maeve MacLysaght will present tricks to control the speed of time and how to implement them in your comics.

Writing Workshop: Writing in the Collective Voice

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Saturday, September 16, 4 p.m.

The Collective Voice is when all the members of a particular group speak with one voice. Kerouac House writer-in-residence and author Dizz Tate will discuss how to use the collective voice in fiction.

MEET THE AUTHOR

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AUTHOR TALK WITH LIDIA BASTIANICH
Virtual
Thursday, September 7, 7 p.m.
Join us for an hour-long conversation with award-winning television host and bestselling author Lidia Bastianich as she talks about her memoir *My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family, and Food*.

AUTHOR TALK WITH ADAM ALTER
Virtual
Wednesday, September 20, 2 p.m.
Join us as we chat with *New York Times* bestselling author Adam Alter about his new book *Anatomy of a Breakthrough: How to Get Unstuck When It Matters Most*.

AUTHOR TALK WITH AMOR TOWLES
Virtual
Wednesday, September 27, 8 p.m.
Join us for a chat with *New York Times* bestselling author Amor Towles about his incredible body of work.

BOOK CLUBS

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Y Read: Book Read Aloud

Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd.,
Orlando, FL 32819
Saturdays, September
2–30, 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, September 11, 3 p.m.

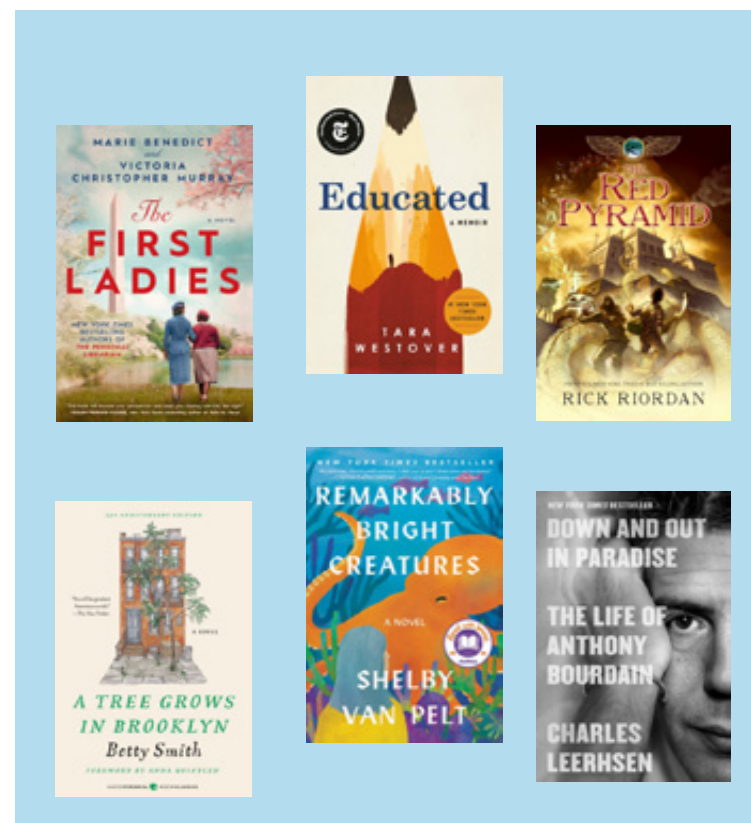
Virtual

Monday, September 11, 7 p.m.
Join the Southeast Book Club to discuss *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

Alafaya Book Club

Virtual

Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m.
The Alafaya Book Club's September selection is *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith.



Hiawassee Book Club

Virtual
Monday, September 18, 7–8:30 p.m.
In September the Hiawassee Book Club will discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover.

South Trail Book Club Virtual

Thursday, September 28, 4 p.m.
Join us to discuss this month's book selection, *The Red Pyramid* by Rick Riordan.

Winter Garden Book Club Virtual

Thursday, September 28, 6 p.m.
Please join us for a lively discussion about the book *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

Southwest Book Club Southwest Branch

Friday, September 29, 2–3:30 p.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, September 26, 7–8:45 p.m.
Discuss *Down and Out in Paradise: Life of Anthony Bourdain* by Charles Leerhsen, a biography of the late celebrity chef and TV star. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Registration required.

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The Five Wounds

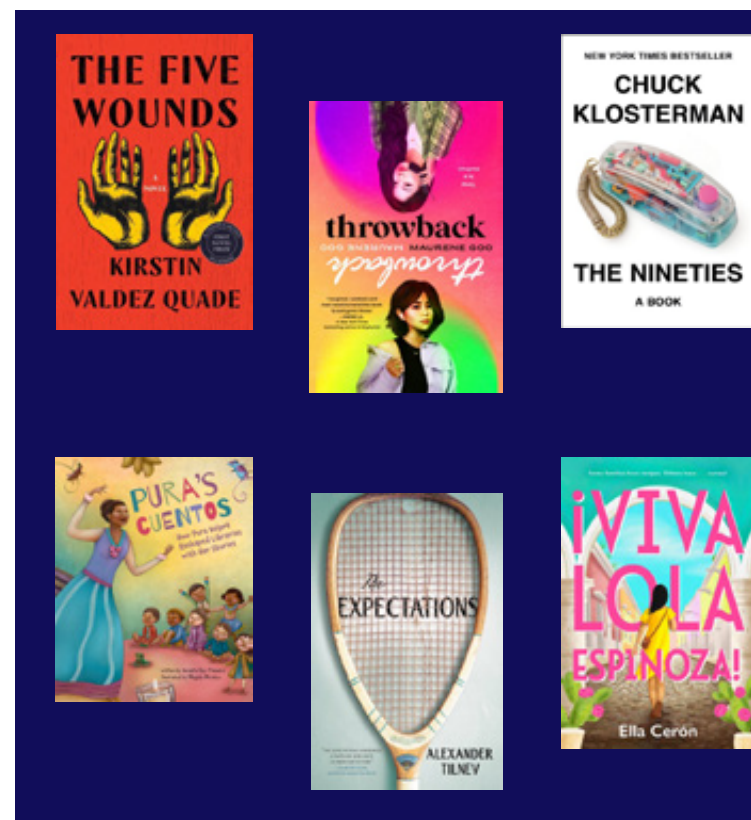
by Kirstin Valdez Quade
It's Holy Week in the small town of Las Penas, New Mexico, and 33-year-old unemployed Amadeo Padilla has been given the part of Jesus in the Good Friday procession. He is preparing feverishly for this role when his 15-year-old daughter Angel shows up pregnant on his doorstep and disrupts his plans.

The Expectations

by Alexander Tilney
Sent to the prestigious boarding school his family has attended for generations, Ben struggles to prove himself at the side of a marginalized roommate before realizing how much the school's realities differ from what he anticipated.

Pura's Cuentos: How Pura Belpré Reshaped Libraries With Her Stories

by Annette Bay Pimentel
A lyrical, vibrant tribute to the amazing life and legacy of Pura Belpré, a lauded storyteller, librarian and pioneer of bilingual storytimes.



The Nineties: A Book

by Chuck Klosterman
A wise and funny reckoning with the decade that gave us slacker/grunge irony about the sin of trying too hard, during the greatest shift in human consciousness of any decade in American history.

Throwback

by Maurene Goo
Back to the Future meets *The Joy Luck Club* in this YA contemporary romance about a Korean American girl sent back to the '90s to (reluctantly) help her teenage mom win homecoming queen.

Viva Lola Espinoza

by Ella Cerón
Lola Espinoza is cursed in love. Well, maybe not actually cursed – magic isn't real, is it? When Lola goes to spend the summer with her grandmother in Mexico City and meets handsome, flirtatious Rio, she discovers the unbelievable truth: Magic is very real, and what she'd always written off as bad luck is actually, truly ... a curse.

FINDING YOUR ROOTS SERIES

This series will cover the ten core elements that you need to build a strong foundation for your genealogical research. Each week will focus on a different record group.

Genealogy 101

Virtual
Thursday, September 7, Noon

Are you interested in learning about your family history but don't know where to begin? This program will help you get started by introducing you to genealogical terms, techniques and resources.

Census Records

Virtual
Thursday, September 14, Noon

Learn about what information is contained in each of the censuses and discover how to use all the various bits of information from the census as clues to further your research.

Vital Records

Virtual
Thursday, September 28, Noon

Births, marriages and deaths are important pieces of information for your family history. Become familiar with the key sources for locating your ancestors' vital records.

Mastering Genealogical Documentation Study Group

Virtual
Tuesdays, September 5 & 12, 1 p.m.

Join us for our Mastering Genealogical Proof study group focusing on genealogical documentation.

Genealogy Research Question Workshop

Virtual
Wednesday, September 6, 6:30 p.m.

Sharpen your genealogy skills and learn about resources by sharing your research questions.

Sunday Morning Genealogy

Virtual
Sunday, September 24, 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.

Conducting Family History Interviews

Virtual
Tuesday, September 26, 1 p.m.

Oral history is an important part of genealogical research. Learn how to get the most information from the family members you interview.

Genealogy Research Report Writing & Numbering

Virtual
Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the different types of genealogy reports and numbering systems.

GLOBAL GENEALOGY: ITALY

Virtual
Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m.

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



PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE OPTIONS FOR HEALTHY LIVING

LIFE Information for Elders
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, September 21, 12:10 p.m.

Hilary Falcon, senior marketing event and meeting specialist with WellMed Medical Management, will be joined by a staff physician as they discuss helping patients live healthier lives through preventative care. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446. Seating is limited. Registration required.



HEART HEALTH & HANDS ONLY CPR

LIFE Information for Elders
Branching Out Series
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, September 27, Noon

Join Michelle Blackwell, project manager with Center for Change, as she discusses heart health and provides information and a demonstration on hands-only CPR. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407-836-7446.



Adult Karaoke Night
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, September 7, 5–6:30 p.m.
Bring on the night by singing! Come on in and sing your way through the karaoke night!

Medicare Monday
Washington Park Branch
Monday, September 18, 1–2:30 p.m.
Join experienced Medicare educators Sabrina Ramos and Sandra Sims in this educational program, no sales and no pressure.

Medicare Help Desk
South Trail Branch
Monday, September 18, 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.

Keeping Seniors in the Know About Legal / Información sobre Asesoría Legal para Adultos Mayores Smarter Senior Seminar Series
Southeast Branch
Thursday, September 21, 10:30 a.m.

Learn what you need to have in place as you age regarding wills, trusts, estate planning, directives, power of attorney and probate. This event will be presented in English and translated to Spanish.

Qigong Movement and Breathing
Virtual
Friday, September 29, 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.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

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ENGLISH CONVERSATION HOUR

Come practice your English speaking skills during the English Conversation Hour. All proficiency levels are welcomed!

Southeast Branch
Fridays, September 1 & 29, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, September 6 & 27, 4 p.m.

South Trail Branch
Fridays, September 1–29, 2 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, September 28, 6 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
Fridays, September 1, 15 & 29, 12:30 p.m.
Thursdays, September 7–28, 12:30 p.m.
Saturdays, September 9 & 23, 12:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch
Fridays, September 1–29, 3:30 p.m.

Virtual
Mondays, September 4–25, 4:15 p.m.
Tuesdays, September 5–26, 6 p.m.
Wednesdays, September 6–27, Noon
Thursdays, September 7–28, 2 p.m.

Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, September 2–30, Noon

ENGLISH FROM ZERO

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

Chickasaw Branch
Fridays, September 1, 15 & 29, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Thursdays, September 7–28, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Saturdays, September 9 & 23, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Mondays, September 11–25, 5:30–6:45 p.m.

North Orange Branch
Fridays, September 1–29, 4:30–5:45 p.m.
Sundays, September 10 & 24, 2–3:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch
Wednesdays, September 6–27, 3:30 p.m.
Thursdays, September 7–28, 4:45–6:15 p.m.

Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, September 2–30, 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks Branch
Thursdays, September 7–28, 4:30 p.m.

South Trail Branch
Fridays, September 1–29, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Wednesdays, September 6–27, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Saturdays, September 9 & 23, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, September 5 & 26, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, September 6 & 27, 2:30 p.m.
Thursdays, September 7 & 28, 5 p.m.

Virtual
Mondays, September 4–25, 3 p.m.
Tuesdays, September 5–26, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, September 6–27, 3–4:30 p.m.
Thursdays, September 7–28, 12:30 p.m.
Mondays, September 11–25, 6:45 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, September 5–26, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

Introducción al Inglés South Trail Branch
Fridays, September 1–29, 4–5:30 p.m.
Introducción al Inglés está diseñada y enfocada en Hispanohablantes interesados en aprender el idioma del Inglés comenzando desde lo más básico y desarrollando vocabulario, gramática y conversación.

Speaking Clearly Beginner Southeast Branch
Fridays, September 1 & 29, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Fridays, September 1 & 29, 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 9, 2:30 p.m.
This class is designed to introduce learners to the basics of the sounds of English for pronunciation.

Making Cents: Your Money in English Virtual
Wednesdays, September 13–27, 5:30 p.m.
In this six-week series, you will learn the English skills needed to manage your money in the USA.

Speaking Clearly Intermediate Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, September 5 & 26, 2 p.m.
Get an introduction to the rules of spelling and pronunciation of English words and phrases.

Practice Makes Perfect Chickasaw Branch
Thursdays, September 7–28, 2–3:30 p.m.
Practice Makes Perfect are English conversation classes led by Adult Literacy League volunteers.

Speaking Clearly Advanced Virtual
Monday, September 25, 10:30 a.m.
This course is designed for students who want to improve their speaking and presentation skills.

Writing Clearly Beginner Virtual
Tuesdays, September 5–26, 10:30 a.m.
Review different grammar points in English and basic sentence writing.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

Spanish from Zero: Basics with Ms. Brenda Virtual
Tuesdays, September 5–26, 4 p.m.
Come and learn Spanish basics and grammar with Ms. Brenda.

Intermediate Spanish Virtual
Wednesdays, September 6–27, 10:30 a.m.
Get an introduction to Spanish grammar by focusing on the parts of speech, verb conjugations, sentence structure and vocabulary building.

Beginner's Spanish for Kids Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesdays, September 5–26, 4:30 p.m.
Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary through games and activities while having fun. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Open Lab Learn Spanish Southeast Branch
Thursdays, September 7–28, 3 p.m.
Come and learn basic Spanish with Ms. Brenda.

Spanish Pronunciation with Ms. Brenda Virtual
Tuesdays, September 5–26, 5 p.m.
Learn all about Spanish pronunciation with Ms. Brenda.

Open Lab Learn Spanish Pronunciation Southeast Branch
Thursdays, September 7–28, 4 p.m.
Learn all about Spanish pronunciation with Ms. Brenda.

Basic Spanish Virtual
Tuesdays, September 5–26, 6 p.m.
Join us at this workshop for individuals who speak little to no Spanish.

Beginner Mandarin Chinese for Adults Alafaya Branch
Sundays, September 10–24, 3 p.m.
In this beginner series for adults, Jenny Forest Lin, Principal of the Oviedo Chinese School, Inc., will introduce students to the basics of Mandarin Chinese.

JOBSEEKERS

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LEVEL UP ORANGE NEIGHBORHOOD NAVIGATORS

South Trail Branch
Wednesday, September 6, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, September 14, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, September 20, 1–3 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Thursday, September 28, 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.

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Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, September 12, 2:30 p.m.
You've landed an interview! Now what? Get tips that will help you to practice and prepare, and to write a memorable thank you letter.

Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, September 26, 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

23rd annual Governor's JOB FAIR

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

September 13 2023
12-4 PM

All jobseekers welcome!

Orlando Fairgrounds
4603 W Colonial Dr. (indoor event)
Dress interview ready & bring resumes.
Entry, intermediate and experienced jobs.
cfec.org/job-fairs

CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED

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Hiawassee Branch
Thursdays, September 7–28, 10:30 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Saturdays, September 9 & 16, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Virtual
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, September 5, 6, 12 & 13, 3–5 p.m.
Thursdays, September 7–28, 3–4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, September 19, 20, 26 & 27, 3–5 p.m.
During this program, students will meet to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.



Two solar eclipses are coming to North America – an Annular Eclipse on October 14, 2023 and a Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. Thanks to a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and a supplement to the NASA @ My Library Project, the Space Science Institute's STAR Net team is providing solar viewing glasses to public libraries. To receive your solar viewing glasses (while supplies last) you must attend a program presented by Orange County Library System related to the upcoming eclipses.



SCIENCE FACT OR FICTION

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, September 9, 4 p.m.
 How real is the science in your favorite movie or TV show? Anne Holland of the Space Science Institute will discuss whether that cool on-screen science is fact or fiction.

SOLAR ECLIPSE 101

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, September 30, 11 a.m.
 Join Emil Buehler Planetarium director Derek Demeter for an exploration of all you need to know about the upcoming solar eclipse on Saturday, October 14. Eclipse glasses will be available while supplies last.

Pinhole Viewer: Cereal Box Version
South Creek Branch
Saturday, September 2, 10:30 a.m.
 Create a safe way to view the sun. Using a cereal box and other common materials build your own solar eclipse viewers! Recommended for families with children ages 8 and up.

Sun Cookies
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, September 6, 3:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, September 20, 3:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, September 29, 3:30 p.m.
 Create a model of the sun that you can eat! Use candy pieces and a cookie to make a delicious treat.

Why Don't Eclipses Happen Every Month?
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, September 6, 4 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, September 16, 2 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Friday, September 22, 4 p.m.
 Learn why we don't see eclipses at every full and new moon. Create 3D models of the Earth, moon and sun to demonstrate solar and lunar eclipses. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

Homeschool Eclipse Rock Painting
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, September 7, 2 p.m.
 Learn about the upcoming solar eclipse and paint a rock inspired by the event! Recommended for ages 6–8.

Pocket Solar System
South Trail Branch
Friday, September 8, 4 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Monday, September 11, 4:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, September 14, 2 p.m.
 Construct a pocket solar system you can carry everywhere you go! Share your final model by engaging in math challenges. Recommended for families with children 8 and up.

Sorting Games
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, September 9, 1 p.m.
 Discover more about our place in space! Introduce your child to concepts such as size, distance and temperature. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Eclipse Chalk Art
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, September 9, 4 p.m.
 Learn how eclipse watchers used to record what they saw before modern technology, then create your very own eclipse art! Recommended for ages 3 and up.

You Are My Sunshine
Southeast Branch
Monday, September 11, 10:15 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, September 12, 11 a.m.
 Celebrate a positive mindset and sunshiny moments by singing songs, reading stories and completing crafts and activities sure to make your little one smile! Recommended for ages 3–5. Registration required.

Making a Solar Eclipse Book
Eatonville Branch
Monday, September 11, 3:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, September 19, 3:30 p.m.
 Create an artistic masterpiece as you learn about the solar eclipse. Participants will assemble their own book covers inspired by this extraordinary event. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Little Chef: Moon Snacks
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, September 13, 10:30 a.m.
 Blast off on a tasty adventure as we spread, cut and layer an out-of-this world snack inspired by a favorite friend in the sky! Adult participation is required. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Plaster Fun
Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, September 14, 4:30–6 p.m.
 Join us at the library for an afternoon of painting. These beautiful sun and moon plaster crafts will look awesome once you have added your own touch.

Family Art Adventures – UV Solar Art
Southeast Branch
Saturday, September 16, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration using the power of the sun. Inspiration is a must! Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Solar Science 101
Alafaya Branch
Monday, September 18, 5:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, September 19, 5:30 p.m.
 Prepare for the October 14 solar eclipse by learning about the sun and how to view the eclipse safely from Anne Holland of the Space Science Institute. Eclipse glasses available while supplies last.

Bear's Shadow
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, September 19, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, September 26, 11 a.m.
 How do shadows work? Follow Bear in this interactive storytime as he discovers how shadows are created. Recommended for families with children ages 3–8. Registration required.

Homeschool Explorers
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, September 19, 2 p.m.
 Explore art and stories while meeting new friends. Support your child's homeschool curriculum with crafts and stories from around the world.

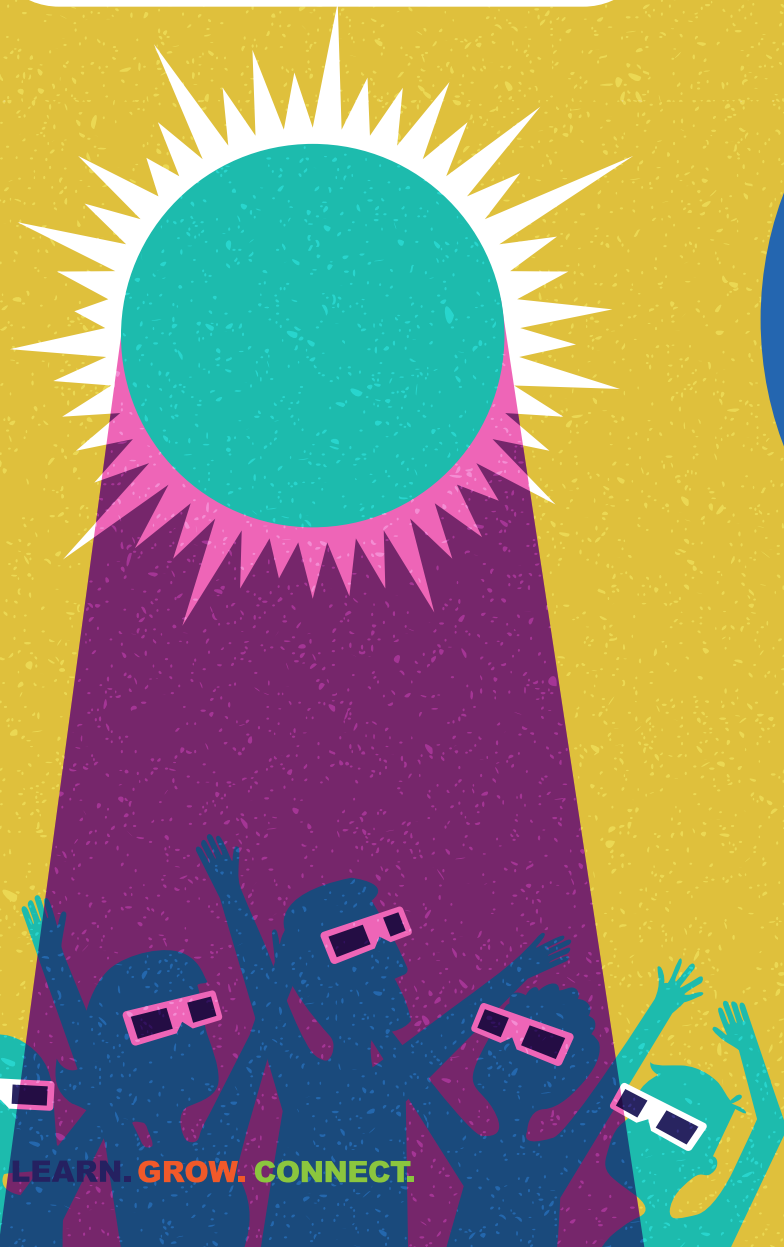
Solar Eclipse Perler Beads
Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, September 21, 4:30–6 p.m.
 Create eclipse-inspired Perler fusion bead art using solar and lunar patterns. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

UV Kid
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, September 21, 4:30 p.m.
 Discover how scientists work to keep astronauts safe from radiation in space. Create and craft a creature with a built in UV-radiation "detector!" Recommended for families with children ages 4 and up.

Build a Sizzling Solar Oven
Washington Park Branch
Thursday, September 21, 5 p.m.
 Create a solar-powered oven to bake up a yummy treat! Participants will construct a solar oven out of a cardboard box and cook with the sun! Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

Moon Myths
Southeast Branch
Friday, September 22, 4 p.m.
 Do you feel different when there's a full moon? Do you think it's made of cheese? Find out what people across the world believe about the moon. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Design Your Own Solar Cupcake
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, September 26, 4:30 p.m.
 Decorate your own cupcake inspired by the sun! Explore aspects of the sun and solar activity by modeling them as solar cupcakes. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.





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 SEPTEMBER, WE LOOK BACK AT THE 1990S.

ART 101: 1990S PAINTING

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, September 19, 5:30 p.m.

Embrace your nostalgia and create a colorful geometric painting inspired by the aesthetics of the 1990s. Recommended for ages 15 and up. Space is limited. Registration required.

OCLS IN THE 1990s

May 12, 1990

West Colonial Library, previously Pine Hills, opens at its new location on West Colonial Drive

December 1, 1990

Books-by-Mail expands and becomes MAYL, Mailbox Access to Your Library

September 6, 1994

The new Storytelling Troupe begins offering storytimes at five library locations

March 31, 1995

Library Director Glenn Miller retires after 25 years of service

May 1, 1995

Dorothy Field is appointed director of Orange County Library System

October 1, 1996

The Friends of the Orange County Library System's monthly newsletter, *Books & Beyond*, begins publication

October 1, 1996

Public computers with free internet access are now offered at all library locations

October 1, 1997

The library's card catalog is now searchable on the OCLS website

November 14, 1998

OCLS celebrates its 75th anniversary with a Diamond Jubilee

December 3, 1998

Herndon Branch officially opens at the Colonial Promenade Shopping Center

February 10, 1999

Groundbreaking ceremony is held for the East Orange Library, later renamed Alafaya Branch before its grand opening on February 1, 2000

May 23, 1999

The new Children's Library, previously located in the basement, opens on the first floor of Orlando Public Library

100 YEAR CELEBRATION CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS

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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.

A Decade in Film: 1990s

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesdays, September 6 & 13, 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.

'90s Shrinky Dinks

North Orange Branch
Saturday, September 9, 3 p.m.
Radical! Swing back to the '90s and get shrink-tacular with some '90s themed Shrinky Dinks.

The 100 Word Challenge

Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, September 12, 3:30 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, September 27, 4 p.m.
Connect and collaborate with others through games and competitions, while showcasing your storytelling skills at the celebration of the century! Recommended for ages 9–12. Registration required.

Cuisine Corner Junior:

'90s Disney!
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, September 13, 4 p.m.
Make and eat some treats inspired by Disney movies from the 1990s! Recommended for ages 6–12. Registration required for each child.

100 Years of Cinema

Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, September 22, 3–5 p.m.
Halloween is cool! This month, we're watching *Halloweentown* to celebrate 100 years of cinema with this 1990s classic!

'90s Style

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, September 27, 4 p.m.
Jazz up a canvas and a snack with an iconic '90s design. Recommended for ages 6 and up.



THE HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM: THE STORYTELLING TROUPE

BY CRYSTAL SULLIVAN, STORYTELLER COORDINATOR

Storytelling is an ancient art form that has been around since the beginning of time. Storytellers have always been important in their communities. They are the people who teach life lessons and hold all the stories about their people's history and culture. Since the inception of public libraries, storytelling has been a crucial offering to their local communities. That importance is apparent to Orange County Library System, which has hosted traditional storytimes presented by librarians since its founding in 1923. Despite the popularity and importance of these programs, professional storytellers being part of a library's staff is a surprisingly uncommon occurrence. As a proponent of the art of storytelling, Library Director Glenn Miller wanted to offer the Orange County community a different and unique form of storytime. He wanted to hire professional storytellers.

This troupe would present storytimes strictly through the art of storytelling – no visuals were allowed. If a 6-month-old baby came in for storytime, they got a story. Four locations that represented the four corners of Orange County were targeted: North Orange, Southeast, West Colonial and South Orange. The downtown location was also in the lineup. All storytelling would now be performed by this new group. Storytimes were something that would be missed by the children's librarians, but these changes would allow more time to concentrate on creating exciting new programs for kids. Despite some hesitancy by library staff, Mr. Miller believed that this was an innovative move that would attract patrons in droves.

In the spring of 1993, a call went out for storytellers. From librarians to clerical or maintenance staff, anyone within OCLS was invited to apply. I was a clerk in special services at the time. After getting a few nudges from several coworkers, I decided to apply. The applicants were to prepare and present a 20-minute audition. A week or so after my audition, I was offered the job. I had become a member of the Storytelling Troupe. It started with three storytellers, and a fourth was added a few months later. The troupe included me, Stefani Koorey, Jane Tracey and Charlie Hoek.

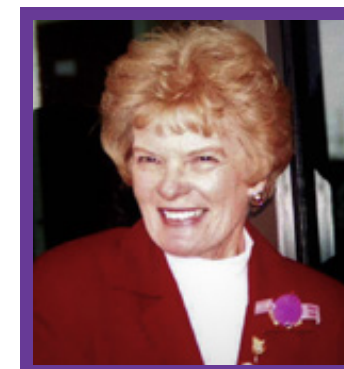
All five locations had designated story days in which the storytellers would be scheduled to present "Continuous Storytelling" – 20-minute storytelling sessions from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. We would also take our storytelling out on the road into schools, day cares, community centers, seniors' facilities or almost any place we were invited. We would conduct storytelling and Sharing Literature with Children (SLWC) workshops for teachers and parents.

The storytelling went on like this until Glenn Miller retired on March 31, 1995. Up until this point, I felt that the storytelling troupe concept was a success and the community was coming out to support us. But something was missing. When Dorothy Field was appointed as the new director of OCLS on May 1, 1995, several changes were on the horizon. While she liked the idea of having this troupe of storytellers being the only staff presenting storytimes, as it saved other library staff from having to create and present them, she thought that all locations deserved to have these amazing programs.

So, our storytelling expanded to all locations. She also thought visuals were important, so we were now allowed to read books and show filmstrips and stories on VHS.

Having professional storytellers at OCLS has proven to be a unique commodity that I hope will last forever. Throughout the years, the library has had seven full-time and four part-time storytellers. Today five part-time storytellers perform stories both in-person and streaming online. I am the last of the original troupe and have become the Storyteller Coordinator of this crew.

For 30 years, I have enjoyed carrying the title Storyteller here at OCLS. I feel blessed to have a job that I truly love. There are times when storytelling has been a form of therapy for me. There are days when I'll wake up with a dark cloud over my head, but by the time storytime is over, the dark cloud is gone, flowers are blossoming and the sun is shining. I feel rewarded whenever I'm able to share my craft with this new society of children who are drawn to computer screens or game systems. The idea that I have left an imprint on the memories of the thousands of children I've met over the years fills my heart with joy. The notion that adults are walking around with a love of reading because of their storytime visits to the library makes me happy. When many of them think of the library, they may think of that lady Miss Crystal who made them laugh and smile. After 30 years, I still love being an OCLS storyteller.



Dorothy Field began her library career as a bookmobile librarian in Ohio before moving to Florida in 1974. On May 1, 1995, she became the fourth director of Orange County Library System. She had big plans to launch the library into the 21st century. During her tenure, Dorothy brought OCLS to new heights in technology with public access computers, internet connections and word processing programs. One of her biggest accomplishments was relocating the Children's Library from the basement to a new, artistically stunning space on the first floor of Orlando Public Library. She also realized the need for more accessible library service in a growing community and opened three new branches – Alafaya, West Oaks and South Creek. Her innovative thinking created a strong and vibrant library system that was would thrive well after her retirement. Dorothy retired in December 2001; her parting thoughts looked toward the future. "A library is a living institution that continues between directors. Dynamic libraries exist because of change."



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2023 READING CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS

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September 15–October 15

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! Log your reading and activities to earn badges throughout the challenge.



CUISINE CORNER: SOFRITO AND ADOBO

Virtual

Wednesday, September 20, 6 p.m.

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will walk us through making sofrito and adobo from scratch. Learn how to incorporate these versatile flavors into your cooking.

Tia Lola's Library Fairview Shores Branch Wednesday, September 6, 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage by enjoying fun stories and crafts with a Dominican twist. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Aztec Gold Rush Eatonville Branch Wednesday, September 13, 3 p.m. South Trail Branch Tuesday, September 19, 4 p.m.

Travel back to early Mexico and search an Aztec city for gold. Learn about this civilization as you gather clues to the whereabouts of Montezuma's hidden treasure. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Sketching 101 Virtual

Friday, September 15, 11 a.m.
Learn the basics of sketching through the 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.

Hispanic Heritage Disney Trivia North Orange Branch Saturday, September 16, Noon–4 p.m.

Hola, Amigos! Let's celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Disney style! Play trivia, games and themed activities all based around Disney's Hispanic movies and shows.

Pura and Her Puppets West Oaks Branch Saturday, September 16, 3 p.m.

Celebrate Pura Belpré with this family reading event. Together, families will create a puppet and build narrative skills by reading to each other. Recommended for families with children ages 6–8.

Mexican Danza North Orange Branch Sunday, September 17, 2 p.m. Chickasaw Branch Saturday, September 23, 11 a.m.

Experience a live Mexican Folkloric Dance performance. Enjoy colorful costumes and traditional Mexican music.

Tiny Travelers: El Caribe West Oaks Branch Tuesday, September 19, 11 a.m.

¡Vámonos! Discover the sights, sounds and treasures of Hispanic culture through a world of color in this bilingual program. Recommended for ages 18–36 months. Registration required.

The Legend of El Coquí West Oaks Branch Wednesday, September 20, 4 p.m.

Discover the Taino legend of the coquí and explore the indigenous art and culture of Puerto Rico. Learn Taíno games and create art inspired by this vibrant culture. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Notable Hispanic Americans South Trail Branch Tuesday, September 26, 4 p.m. Winter Garden Branch Tuesday, September 26, 4:30 p.m.

Get to know more about some inspiring Hispanic Americans with a program that celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Bilingual Fun Time Para Niños North Orange Branch Wednesday, September 27, 3:30 p.m.

Learn and practice Spanish with us de una manera divertida (in a fun way)! During Hispanic Heritage Month, children will learn about piñatas and how to make a mini one to take home.

Pirates! All Aboard to Puerto Rico Fairview Shores Branch Thursday, September 28, 4:30 p.m.

All aboard to read tales and learn all about the island of Puerto Rico with your favorite quirky pirate crew!

Mexican Folk Art West Oaks Branch Friday, September 29, 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day and Hispanic Heritage Month by creating your own craft honoring Mexican folk art. Recommended for ages 13–18.



MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY: LA CALLE BAND

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, September 16, 3 p.m.

The Latin-pop band La Calle Band delivers the quintessential Latin street party – a seamless blend of music and dance. The energetic, up-tempo music is always sure to get a crowd moving.



MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY: EL MARIACHI SHOW

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, September 30, 3 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, October 4, 11 a.m.

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



CELEBRATE NATIONAL SEWING MONTH

The observance of September as National Sewing Month began with a proclamation from President Ronald Reagan. In 1982, he declared this special month-long celebration "in recognition of the importance of home sewing to our nation." Subsequent proclamations declared that "tens of millions of Americans sew at home. Their efforts demonstrate the industry, the skill and the self-reliance which are so characteristic of this nation."

Let's Embroider an Advanced Sampler
Virtual
Fridays,
September 1–22, 4–5:30 p.m.
Let's learn some advanced embroidery stitches together with this sampler, in honor of National Sewing Month!

Let's Embroider a 1990s Motif Patch
Virtual
Friday, September 29, 4–5:30 p.m.
Need an accessory to go from "as if" to "all that?" Look no further than this '90s-style patch featuring a simple embroidery design. This project is part of our 100 Year Celebration.

Let's Embroider Level 1
Southwest Branch
Saturday,
September 23, 3–4:30 p.m.
Start hand embroidery today. Learn the basics of using a hoop and needles to create running, back and cross stitches to create a beautiful sampler.

Let's Embroider Level 2
Southwest Branch
Saturday,
September 30, 3–4:30 p.m.
Add to your stitch repertoire. Learn how to create French knots, chain stitches and satin stitches, while practicing the running and back stitches.

Sewing – Introduction to the Sewing Machine
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday,
September 12, 10 a.m.–Noon
Sunday,
September 17, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Saturday,
September 30, 10 a.m.–Noon
Southwest Branch
Saturday,
September 23, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Ever wanted to make your own custom clothes, home decor, costumes or accessories? Join us in this basic sewing class and learn about sewing safety, basic sewing machine skills and stitching seams.

Sewing – Patterns and Fabric
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday,
September 12, 12:30–2:30 p.m.
Sunday,
September 24, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Saturday,
September 30, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Reading the hieroglyphics on a sewing pattern can be quite intimidating. Learn to read a professional sewing pattern, how to layout fabric and prepare material for a project.

Sewing – Organizing Basket
North Orange Branch
Saturday, September 9, 2–4 p.m.
Here is an easy-to-make solution to keep all your sewing tools in one place. Learn how to sew an organizing basket, cut the fabric, sew box corners and top stitch.

Costura – Cesta Organizadora
North Orange Branch
Monday,
September 18, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Mantenga todas sus herramientas de costura en un solo lugar con una cesta organizadora. Aprenda a como coser una cesta con esquinas cuadradas.

Sewing – Hanging Organizer
North Orange Branch
Saturday, September 23, 2–4 p.m.
You can easily organize all your sewing tools with an easy-to-make hanging organizer. Learn how to cut fabric, attach bias tape and top stitch.

Costura – Organizador de Tela Colgante
North Orange Branch
Monday,
September 25, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Organize fácilmente todas sus herramientas de costura con un organizador colgante fácil de hacer. Aprenda a cortar la telas y colocar cinta al bias.

Sewing – Knit Dress
Orlando Public Library
Mondays,
September 11–25,
10 a.m.–Noon & 12:30–2:30 p.m.
In this six-part series for intermediate to advanced level, learn to make loose-fitting, sleeveless, pullover dresses. Create neckline gathers, back neck slit and hemline variations.

Sewing – Sketch or Notebook Cover
Orlando Public Library
Tuesdays,
September 19–26,
10 a.m.–Noon & 12:30–2:30 p.m.
Two and a half inch squares are a great way to have an entire fabric line in one small project. This patchwork cover is also a terrific project for favorite fabric scraps.



THE SEWING MACHINE ACCESSORY BIBLE

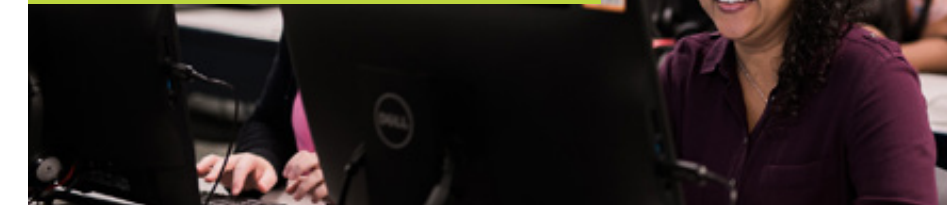
by Wendy Gardiner

Whether you are a beginner or have been sewing for years, this book is packed with all the information you need to get the most out of your sewing machine, simply by changing the feet. Everything you need to know about feet attachments, from basic feet such as the zigzag foot to specialty fabric and technique feet that will help you invent new design ideas for your sewing projects.



SEPTEMBER SPREADSHEETS

Explore Microsoft Excel. Learn to handle data sheets for your home and business needs!



Microsoft Excel Level 1
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, September 5, 10:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, September 5, 10:30 a.m.
Monday, September 18, 2:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, September 13, 1 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, September 16, 10:15 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, September 19, 11 a.m.
Start using Excel today. Input, format and save data in spreadsheets. Calculate data with basic formulas.

Microsoft Excel Level 2
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, September 5, 11:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, September 5, 11:45 a.m.
Monday, September 18, 3:45 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, September 13, 2:15 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, September 16, 11:30 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, September 20, 11 a.m.
Calculate data with basic functions SUM and AVERAGE. Use features including auto and flash fill to streamline your workflow.

Microsoft Excel: Data Management Level 1
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 20, 2:30 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, September 19, 10:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursday, September 21, 10:15 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, September 27, 1 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, September 27, 11 a.m.
Learn how to use advanced sort and filter options; apply data validation and other data tools to organize your data.

Microsoft Excel Level 3
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, September 6, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 19, 2:30 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Monday, September 11, 10:15 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, September 20, 1 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, September 21, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, September 30, 10:15 a.m.
Analyze data with COUNT functions and recommended charts. Use absolute and relative references to ensure your data is calculated accurately.

Microsoft Excel Level 4
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, September 6, 11:45 a.m.
Tuesday, September 19, 3:45 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Monday, September 11, 11:30 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, September 20, 2:15 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, September 26, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, September 30, 11:30 a.m.
Format workbooks with frozen panes, headers and themes. Customize worksheets with sheet names, color coding and hidden sheets. Print your data for perfect reports and presentations.

FAMILY

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BE A BEE

West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, September 13, 4 p.m.
 Saturday, September 30, 3 p.m.
 Learn how bees act as pollinators for our crops and how they communicate with each other. Enjoy stories, crafts and fun activities.

Fun Family Film
South Trail Branch
Saturdays,
September 2–30,
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 Join us for a movie that's fun for the whole family!

Jack Needs a Parachute
Southeast Branch
Saturday, September 2, 10:30 a.m.
 Jack is back up the beanstalk and needs your STEAM skills to construct the fastest parachute for him to escape. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

ArtMazing
South Creek Branch
Saturday, September 2, 2:30 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.

Yoga with PLAYologist Yolonda
Eatonville Branch
Tuesdays,
September 5–26, 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. Recommended for ages 3–5.

DIY Art: Creatures of the Night
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, September 7, 3:30 p.m.
 Dream big like Pedro Linares and let your imagination tell a story. Create fantastical Mexican folk art creatures called alebrijes and see them come to life on paper.

Prime Time Family Reading Time
South Trail Branch
Thursdays,
September 7–21, 5:30–7 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.

Art Like Ivan
Southeast Branch
Friday, September 8, 4 p.m.
 Paint your message to the world. Ivan the gorilla had an important message to share with the world, time for you to share yours. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Family Game Time
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturdays,
September 9 & 23, 10:30 a.m.
 It's time for Saturday morning game time fun! We'll have family friendly games and activities for all ages.

Mindful Start Family Yoga
Winter Garden Branch
Mondays,
September 11–25, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesdays,
September 13–27, 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.

Family Clay Time
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, September 15, 3 p.m.
 Do you love drawing, painting or just creating art? Well, this program may be what you're looking for! Visit us to make your very own air dry clay project.

Perler Bead Accessories
North Orange Branch
Thursday, September 21, 4:30 p.m.
 Create pixelated art with Perler beads. Design your very own accessories, make earrings or keychains with your own flair.

Family Movie
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, September 23, 3–5 p.m.
 Sit back and relax for a family-friendly movie and coloring sheets.

Box Engineers
Southeast Branch
Saturday,
September 30, 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.

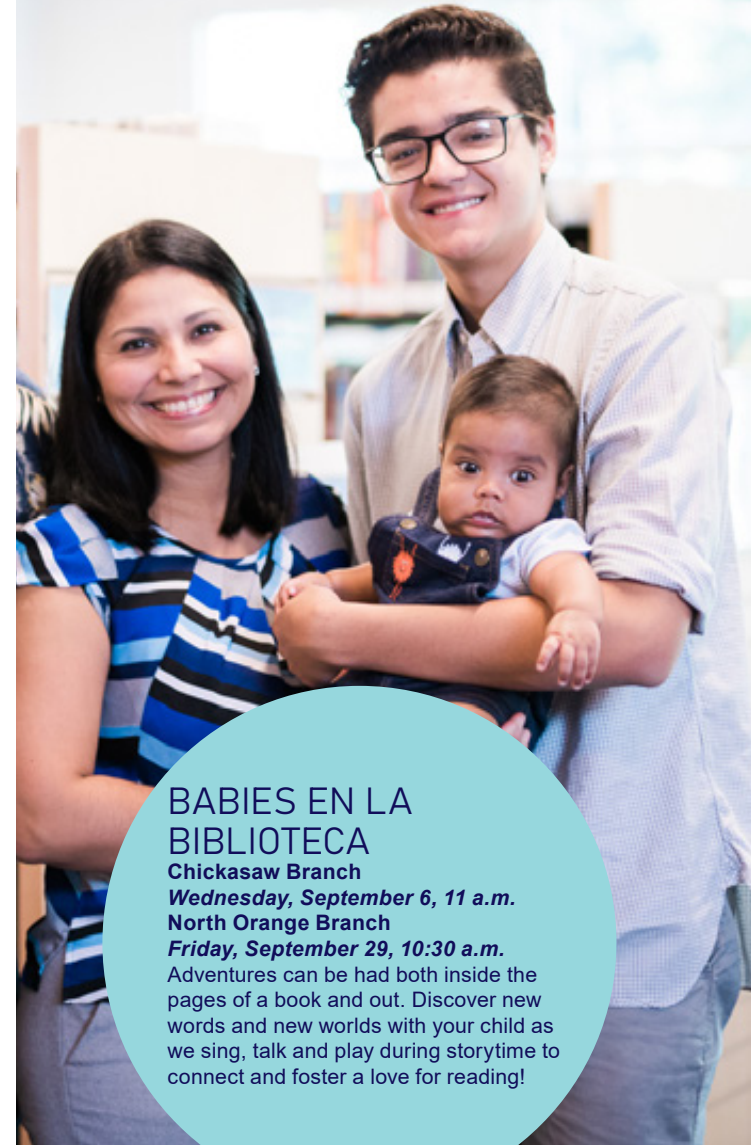
Tabletop How-To: Smash Up!
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday,
September 30, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
 Join us at Fairview Shores to learn the rules to a new board game and get a few rounds in with friends and family!

EARLY LEARNING

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BABY

AGES 0-18 MONTHS



BABIES EN LA BIBLIOTECA

Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, September 6, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Friday, September 29, 10:30 a.m.
 Adventures can be had both inside the pages of a book and out. Discover new words and new worlds with your child as we sing, talk and play during storytime to connect and foster a love for reading!

Mother Goose on the Loose
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursdays, September 7–28, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Mondays, September 11–25, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, September 26, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.
 Using rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more, we will be interacting together to help develop important pre-literacy skills in our littlest ones!

TODDLER

AGES 18-36 MONTHS



B IS FOR BAILAR

Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, September 27, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, September 28, 11 a.m.
 ¡Azúcar! Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with a music appreciation storytime for all little ones.

Guitar Singalong
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, September 5, 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for a brief singalong to familiar songs along with live guitar for you and your toddler.

Parachute Play
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, September 5, 11 a.m.
 Play, explore and learn about the world. Put thoughts into words by talking about what your child is doing and building positive social interactions with others.

Bubble Playtime
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday,
September 6, 10:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, September 19, 11 a.m.
 Help your child with their motor development skills in this interactive bubble class.

Storytime Craft
North Orange Branch
Wednesdays,
September 6–27, 10:30 a.m.
 Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for ages 2–5.

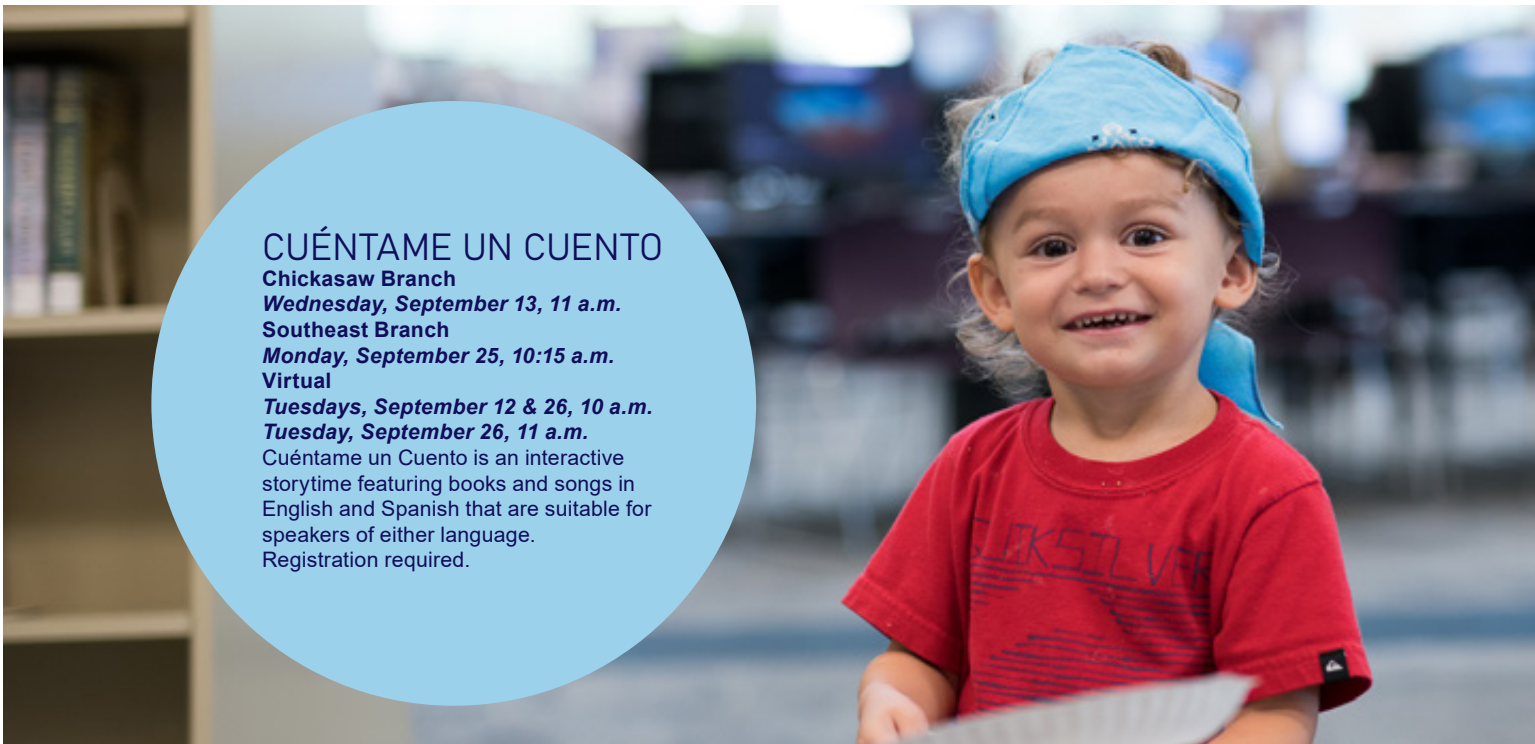
Extraordinarily Ordinary
North Orange Branch
Thursday, September 7, 11 a.m.
 Discover the joys of imagination with everyday items. Little ones will make the ordinary into extraordinary!

Jumpin' Jubilee
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, September 12, 4:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, September 18, 10:15 a.m.
 Celebrate with stories, songs, dancing and crafts in honor of the library's 100th birthday!

Artsy Toddler
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday,
September 13, 10:15 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesdays,
September 19 & 26, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn new fine motor skills using paint, paste, glue and stamps to create!

Celebrate with Dora and Friends
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday,
September 20, 10:15 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, September 21, 11 a.m.
 Grab your backpacks and let's go, vámanos! Join in on the adventure to create crafts and hear stories inspired by *Dora the Explorer* and her amigos. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Fall Craft and a Snack
Eatonville Branch
Monday, September 25, 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for a fall inspired craft and enjoy a small snack while creating.



CUÉNTAME UN CUENTO

Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, September 13, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, September 25, 10:15 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesdays, September 12 & 26, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, September 26, 11 a.m.
 Cuéntame un Cuento is an interactive storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish that are suitable for speakers of either language. Registration required.

Autumnfest
Virtual
Tuesday, September 5, 11 a.m.
 Celebrate fall with stories, carnival style games and lots of fun. Registration required.

Centipede's 100 Shoes
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, September 5, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, September 12, 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!

Discover America
Virtual
Wednesdays,
September 6-27, 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 Readers
Virtual
Saturdays,
September 9 & 23, 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 letters of the alphabet.

Sesame Street Storytime
Virtual
Mondays,
September 11-25, 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, September 11-25, 7 p.m.
 Put on your pajamas and enjoy an interactive virtual storytime with book, songs, games and a craft.

A Whole New World
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, September 12, 11 a.m.
 Jump on your magic carpet for an *Aladdin* themed storytime. Enter the Cave of Wonders for stories, games and crafts. Registration required.

STEM 100
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, September 12, 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!

Rainy Day Fun
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, September 12, 11 a.m.
 Are you ready for some rainy-day fun? Enjoy stories, songs and crafts all about the rain.

Money Smart: Let's Go Shopping
South Creek Branch
Thursday, September 14, 10:30 a.m.
 What should we buy? Help your child learn about needs and wants while improving their decision-making skills through stories, songs and activities.

Toad on the Road
North Orange Branch
Thursday, September 14, 11 a.m.
 Ribbit! Strengthen early literacy skills with silly stories about frogs and toads.

Arabic Storytime
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, September 17, 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.

Fall Festival
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, September 19, 10:30 a.m.
 Celebrate fall with stories, games and activities featuring apples, pumpkins and autumn leaves.

Beauty and the Beast Storytime
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, September 19, 11 a.m.
 Celebrate a tale as old as time with *Beauty and the Beast* books, activities and crafts. Registration required.

Pajama Jamboree
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, September 19, 4:30 p.m.
 Put on your favorite jammies for a fun-filled evening of a story, craft and a snack. Recommended for ages 3-7. Seating is limited.

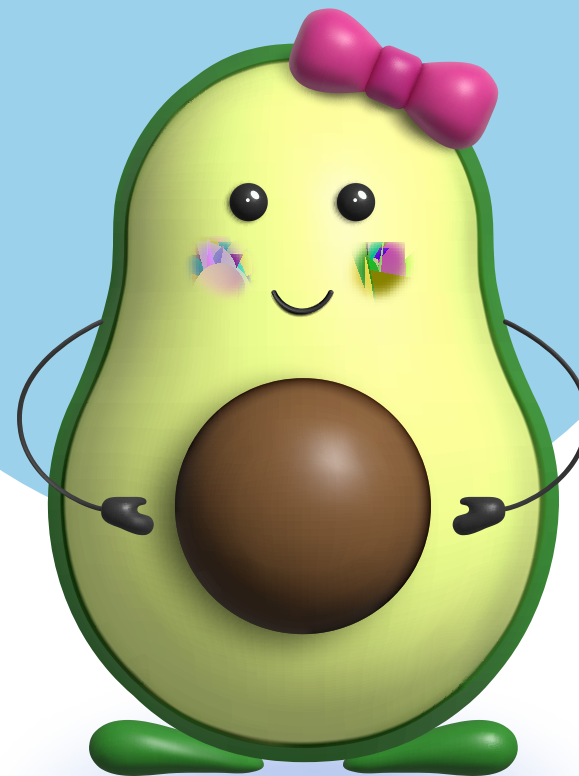
Fun Yoga Flow for Kids
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, September 21, 11 a.m.
 Children can strengthen their bodies and minds by practicing yoga through songs, games, breathing techniques and meditation. Learn with Ms. Sophia in Kidding Around Yoga.

Little Artist
North Orange Branch
Friday, September 22, 11 a.m.
 Get creative with arts and crafts! Explore art techniques, play with bubbles and learn letters, numbers and colors.

Mulan Storytime
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, September 26, 11 a.m.
 Use your bravery and skills as we read stories and enjoy activities based on *Mulan*. Registration required.

LITTLE CHEF: AVOCADO SMASH & CHIPS!

North Orange Branch
Thursday, September 21, 11 a.m.
 Chop, scoop and smash! Learn how to make guacamole with fresh ingredients and enjoy it with a side of chips. Caregiver participation is required.



LITTLE CHEF: PANQUEQUES FOR BREAKFAST

Southeast Branch
Thursday, September 21, 4:30 p.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, September 19, 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. Registration required.



STORYTIMES

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TINY TALES (ages 0-18 months)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 11:15 a.m.
 Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
 North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
 Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
 West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
 Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
 Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 11:15 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, 10:15 a.m.
 North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
 West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
 Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME (ages 0-5)

Hiawassee Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
 Fairview Shores Branch, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
 Washington Park Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Eatonville Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
 South Trail Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

FAMILY STORYTIMES

Hiawassee Branch, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch, Second Sundays, 2 p.m.
 South Creek Branch, Third Sundays, 2 p.m.
 West Oaks Branch, Fourth Sundays, 2 p.m.



HOLA BIBLIOTECA

Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, September 20, 11 a.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, September 20, 4 p.m.
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with this fabulous event! Take a trip to the library and enjoy stories, crafts and activities.

CUISINE CORNER JUNIOR: HOMEMADE TORTILLAS

Virtual
Thursday, September 28, 4 p.m.
Learn how to make a tortilla at home with a few simple ingredients. This Spanish-inspired flatbread is a Mexican staple. Follow along as we knead and shape the dough.

READING Paws
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, September 2, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, September 9, 11:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, September 23, 11:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, September 23, 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.

LEGO One Scoop
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, September 2, 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.

Afternoon Art
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, September 5, 4 p.m.
Discover an art adventure! Learn about a different artist and artistic style each time and then create your own masterpiece.

**Cuisine Corner Junior:
Breakfast Around the World**
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, September 6, 4 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 children ages 9–12. Registration required.

Junior Paleontologist
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, September 6, 4 p.m.
Dig up some fun as we learn about dinosaurs and hatch one ourselves! Recommended for ages 6–8. Registration required.

Autumnfest for Kids
Southeast Branch
Thursday, September 7, 4:30 p.m.
Celebrate fall with stories, carnival style games and lots of fun.

Snack Around the World: Turkey
West Oaks Branch
Friday, September 8, 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.

Dungeons, Dragons and Libraries
North Orange Branch
Saturday, September 9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, September 23, 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.

Read to Sydney
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, September 11, 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.

What's on the Inside?
South Trail Branch
Monday, September 11, 4 p.m.
How many hairs are on your head? What happens when you eat pizza? By exploring the human body with hands-on activities and stories we can find out the answers to these questions and more.

Detective Pikachu Mystery
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, September 12, 4 p.m.
There's been an art heist at the brand new Pokémon museum! Team up with Detective Pikachu and work together to search for clues, solve puzzles and discover the truth of this Pokémon mystery.

Cursive Writing Workshop
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, September 13, 3:30 p.m.
Come learn the art of cursive writing.

**One Hundred Years
of Picture Books**
Hiawasse Branch
Wednesday, September 13, 4:30 p.m.
Travel back in time through picture books. We will share stories from the past 100 years and children will have the opportunity to become picture book illustrators. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Dinosaur Excavation
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, September 14, 3 p.m.
Become a paleontologist and excavate a tiny dinosaur out of its icy egg! Recommended for ages 4–7.

Flying Fun
Southeast Branch
Thursday, September 14, 4:30 p.m.
Explore aerodynamics and the forces that make flight possible. Fold paper airplanes, create kites and race balloons in fun-filled experiments with propulsion and lift. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Super Service Dogs
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, September 14, 4:30 p.m.
Did you know dogs can have jobs too? Learn about the different kinds of tasks service dogs are trained to do, create a themed craft and meet a real life service dog. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs
South Creek Branch
Saturday, September 16, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Saturday, September 23, 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.

Batman Day
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, September 16, 2 p.m.
Celebrate the Caped Crusader with heroic missions, activities, costume making and more.

Escape the '80s
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, September 16, 2 p.m.
Our time machine could not have broken at a worse time! Do you have what it takes to solve puzzles and escape the '80s before we're caught by mall security?

World Traveler: Mexico
South Trail Branch
Monday, September 18, 4 p.m.
Become a world traveler! Take a trip to explore Mexico with fun trivia, activities and crafts. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club
Virtual
Wednesday, September 20, 4 p.m.
Engage in a lively discussion and fun activities with Mayor Buddy's Book Club. Recommended for ages 8–12.

Happy Habitats
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, September 20, 4 p.m.
Learn about habitats, plants and animals through books and crafts. This month we're learning about extreme environments. Registration required for each child. Recommended for ages 6–8.

**Cuisine Corner Junior:
Fruit Salsa 'n' Cinnamon Chips**
Hiawasse Branch
Friday, September 22, 4:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, September 30, 2:30 p.m.
Turn your fruit into your next hit. Learn how to create fruit salsa and sweet chips to share. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Beatrix Potter's Animal Tales
South Creek Branch
Saturday, September 23, 2:30 p.m.
Explore the art and literature of Beatrix Potter and discover why she wrote simple stories about animals.

Macaroni Mania
Windermere Branch
Monday, September 25, 4 p.m.
Create a macaroni masterpiece! Macaroni Mania explores the versatility of using pasta to create one-of-a-kind crafts.

Magic Tree House Expeditions
Virtual
Tuesday, September 26, 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.

STEM 100
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, September 27, 2:30 p.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 9–12.

**Budgeting Basics for Kids –
It's a Money Thing**
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, September 27, 4 p.m.
Learn what a budget is and make your own budget to take home! Discover the difference between needs and wants and fixed versus variable costs. Recommended for ages 6–12. Registration required.

Turtle Power!
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, September 30, 2 p.m.
Become a hero in a half shell with ninja turtle training and games. Recommended for ages 6 and up.



MAKING ART WITH MIRÓ

South Trail Branch
Monday, September 25, 4 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Thursday, September 28, 4:30 p.m.
Learn about surrealism and create your own art in the style of Joan Miró. Recommended for ages 9–12.



LATIN FUN FIESTA

Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, September 13, 4 p.m.
Kids, join us for a fun *Maya and Miguel* celebration! Activities, crafts and culture await you at this program that will prove to be "muy fabuloso."

MODERN PARENTING

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CÓMO LE BENEFICIA EL AYUDAR A SUS HIJOS CON LA TAREA

Virtual

Wednesday, September 20, 4 p.m.

Aprende los aspectos positivos de cómo ayudando a un niño con su tarea, beneficia a los padres. La tarea puede ser una ayuda para crear una experiencia de unión positiva.



Caregiver Connect: Stay and Play

South Trail Branch

Fridays, September 1–29, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Fridays, September 1–29, 11:35 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Mondays, September 11–25, 11 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Mondays, September 11 & 18, 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, September 9, 11 a.m.

Get your family moving with this energizing workout class! Learn basic Zumba moves to help you dance your way to fitness. Zumba uses dance aerobics to create a fun workout.

Every Child Ready to Read Caregiver Workshop

West Oaks Branch

Monday, September 18, 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.

Caregiver Coffee and a Craft

Southeast Branch

Monday, September 25, 11 a.m.

Connect with other caregivers while sipping a hot beverage and making a craft. Your child will explore play with friends.

HOMESCHOOL

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Homeschool: Art Expressions

Windermere Branch

Fridays, September 1 & 15, 2 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, September 21, 2 p.m.

Develop and express creativity in a fun art experience. Children will expand their abilities as they improve their fine motor skills and ingenuity.

Homeschool: French

Windermere Branch

Tuesdays, September 5 & 19, 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: Teen Rec Time

Windermere Branch

Wednesdays, September 6 & 20, 4:30–6 p.m.

Socialize, play games, do crafts, learn life skills or just hang out with friends during this teen-reserved library recreation time. Light snacks will be provided. Recommended for ages 13–18.

Homeschool Discovery

Windermere Branch

Thursdays, September 7–21, 1 p.m.

Discover the world around us through STEM, geography, the arts, culture, history, literature and library-aligned themes with hands-on activities. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool Jr.

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, September 13, 10:30 a.m.

Kickstart your child's education!

Listen to stories and engage in activities about basic concepts.

Homeschool Science: Cryptid Creatures of the Deep

West Oaks Branch

Monday, September 25, 11 a.m.

Dive into the wide world of cryptozoology. Learn about Nessie, Kraken and a host of other creatures who lurk in the deep sea. Recommended for families with children ages 6–15. Registration required.

Homeschool Branch Out

Virtual

Thursday, September 28, 1 p.m.

Branch out and develop new skills. Socialize with friends as you expand your horizons during this exploratory recreation time. Recommended for ages 6–17.

TEENS

AGES 13–18

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Paint Party!

Fairview Shores Branch

Saturdays,

September 9 & 23, 3–4:30 p.m.

It's that time again for paint party! Create your very own artwork at three different art stations.

Dungeons & Dragons at the Library

Fairview Shores Branch

Saturdays,

September 9 & 23, 4–5:50 p.m.

All levels of experience welcome! Come play D&D from a low level character in a long continuous campaign. Snacks will be provided.

All About the Benjamins

South Trail Branch

Tuesday, September 12, 4 p.m.

Encourage healthy money concepts for tweens and teens. Gain personal finance skills with challenges and activities.

Teen Board Game Meetup

West Oaks Branch

Friday, September 15, 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.

Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons Club

South Trail Branch

Saturday, September 16, 2–5 p.m.

Learn to play tabletop role-playing games (TRPG) like Dungeons & Dragons. In this club, become an adventurer to explore and fight in a maze built by a reclusive mage.

Art Club

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, September 16, 3:30 p.m.

Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Recommended for tweens and teens ages 10 and up. Registration required for each child.

Kindness Counts!

South Creek Branch

Saturday, September 16, 4:30 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.

Visual Poetry for Teens

Winter Garden Branch

Monday, September 18, 5 p.m.

Transform words and rhyme into intellectual art. Try your hand at poetry that sounds good and looks even better.

Tie-Dye Madness

Fairview Shores Branch

Friday, September 29, 3 p.m.

Celebrate the era of tie-dyeing! Enjoy the style, sights and sounds of the '60s. You are welcome to bring your own items to tie-dye. 10x10 fabric squares will be provided.

TEEN VOLUNTEERING

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, September 2, 2–4 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, September 9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Saturday, September 16, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

High school students will earn two hours of community service by assisting with various prep tasks for the library.

TEEN TAKEOVER

Southeast Branch

Wednesday, September 20, 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.



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS MADE EASY

Southeast Branch

Wednesday, September 20, 5:15 p.m.

Learn best practices for completing college admissions packets. This program will provide tips for getting that magical "yes." Come with questions for our expert.

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.
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West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center
1821 E. Silver Star Road, Ocoee, FL 34761
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Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Windermere Branch
530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
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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.

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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

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Labor Day
All Locations
Sunday & Monday, September 2 & 3

Commemoración del día del trabajo
Todos las localidades:
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