

100 YEARS ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



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100 YEAR CELEBRATION: A LOOK AT OCLS IN THE 2000s

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BOOKS & BEYOND

unease between them, Riker was no longer so sure that they had set aside their old differences: Maybe being married to a veteran counselor is just making me hypersensitive to body language, he thought. But that could cut the tension between those two with a battle-axe.

"So Titan really has been tossed clear out of the galaxy," said Commander Christine Vale, Titan's ever-efficient executive officer.

"The stellar cartographic records don't her delicate... She had come to a full stop along the same plane the platform occupied, though she remained a

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

100

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

ALL ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM LOCATIONS

Orange County Library System turns 100 and YOU'RE INVITED to celebrate with us. Stop by any library location from **October 25 to November 8** and fill out a birthday card for us to display. On November 8, visit your favorite branch and get a cookie, while supplies last.

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SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING

ALAFAYA BRANCH
Saturday October 28 – Sunday November 5

WAIVE FINES *goodbye*

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



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LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Next Board of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, October 12, 6 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Next Friends of the Library Board of Directors Meeting:

Virtual
Wednesday, October 18, Noon

FROM THE DIRECTOR

In 2021, we were looking for a unique way to mark an interesting occasion: the 100th anniversary of a huge book donation by Captain Charles Albertson to the city of Orlando, which helped accelerate the progress the city was making toward the establishment of our first public library system. We thought it would be fun to get people talking about the library's history as we approached our 2023 centennial year.

We reached out to Ivanhoe Brewing and asked if they'd be interested in working with us to craft a special beer as an homage to the Captain. We shared the story, and they agreed. After battling around some concepts (a beer with a flavor profile reminiscent of an old book from our shelves was an actual idea we tossed out), Ivanhoe created Captain Albertson Ale, a California Common beer similar to what would have been popular when Alberston was alive. The beer was released in November 2021, and it was a great way to share some library lore with a new generation of book lovers (and beer drinkers).

Now we're preparing to work with Ivanhoe Brewing on our second beer release, this time in honor of the library's official 100th birthday. On October 7, the brewery releases Centennial Citrus Ale, a limited edition brew crafted in honor of the library's century of service to the community. That day, the library and Ivanhoe Brewing will co-host a beer launch and book fair. Friends of the Orange County Library System will be selling books and they'll have some special titles on display that'll make you think of the Scholastic book fairs you might remember from grade school in the 1990s and 2000s. Beer will be sold in four-packs, with a label designed by the library's Graphic Designer Kelly Williams, who also created the label for our Albertson brew. Albertson Ale wasn't on the shelves for long, so if you're hoping to get your hands on a four-pack of Centennial Citrus, make sure to come to Ivanhoe Brewing on October 7 from Noon until the beer sells out.



Steve Powell

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Library Director/CEO
Orange County Library System

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See you there!

Delicious Recipe Videos for Hispanic Heritage Month

With Chef Yamira Lee Johnson
Breaking Bread with Mira

Videos published weekly on Instagram @OCLS

BOOK SALE

**Thursday–Sunday
November 2–5, 2023**

Thursday: Friends Member Preview 4–6 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday: 1:30–5 p.m.

**Previously enjoyed books,
DVDs, CDs & more!**

Orlando Public Library | 101 E. Central Blvd.

**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

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Neil Gaiman (Photograph Courtesy of MasterClass) Art Spiegelman (Credit Enno Kapitza-Agentur Focus)

IMPORTANCE OF EATING VEGETABLES

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, October 10, 11 a.m.

Learn about why and how we should incorporate vegetables into our daily diet. Explore the health benefits of vegetables. A recipe and sample of vegetable stir fry and pita chips will be provided. Registration required.



Trick or Treat Tea Lights

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, October 4, 5 p.m.
Design a spooky votive candle holder to illuminate your Halloween! Ages 18 and up.

Tea Social Hour
North Orange Branch
Wednesdays, October 4 & 18, 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. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Yoga for Adults
North Orange Branch
Thursdays, October 5–26, 1 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 your own mat. Designed for adults and seniors.

The Designer Is In:
Design Your Space Series
West Oaks Branch
Fridays, October 6–27, 1–3 p.m.
Join Rebecca Hubler, interior designer, as she helps homeowners and design enthusiasts understand and apply the basics of interior design to successfully create their own projects. Registration required.

Dungeons and Dragons at the Library!
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, October 7, 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.

Beginner Line Dancing
Southwest Branch
Saturday, October 7, 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.

Ready to Plan for the Holidays
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, October 8, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Enjoy a short chat on using your planner to plan for the holidays before open planner project time. Bring your own supplies and connect and share ideas with other planners.

Altered Books
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, October 8, 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. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Food 101: Ice Cream
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, October 11, 5:30 p.m.
The Food 101 series introduces you to a new topic every month, examining the historical and social significance of what we eat. In October, learn all about ice cream.

Plant Clinic
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, October 12, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, October 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.

DIY Wood Coasters
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, October 12, 5 p.m.
Design your own wooden coaster.

TTRPG Academy:
The Quiet Year
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, October 14, 2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Explore a new tabletop role-playing game (TTRPG) every month as we play through a multitude of new releases and long-standing favorites. Recommended for ages 16 and up. Registration required.

All-Levels Yoga
Virtual
Monday, October 16, 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.

Podcast Listening Club: Movies
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819
Monday, October 16, 6:30–8 p.m.
Join us at Foxtail Coffee Co. inside the Dr. Phillips YMCA to discuss the "Movies" podcast playlist. Explore the history of movies and trends in filmmaking. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Understanding the Nutrition Label
Virtual
Tuesday, October 17, 1 p.m.
Join KeyVion Miller, registered dietitian nutritionist, as she discusses how to read the nutrition facts label. Learn helpful tips on how to make healthier food choices when you are grocery shopping.

Yoga for Happy Hips
Virtual
Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m.
This all-levels yoga class focuses on poses that will help improve flexibility and strength in the hip joints, as well as relieving tension that we hold on to due to stress and everyday movement.

Semamori Paper Stitched Patterns
Virtual
Friday, October 20, 10:30–11:45 a.m.
Semamori are traditional Japanese auspicious patterns. Learn about the meaning and history of the featured semamori pattern then pierce and stitch the pattern on paper.

Sketching 101
Virtual
Friday, October 20, 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.

Classical Music & Painting
Southeast Branch
Saturday, October 21, 3 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.

Dungeons, Dragons and Libraries: Adults
North Orange Branch
Saturday, October 21, 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 ages 18 and up.

Temporary Protective Status for Haiti
South Trail Branch
Monday, October 23, 11 a.m.
Learn about Temporary Protective Status for Haiti. Explore what it means, who is eligible and how to apply. Presented by Don Jarrell, community relations officer with the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Ask a Lawyer
Virtual
Tuesday, October 24, 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 landlord/tenant and real estate law.

Creating a Culture of Mindfulness: Part 1 Resilience and You
Virtual
Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m.
Discover the importance of resilience in our lives with this three-part series. Explore how living with resilience helps us to be healthier, happier, more creative and open to change.

Eatonville Weekend Wellness Workshop
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, October 28, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Grief can be difficult, especially during the holidays, when celebrations, memories and togetherness around making the loss more present. Learn coping skills to make this time more manageable.

Chair Yoga
Virtual
Monday, October 30, 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.



CLEAN YOUR CLOTHES CLOSET BY THE WEEKEND: SORT, SHARE, SELL, STORE

Virtual
Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m.
Join expert organizer and author Jamie Novak as she shares five steps to organize any closet. Learn about her insider tips and the things every closet needs to stay clutter-free.



**MEET THE ARTIST:
JULIO "JULSAN" SANCHEZ**

Eatonville Branch
Saturday, October 7, Noon
Join award-winning artist Julio "Julsan" Sanchez to learn about the inspiration behind his *Latin Expression of Environmental Art* – a colorful exhibition created with plastics, metals, wood and wires.

Latin Expression of Environmental Art
Eatonville Branch
On Display Through October 31
Enjoy eclectic artistry at its finest as international, award-winning artist Julio "Julsan" Sanchez showcases a colorful array of plastics, metals, wood and wires. Julsan, committed to leaving a legacy in the art world, is equally devoted in his quest to leave a lasting impression on the environment, our planet and to future generations.



**MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY:
CENTRAL FLORIDA SOUNDS
OF FREEDOM**

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, October 1, 2 p.m.
Celebrate Orlando Pride with Central Florida Sounds of Freedom (CFSOF). CFSOF promotes LGBTQ+ awareness, acceptance and equality through quality entertainment and fellowship.



**VEGAN EMPANADAS
AND PUMPKIN BISQUE**

Virtual
Wednesday, October 18, 6 p.m.
Fall in love with vegan empanadas and pumpkin bisque. Have a gourd time as Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, guides us through making these perfect savory dishes.

**VIETNAMESE SPRING ROLLS
WITH PEANUT SAUCE**

Virtual
Monday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.
Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make delicious Vietnamese spring rolls. They consist of fresh vegetables, herbs, rice noodles and protein wrapped in rice paper.



WRITE A NOVEL IN A MONTH WITH NANOWRIMO

Virtual
Sunday, October 15, 1–6 p.m.
 Join National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) veterans to discuss plot, character, world building and tips for making it through NaNoWriMo 2023. Registration required.

WRITERS CORNER

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How to Use Notion as a Writer

Virtual
Tuesday, October 3, 7 p.m.
 Notion is a productivity and note-taking app many writers have been using to plan and manage their projects. Author, screenwriter and professor Jennie Jarvis will discuss how to use Notion for writers.

Writing Workshop: Voice is Character

Virtual
Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m.
 Voice is so important in fiction, but what exactly does it mean? Literary Agent Keir Aleksei will discuss voice and how to develop your writing skills around crafting a great voice.

OCLS Writer's Group

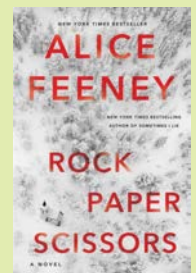
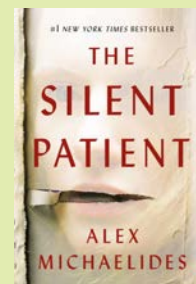
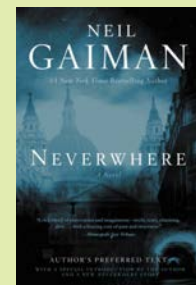
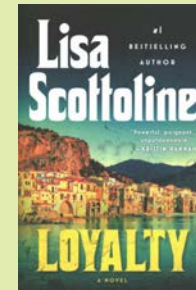
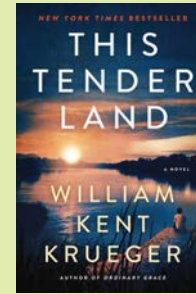
Virtual
Sunday, October 8, 4 p.m.
 Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

NaNoWriMo Prep:
 Prepare to Write a Book in a Month

Virtual
Tuesday, October 10, 7 p.m.
 National Novel Writing Month encourages authors to write a book in a month. Author Shannon Thompson will help you get ready to write a first draft quickly, whether you're doing NaNoWriMo or not!

BOOK CLUBS

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Y Read: Book Read Aloud

Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819
Saturdays, October 7–28, 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.

Nature Walk Book Club
Southwest Branch

Monday, October 9, 10 a.m.–Noon
 Join the Southwest Branch for a walk outdoors at Nehrling Gardens followed by discussion of *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Southeast Book Club
Southeast Branch

Monday, October 9, 3 p.m.
Virtual
Monday, October 9, 7 p.m.
 Join the Southeast Book Club to discuss *Loyalty* by Lisa Scottoline.

Alafaya Book Club
Virtual

Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m.
 The Alafaya Book Club's October selection is *Neverwhere* by Neil Gaiman.

Fairview Shores Book Club
Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesday, October 17, 6 p.m.
 Let's discuss *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. This book club is inspired by popular books on TikTok. Snacks will be provided.

Hiawassee Book Club
Virtual

Monday, October 23, 7–8:30 p.m.
 In October the Hiawassee Book Club will discuss *Rock Paper Scissors* by Alice Feeney.

Southwest Daytime Book Club
Southwest Branch

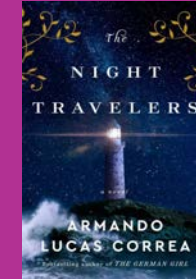
Friday, October 27, 2–3:30 p.m.
 Join the Southwest Daytime Book Club to discuss *Beyond That, The Sea* by Laura Spence-Ash, the story of two families living through World War II on opposite sides of the ocean. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

SOUTHWEST BOOK CLUB AUTHOR VISIT:
LAURA SPENCE-ASH
Virtual

Tuesday, October 24, 7–8:45 p.m.
 The Southwest Book Club will be joined by author Laura Spence-Ash to discuss her book, *Beyond That, The Sea* – the story of two families living through WWII. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

STAFF PICKS

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The Night Travelers
 by Armando Lucas Correa
 Separated by time but united by sacrifice, four women experience love, loss, war and hope from the rise of Nazism to the fall of the Berlin Wall as they embark on journeys of self-discovery and find themselves to be living testaments to the power of maternal love.



The Haunting of Alejandra
 by V. Castro
 A woman is haunted by the Mexican folk demon La Llorona as she unravels the dark secrets of her family history in this ravishing and provocative horror novel.



The Wheels on the Costume
 by Cindy Jin
 Celebrating disability and inclusivity, this interactive board book can be read to the tune of *The Wheels on the Bus* so little ones can see how a wheelchair can be transformed into creative costumes for trick-or-treating on Halloween night.



The Exorcist Legacy: 50 Years of Fear
 by Nat Segaloff
 The definitive, fascinating story of the scariest film ever made and its enduring impact in Hollywood and beyond. From the director's biographer comes a must-read for horror fans and cinema buffs, just in time for the movie's 50th anniversary and the release of the first movie in a new Exorcist trilogy.



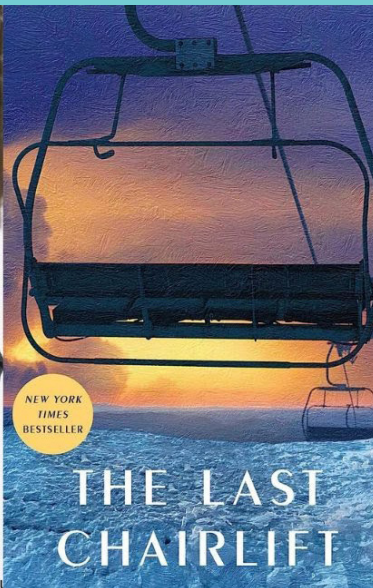
You're Not Supposed to Die Tonight
 by Kalynn Bayron
 This heart-pounding slasher by *New York Times* bestselling author Kalynn Bayron is perfect for fans of *Fear Street*.



Long Live the Pumpkin Queen
 by Shea Ernshaw
 Read Sally's story in this young adult companion to Tim Burton's *The Nightmare Before Christmas* written by *New York Times* bestselling author Shea Ernshaw.

MEET THE AUTHOR

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AUTHOR TALK WITH JOHN IRVING

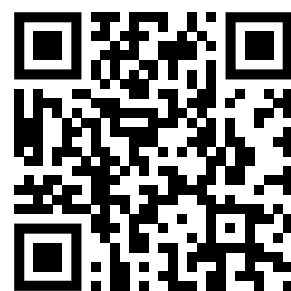
Virtual
Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m.
 Join us for an intimate conversation with John Irving as he chats about not only his most recent novel, *The Last Chairlift*, but also about his prolific body of work and a lifetime spent writing.

Author Talk With Rick Steves
Virtual

Tuesday, October 10, 4 p.m.
 Join guidebook author and TV host Rick Steves as he shares the latest in smart European travel.

Author Talk With Ruth Ware
Virtual

Wednesday, October 18, 2 p.m.
 You're invited to tune in as we chat with *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Woman in Cabin 10* and *The It Girl* as she talks about her newest book, *Zero Days*.



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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.

Land Records Virtual

Thursday, October 5, Noon
Learn about deeds, mortgages, platting and surveys. Discover the difference between metes and bounds states and public land record states.

Probate Records Virtual

Thursday, October 12, Noon
Learn what probate records are, where they are located and how to best utilize them in your family history research.

Immigration Records Virtual

Thursday, October 19, Noon
Immigration records are an incredibly rich source of information for the family historian. Learn more about your family's history by using passenger lists and naturalization records.

Church & Cemetery Records Virtual

Thursday, October 26, Noon
Discover what type of information is contained in church and cemetery records, how to access them and how they can help enhance your family history research.

**Death Stands Ready
Virtual
Tuesday, October 31, 1 p.m.**
Tombstone iconography and burial practices reflect the attitudes towards death held by early Americans. Learn how religious beliefs and family patterns of a society are reflected in burying customs.



**Researching Your Hispanic Ancestors
Virtual
Tuesday, October 10, 1 p.m.**
Explore and learn about key internet resources and databases for researching your Hispanic ancestors.

**Global Genealogy Slovakia
Virtual
Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m.**
Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors. This session focuses on Slovakia.

**Working on the Railroad: Railroad Records
Virtual
Tuesday, October 17, 1 p.m.**
Do you have an ancestor who worked for the railroads? Join us and learn where to turn to discover information about the railroad, its records and where you might find them.

**Using GedMatch.com
Virtual
Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.**
Learn how to navigate **GedMatch.com** and see how a variety of tools can help you further analyze your DNA and connect with your DNA matches.

**West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center Overview
Virtual
Tuesday, October 24, 1 p.m.**
Learn about the services and resources that are offered by the library to help you with your genealogical research.

**Social Security Records for Genealogy
Virtual
Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.**
The Social Security Act was passed in 1935 and helped create records for genealogists. Learn how this act impacted your ancestors and what records were created as a result.

**Medicare Monday
Washington Park Branch
Mondays,
October 2, 16 & 30, 1–2:30 p.m.**
Join experienced Medicare educators Sabrina Ramos and Sandra Sims in this educational program, no sales and no pressure.

**Medicare and Marketplace Annual Enrollment Help Desk
South Trail Branch
Mondays, October 2 & 16, 1–5 p.m.**
Join Collette Rance, a former teacher and experienced Medicare scholar to review your 2024 benefits for your existing plan, or look for alternative Medicare options. Registration required.

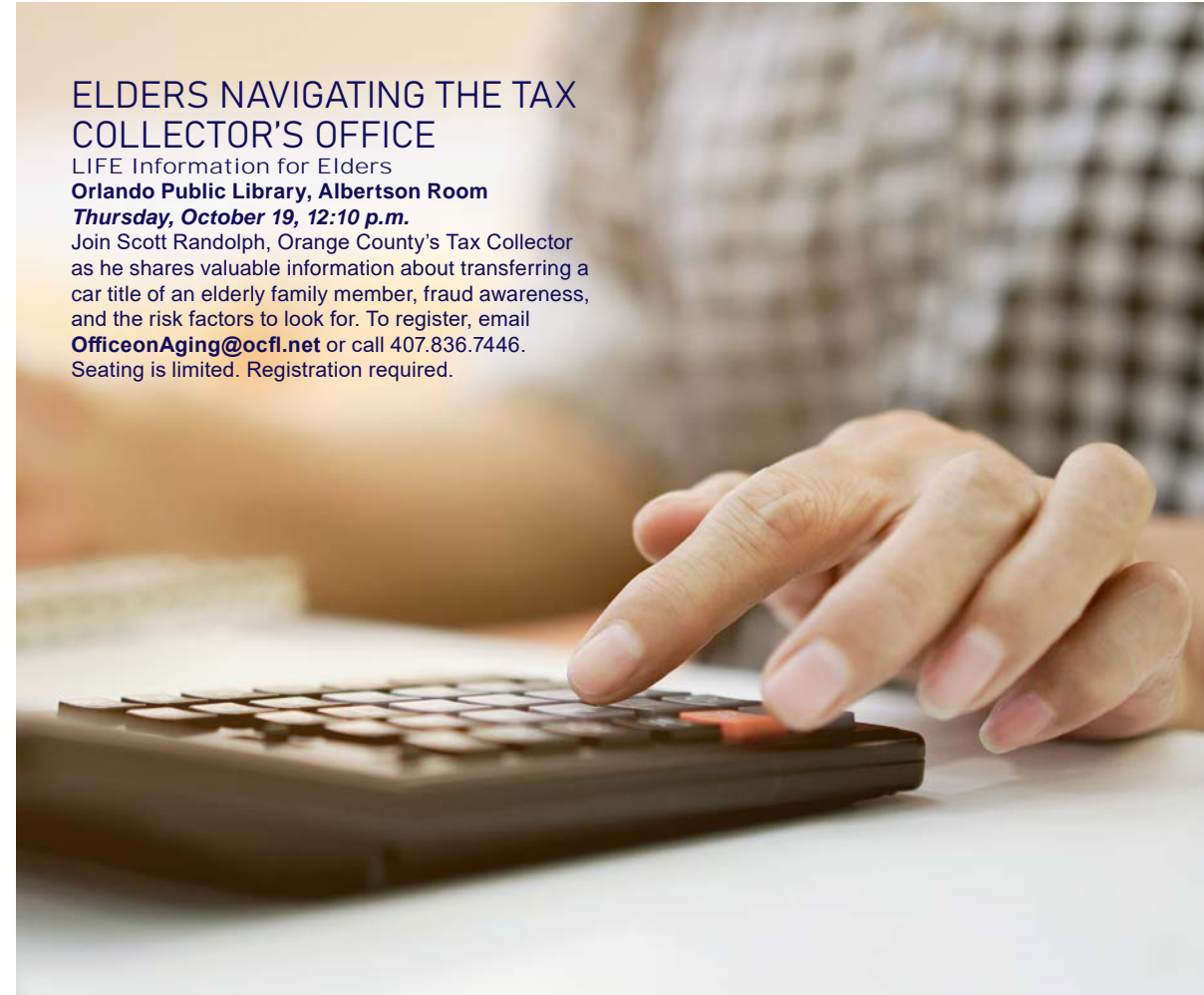
**Adult Karaoke Night
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday,
October 5 & 19, 5–6:30 p.m.**
Bring on the night by singing! Come on in and sing your way through the Karaoke Night!

**Qigong Movement and Breathing
Southwest Branch
Friday, October 27, 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.



ELDERS NAVIGATING THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

LIFE Information for Elders
**Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, October 19, 12:10 p.m.**
Join Scott Randolph, Orange County's Tax Collector as he shares valuable information about transferring a car title of an elderly family member, fraud awareness, and the risk factors to look for. To register, email **OfficeonAging@ocfl.net** or call 407.836.7446. Seating is limited. Registration required.



JOBSEEKERS

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LEVEL UP ORANGE NEIGHBORHOOD NAVIGATORS

**South Trail Branch
Wednesday, October 4, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**
**Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, October 12, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**
**North Orange Branch
Wednesday, October 18, 1–3 p.m.**
**Washington Park Branch
Thursday, October 26, 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, October 17, 2:30 p.m.**
Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.

**Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, October 24, 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.



LANGUAGE LEARNING

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ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)



Speaking Clearly Advanced
Virtual
Mondays, October 2–30, 10:30 a.m.
Designed for students who want to improve their speaking and presentation skills.

Writing Clearly Beginners
Virtual
Tuesdays, October 3–31, 10:30 a.m.
Review different grammar points in English and basic sentence writing.

Speaking Clearly Intermediate
Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, October 3–24, 2 p.m.
Designed to introduce learners to the rules for spelling and pronunciation of English words and phrases.

Making Cents:
Your Money in English
Virtual
Wednesdays, October 4–18, 5:30 p.m.
In this six-week series, you will learn the English skills needed to manage your money in the USA.

Writing Clearly Intermediate
Southeast Branch
Thursdays, October 5–26, 1:30 p.m.
Focus on sentence structures, phrases and vocabulary building.

Practice Makes Perfect
Chickasaw Branch
Thursdays, October 5–26, 2–3:30 p.m.
English conversation classes led by Adult Literacy League volunteers.

Introducción al Inglés
South Trail Branch
Fridays, October 6–27, 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 Beginners
Southeast Branch
Saturdays, October 7 & 21, 10:30 a.m.
Fridays, October 13 & 27, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Saturdays, October 7–27, 2:30 p.m.
Designed to introduce learners to the basic sounds of English for pronunciation.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION HOUR

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

Southeast Branch
Wednesday, October 4–25, 4 p.m.
Fridays, October 13 & 27, 11:30 a.m.
Saturdays, October 7 & 21, 11:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch
Thursdays, October 5–26, 12:30 p.m.
Fridays, October 13 & 27, 12:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch
Thursdays, October 5–26, 4:45 p.m.

Windermere Branch
Fridays, October 6–27, 3:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, October 7–21, Noon

Winter Garden Branch
Thursdays, October 19, 5:30 p.m.

Virtual
Wednesdays, October 4–25, Noon
Thursdays, October 5–26, 2 p.m.

ENGLISH FROM ZERO

English from Zero classes are designed for beginning English learners. Each workshop will focus on a specific target topic.

Chickasaw Branch
Mondays, October 2–30, 5:30 p.m.
Thursdays, October 5–26, 11 a.m.
Fridays, October 13 & 27, 11 a.m.

Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, October 3–24, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, October 4–25, 2:30 p.m.
Thursdays, October 12–26, 5 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, October 3–31, 4–5:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch
Thursdays, October 5–26, 4:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch
Thursdays, October 5–26, 4:45–6:15 p.m.

Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, October 7–21, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch
Sundays, October 8 & 22, 2–3:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch
Thursdays, October 12–26, 4:30 p.m.

Virtual
Mondays, October 2–30, 3 & 6:45 p.m.
Tuesdays, October 3–31, 3:30 p.m.



LANGUAGE CLASSES

Spanish from Zero Basics
with Ms. Brenda
Virtual
Tuesday, October 3, 4 p.m.
Learn Spanish basics and grammar.

Spanish Pronunciation
with Ms. Brenda
Virtual
Tuesday, October 3, 5 p.m.
The first step to learn a new language! Learn all about Spanish pronunciation.

Práctica Spanish
Conversation
Virtual
Wednesdays, October 4–25, 4–5:30 p.m.
¡Práctica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Conversation topics and themed vocabulary will be provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Open Lab Learn Spanish
Southeast Branch
Thursday, October 5, 3 p.m.
Learn basic Spanish.

Open Lab Learn Spanish
Pronunciation
Southeast Branch
Thursday, October 5, 4 p.m.
Learn all about Spanish pronunciation.

Beginner Mandarin Chinese
for Adults
Alafaya Branch
Sundays, October 8, 15 & 22, 3 p.m.
In this beginner series for adults, Jenny Forest Lin, principal of the Oviedo Chinese School, Inc., will introduce students to the basics of Mandarin Chinese.

“Hola Amigos”
Spanish from Zero for Kids
with Ms. Brenda
Virtual
Mondays, October 9, 23 & 30, 6 p.m.
Basic Spanish for children and families.

CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED

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Citizenship Inspired
Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, October 5, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturdays, October 21 & 28, 3:30–5:15 p.m.
Virtual
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, October 3, 4, 10 & 11, 3–5 p.m.
Thursdays, October 5 & 12, 3–4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, October 17, 18, 24 & 25, 3–5 p.m.
During this program, students will meet to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.



MAKE YOUR HALLOWEEN FABULOUS WITH THE MELROSE CENTER FABLAB!

Creep It Yourself: Book Nook
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Friday, October 6, 3–5:30 p.m.

Cozy up your bookshelf with an illuminated book nook, built by you in the Melrose Center Fab Lab.

Foamsmithing Workshop:
 Kitsune Fox Masks
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesday, October 17, 5–6:30 p.m.

Transform your cosplay with a traditional Japanese fox kitsune mask using foamsmithing skills and your imagination.

Family STEM Saturdays Guided Lab:
 Spooky Bat Lantern

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, October 21, 10:30 a.m. & Noon

Get your home or porch ready for Halloween! Create your own spooky Halloween bat lantern in the Fab Lab using pieces cut with the Silhouette Cameo 4.



Foamsmithing Workshop:
 Basic Super Villain Helmet
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesdays, October 3 & 10, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Foamsmithing is the art of creating props and costumes using different types of foam for cosplayers and movie makers. You will get hands-on experience using tools of the trade.

Creature Shop Workshop:
 Sandworms of the Neitherworld
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturdays, October 7 & 14, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 You love them, right? We love them ourselves! Create your own sandworm model for your creep-tastic film projects.

Presenting a special encore “Best of the Fest” in-person screening at the Melrose Center on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 1–5 p.m. As the Melrose Film Festival shifted to online screenings in 2020–2022, we’re excited to share award winners from all categories from the past five years on the center’s large-scale 165” LED screen. This includes documentaries, shorts, micro-shorts, music videos and animation from around the world.

Melrose Film Festival 2024 will open for entries on March 1, 2024, on FilmFreeway.com for videos under 10 minutes in the following categories: documentaries, shorts, micro-shorts, music videos, animation and AI (new for 2024).

MELROSE FILM FESTIVAL

Solar Eclipse Tostadas
Hiwassee Branch
Thursday, October 5, 4:30 p.m.
 Learn about what causes a solar eclipse while making a tasty treat. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Eclipse Chalk Art
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, October 7, 11 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, October 7, 12:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, October 11, 3:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, October 14, Noon
 Learn how eclipse watchers used to record what they saw before modern technology. Participants will then create their very own eclipse art! Recommended for ages 3 and up.

Homeschool Meetup:
 Get Ready for the Eclipse!
Southwest Branch
Monday, October 9, 1 p.m.
 Get ready for the annular solar eclipse on Saturday, October 14 by learning more about eclipses and how to view them. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Pocket Solar System
Eatonville Branch
Monday, October 9, 3:30 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.

Pinhole Viewer:
 Shoebox Version
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, October 10, 3:30 p.m.
 Create a safe way to view the sun. Using a shoe box and other common materials build your own solar eclipse viewers! Recommended for families with children ages 8 and up.

Design Your Own Solar Cupcakes
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, October 10, 4 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, October 11, 2:30 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.

Cuisine Corner Junior:
 Eclipse Snacks!
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, October 11, 4 p.m.
 Celebrate the upcoming eclipse with a rice cake snack and an eclipse-themed drink! Recommended for ages 6–12. Registration for each child is required.

Why Don't Eclipses Happen Every Month?
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, October 11, 3:30 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.

Edible Science: Moon Phases, Eclipses & Astronomy
Hiwassee Branch
Friday, October 13, 4 p.m.
 Learn about the different phases of the moon, eclipses and astronomy in general as we explore beyond the Earth! Appreciate the universe with a moon craft, games and snacks!

Big Sun, Small Moon?
Washington Park Branch
Saturday, October 14, Noon
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, October 14, 2 p.m.
 How does the moon almost cover the sun when it is nearly 400 times smaller? Discover how distance affects how objects can appear similar in size. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

Sun Cookies
Windermere Branch
Saturday, October 14, Noon
 Create a model of the sun that you can eat! Use candy pieces and a cookie to make a delicious treat.

Build a Sizzling Solar Oven
South Trail Branch
Saturday, October 14, 2:30 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.

A partial eclipse of the sun will be visible in all parts of North America on October 14, with people along a narrow geographic path being able to view a full annular eclipse. During an annular eclipse, the moon passes in front of the sun, but the moon is too far away from Earth in orbit to cover the sun completely. Thus, an annulus, or ring of fire, can be seen around the dark sphere of the moon. The full annular eclipse can be viewed in parts of Oregon, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Texas. In Orlando, we will be able to see the eclipse from 11:52 a.m.–3:02 p.m., with 1:26 p.m. being the maximum time for viewing with 55.2% solar concealment.

A solar eclipse is an amazing and rare opportunity that you won't want to miss. You can watch the eclipse safely with solar viewing glasses from Orange County Library System. 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 get solar viewing glasses (while supplies last) from the library, you must attend a program presented by Orange County Library System related to the upcoming eclipses.



ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY

Southeast Branch
Saturday, October 14, 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Saturday, October 14, Noon–3 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, October 14, 1 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Saturday, October 14, 1 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Saturday, October 14, 1 p.m.
 Step outside, view the eclipse in real-time and participate in other eclipse activities. Eclipse glasses will be provided while supplies last.





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 OCTOBER, WE LOOK BACK AT THE 2000S.

100 Years of Art

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, October 4, 4 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, October 26, 4:30 p.m.

Explore art styles through the decades as we celebrate the library's 100th birthday! Recommended for families with children 6 and up.

A Decade in Film: 2000s

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Wednesdays, October 11 & 25, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

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

100 Year Celebration Reading 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.



OCLS IN THE 2000s

February 2000
Alafaya Branch celebrates its grand opening

March 2000
West Colonial Branch closes and is replaced by the new Hiwassee Branch

April 2000
OCLS launches its new Online Book Club during National Library Week

May 2000
The Computer Resource Center opens at Orlando Public Library

August 2001
West Oaks Branch holds its dedication and grand opening ceremony

December 2001
Director Dorothy Field retires

January 2002
Mary Anne Hodel is appointed director of Orange County Library System

June 2002
A new library logo, designed by Disney artist David Buckley, is selected

October 2002
First full-color *Books & Beyond* magazine published

October 2003
Books & Beyond debuts in its current magazine format

November 2003
The renovated first floor of Orlando Public Library debuts with a gala hosted by Mary Anne. Dubbed Library Central it features a new teen area, Club Central, and the Friends of the Library gift shop, Gifts & Greetings

November 2005
Winter Garden Branch opens, replacing the West Orange Library

August 2008
Orlando Memory officially launches



ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM CENTENNIAL CITRUS ALE CELEBRATION & BOOK FAIR

Ivanhoe Park Brewing Co.
1300 Alden Road, Orlando, FL 32803

Saturday, October 7, Noon

Visit the Ivanhoe Park Brewing Co. to enjoy a retro book fair and taste their limited-edition beer that commemorates the library's 100 years of service.



THE HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM: MARY ANNE HODEL & THE NEW MILLENNIUM

BY RENÉE MARVIN, MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS AIDE

In December of 2001, Orange County Library System was poised at the edge of the 21st century. The retiring director, Dorothy Field, had accomplished a remarkable amount to prepare the library system for the new millennium, including opening three new branches and ensuring public computers with internet access were available to all library users. But with Dorothy's departure, a new era of opportunity was on the horizon.

Mary Anne Hodel already had an impressive resume when she arrived at OCLS in January 2002. Her previous work focused on innovative ways of adapting library services to the needs of their communities. Mary Anne started her library career in 1984 as an automation librarian, overseeing the Georgetown Law Library at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., which became the first law library in the nation with an automated catalog. In 1991, she became the Chief of the State Library Resource Center at Baltimore's Enoch Pratt Free Library. After she accepted the role of Director of Ann Arbor

Library District in 1995, the system received national recognition by being named *Library Journal's* Library of the Year in 1997.

The January 2001 issue of *Books & Beyond* introduced the library's new director, highlighting Mary Anne and emphasizing her notion that "the library should offer the opportunity for citizens to gain the necessary skills to explore the expanding horizons of the digital age." It came as little surprise, then, that part of her vision for OCLS involved expanding its technology offerings. It would be under her leadership that the library system would grow into the technology powerhouse it is today.

Mary Anne wasted no time in implementing her plans. By the end of her first year as director, OCLS had seen the Friends of the Library Bookstore renovated, the addition of DVDs to the library's catalog, the opening of South Creek Branch, and the creation of a new library logo, designed by Walt Disney Imagineering designer David Buckley. In 2003, the library's motto also got a refresh, reflecting its new mission: "Information.

Imagination. Innovation." That same year, Orlando Public Library debuted a freshly renovated first floor with three new featured areas: Library Central, the main hub for new releases, DVDs and stage performances; Club Central, the library's teens-only area for youth ages 11-18 to study and socialize; and the Friends-operated gift shop, Gifts & Greetings.

From baby steps like accepting card payments in the bookstore and gift shop and the introduction of virtual book clubs, to bigger projects, like catalog upgrades, the opening of Winter Garden Branch and Eatonville Branch, and the addition of classes in Haitian Creole, Mary Anne oversaw the creation of necessary and important changes throughout the library system. The inception of programs like Orlando Memory, Central Florida's community-operated digital archive, in July of 2008, and the adoption of OverDrive as the library's digital content distributor in November of that same year, highlighted the library's dedication to meeting the needs of the community, past, present and future.

Even *Books & Beyond* saw serious innovation: its current format first appeared with the February 2007 issue. The 2000s editions placed a heavy focus on computer and technology classes, with page after page highlighting OCLS's offerings from Microsoft to Apple, from computer basics and blogging to coding and networking.

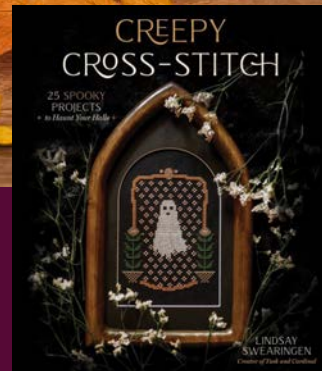
In a 2022 interview, Mary Anne explained, "Keeping up with our customers, and where they are, what their needs are, and the technology they are using is very important." That dedication to keeping the library current and vital to the community was a vibrant part of her tenure as director and a lasting component of her legacy at OCLS. It would be in the second decade of her leadership, however, that OCLS would receive perhaps its greatest opportunity to serve Orange County's evolving technology needs. Be sure to pick up a copy of the November 2023 issue of *Books & Beyond*, where we will highlight the 2010s and the founding of The Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation and Creativity.

FIBER ARTS

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SEWING: WITCH'S HAT

Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, October 3, 10 a.m.–Noon & 12:30–2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 18, 10 a.m.–Noon & 12:30–2:30 p.m.
 Create your own witch hat for Halloween. This easy-to-make witches hat uses three fat quarters, interfacing and bias tape.



Explore new techniques, get ideas for projects and find helpful patterns in our featured fiber arts book

Creepy Cross-Stitch by Lindsay Swearingen
 From spooky skulls to ghoulish graveyards, Lindsay Swearingen of Tusk and Cardinal gives cross-stitch a dark yet whimsical update. Lindsay gives you a crash course in the basics to ensure you have all the materials and techniques you need to start off on the right foot. Then, dive into her incredible patterns and stitch yourself some oddities that range from quirky to downright eerie.

HAUNT THE HALLS

Get ready for spooky season with custom costumes and home accessories. Dress up with a witch's hat or a superhero cape and decorate your house with hauntingly delightful projects for every room.

Let's Crochet:
 Pumpkin Scrubby
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, October 10, 5–6:30 p.m.
 Create a fun crochet project. Learn how to crochet in the round while stitching a pumpkin-shaped scrubby.

Sewing: Easy
 Superhero Cape
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, October 11, 10 a.m.–Noon & 12:30–2:30 p.m.
 Are you ready for Halloween? Join us to make this easy superhero cape for a quick and easy costume in sizes for kids to adults.

Let's Crochet Ghosts
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, October 17, 10:15–12:15 p.m.
 Apply in-the-round techniques to crochet cut mini spooky ghosts.

Let's Embroider a
 Spooky Moon
Virtual
Friday, October 20, 4–5:30 p.m.
 Combine basic embroidery stitches and felt appliqués to create a simple spooky moon design.

Sewing:
 Pumpkin Table Runner
North Orange Branch
Saturday, October 21, 2–4 p.m.
 The pumpkin table runner is perfect to make your home cozy this fall. Students will learn to cut fabric, sew straight lines and beginner quilting techniques.

Let's Embroider a Cat Bag
Virtual
Friday, October 27, 4–5:30 p.m.
 Let's celebrate National Cat Day and spooky season with this easy, DIY cat bag project. Add flair to your costume or simply use it to gather your tricks and treats!

ARTES DE FIBRA EN ESPAÑOL

Costura: Camino de Mesa en forma de calabazas
North Orange Branch
lunes, 23 de octubre, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Crea un divertido proyecto en croché. Aprende a tejer en la ronda mientras teje una esponja exfoliadora en forma de Calabaza.

Tejido en Croché: Exfoliadora en forma de calabaza
North Orange Branch
martes, 24 de octubre, 5–6:30 p.m.
 Crea un divertido proyecto en croché. Aprende a tejer en la ronda mientras teje una esponja exfoliadora en forma de Calabaza.

TECHNOLOGY

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EXCEL IN OCTOBER

Microsoft Excel is up to the task. Use powerful features like pivot tables and formulas to make your workflow a breeze!

Microsoft Excel Level 1
Orlando Public Library
Monday, October 2, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 18, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, October 4, 10:15 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, October 11, 1 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, October 24, 11 a.m.
 Start using Excel today. Input, format and save data in spreadsheets. Calculate data with basic formulas.

Microsoft Excel Level 2
Orlando Public Library
Monday, October 2, 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, October 18, 11:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, October 4, 11:30 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, October 11, 2:15 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, October 25, 11 a.m.
 Calculate data with basic functions SUM and AVERAGE. Use features including auto and flash fill to streamline your workflow.

Microsoft Excel Level 3
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, October 3, 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 19, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, October 11, 10:15 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, October 18, 1 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, October 26, 11 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
Tuesday, October 3, 3:45 p.m.
Thursday, October 19, 11:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, October 11, 11:30 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, October 18, 2:15 p.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.

Microsoft Excel: Formulas and Functions
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, October 4, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, October 25, 2:15 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, October 4, 2:30 p.m.
Friday, October 20, 10:30 a.m.
 Calculate your data with formulas and functions. Use the Function Library to find the best fit for your project. Insert financial, logical, lookup, math and text functions.

Microsoft Excel: Pivot Tables
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, October 4, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, October 25, 1 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, October 4, 3:45 p.m.
Friday, October 20, 11:45 a.m.
 Dread analyzing data? Simplify the process and create meaningful reports using the powerful PivotTable tools. Learn how to create and customize PivotTables and PivotCharts using Microsoft Excel.



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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PERUVIAN MUSIC AND DANCE

Southeast Branch
Saturday, October 7, 2 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, October 11, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, October 14, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn a new dance with professional folkloric dancers from Raymi Dance School. Discover the history of Peru through this cultural dance performance. Recommended for families with children ages 0–12.



MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY: EL MARIACHI SHOW

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.



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.

CUBA'S HISTORY IN TWENTY-FIVE ARTIFACTS

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, October 14, 4 p.m.
 Historian, professor and author Dr. Luis Martínez-Fernández will present Cuba's history as illustrated by 25 artifacts. Dr. Martínez-Fernández is the author of many books, including *Revolutionary Cuba: A History*.



Mexican Folk Art
South Creek Branch
Saturday, October 7, 2 p.m.
 Celebrate Mexican Independence Day and Hispanic Heritage Month by creating your own craft honoring Mexican folk art. Recommended for ages 11–17.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Holy Guacamole!
South Trail Branch
Monday, October 2, 3:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Monday, October 9, 5 p.m.
 Nothing is better than fresh guacamole! Learn how to prepare this classic dip that's both easy to whip up and delicious. Recommended for ages 6–12. Registration required.

Way Back When the Maya Chased the Sun
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, October 4, 4 p.m.
 Learn about the ancient Maya culture, construct a pyramid, try ancient hot cocoa and make a death mask! Recommended for ages 6–12. Registration required.

World Traveler: Mexico
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, October 5, 4:30 p.m.
 Become a world traveler! Take a trip to explore Mexico with fun trivia, activities and crafts. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Creatures of the Night
South Trail Branch
Friday, October 6, 3 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Friday, October 6, 4 p.m.
 Dream big like Pedro Linares and let your imagination tell a story. Create fantastical Mexican folk art creatures called alebrijes! Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

World Traveler: South America
South Trail Branch
Monday, October 9, 3:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, October 18, 3 p.m.
 Become a world traveler! Take a trip to South America with fun trivia, activities and crafts. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Hola Biblioteca
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, October 11, 4 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, October 12, 4:30 p.m.
 Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with this fabulous event! Take a trip to the library and enjoy stories, crafts and activities. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Little Chef: Salsa Snack
North Orange Branch
Thursday, October 12, 11 a.m.
 Chop, scoop, mix and snack! Learn how to make chunky salsa with fresh ingredients and enjoy it with a side of chips. Adult participation is required at this event. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Lines With Carmen Herrera
South Creek Branch
Saturday, October 21, 2 p.m.
 Learn about Cuban-born artist Carmen Herrera and create your own geometric abstract art. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Barriletes Gigantes
South Creek Branch
Thursday, October 26, 4:30 p.m.
 Learn about the Giant Kite Festival held each year in Guatemala and make a replica Mayan kite. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Remember Me
Eatonville Branch
Monday, October 30, 3:30 p.m.
 Gather your friends and family as we explore traditions and a brightly colored world of music through stories and activities all inspired by Disney Pixar's *Coco*.

HALLOWEEN

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Who Hoots?
North Orange Branch
Thursday, October 5, 11 a.m.
 Who, who, who hoots in the night? An owl, that's who! Play and discover while learning all about our feathered friends. Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

Monster Bugs
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, October 5, 3:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, October 18, 4 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Friday, October 20, 4 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, October 28, 10:30 a.m.
 Are you ready to freak out? Once we identify the creepiest bugs on Earth and learn their diabolical traits, we will make our own monster bugs to freak out our friends. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Candy Experiments
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, October 10, 3:30 p.m.
 We all know candy tastes good, but did you know you can learn from it? These experiments are easy, fun and delicious. Recommended ages 6–12.

Escape the Haunted House
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, October 11, 4:30 p.m.
 Can you solve puzzles and answer trivia questions to escape a mansion haunted by ghosts, goblins and monsters? Registration required. Recommended for families.

Kids Film Club
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, October 19, 3:15–5 p.m.
Saturday, October 21, 1 p.m.
 Calling all kids! Are you a movie fan? Join us to enjoy *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and return to discuss it with fellow movie enthusiasts! Recommended for ages 6–12.

Perler Bead Accessories & More
North Orange Branch
Thursday, October 19, 4–5:30 p.m.
 Create pixelated art with Perler beads. Design your very own accessories, make earrings, keychains, magnets and more with your own flair. Get spooky with our Halloween themed Perler! Recommended for families.

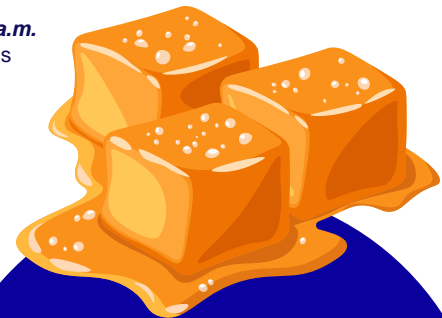
Halloween Spooktacular
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, October 21, 2 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, October 25, 4 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Thursday, October 26, 4:30 p.m.
 Wear your costume and join us for ghoulish games, creepy crafts and spooky stories ... if you dare! Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Pumpkin Dissection
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, October 24, 3:30 p.m.
 Join us for a festive science project where we will dissect a pumpkin and identify its parts. Recommended for ages 6–10.

Fall Festival
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, October 25, 10:15 a.m.
 Celebrate fall with stories, games and activities featuring apples, pumpkins and autumn leaves. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Halloween at Hiwassee Library
Hiwassee Branch
Monday, October 30, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
 Wear your costume and join us in the pumpkin patch for games, crafts and stories! Recommended for ages 3–12.

Marvelous Halloween Masquerade
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, October 31, 5 p.m.
 Sweep into a ghoulish gala full of music, games and creepy crafts! Be sure to wear your costume, we'll provide the mask. Recommended for ages 6–12. Registration required.

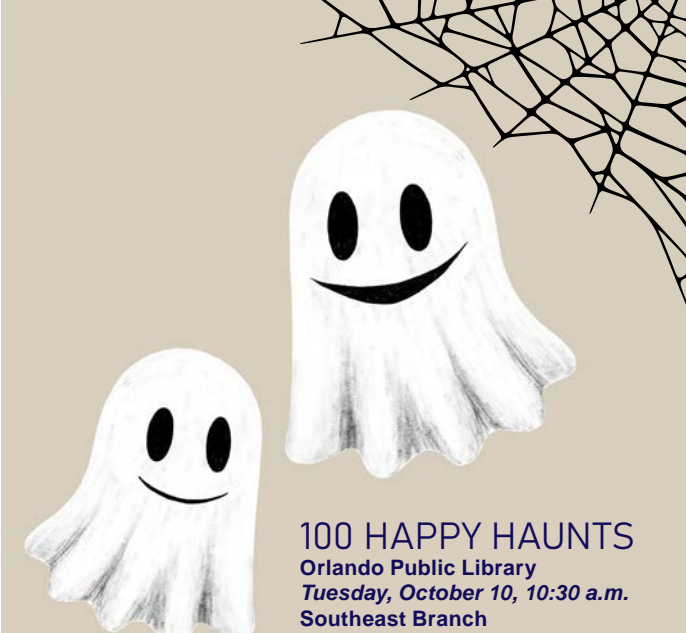


CUISINE CORNER JUNIOR: CARAMEL APPLES

TikTok and Instagram Live
Thursday, October 26, 4 p.m.
 Learn to make caramel apples, the perfect goodie for Halloween! Grab apples, caramel and your choice of toppings to enjoy this sweet and tart treat! Recommended for families with children ages 6–12.

SPOOKTOBER READING CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS 2023

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October 1–31
 Celebrate frightful fun this October with the library by participating in the Spooktober Reading Challenge for Adults! OCLS cardholders, ages 18 and up, can participate in spooky challenges to earn digital badges and enter for the chance to win a prize.



100 HAPPY HAUNTS

Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, October 10, 10:30 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, October 16, 10:15 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Monday, October 16, 11 a.m.
Hiwassee Branch
Thursday, October 19, 4:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Friday, October 20, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, October 31, 11 a.m.
 Shriek with delight at this not-so-spooky event, celebrating 100 years of happy haunts at the library! Recommended for ages 18–36 months. Costumes encouraged.

TRICK OR TREAT

Safe Zone

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY

ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER
DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

Sensory Swamp
Orlando Public Library, Club Central
Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Take part in spooky-themed activities and crafts. Get hands-on with the marshes and explore natural haunts hidden in the bog. Crafts are available while supplies last. Recommended for families.

Music with Mr. Richard
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, October 28, 1 p.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 families.

Tourist City Ghostbusters
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Ghosts, goblins, monsters and minions go bump in the night. Learn about ghost-busting equipment and inspect various haunted artifacts inside cases. Recommended for families.

Creepy Crawlies and Monster Mayhem
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Challenge yourself to escape from our monsters and creepy crawlers by conquering our games and feats of skill. Recommended for families with children ages 3 and up.

Pumpkin Patch Fun
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Explore, play and participate in various activities. Enjoy fun fall-themed games for everyone. Recommended for families.

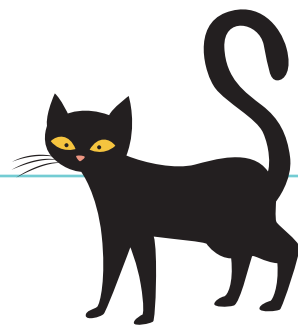
Not-So-Haunted House
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Step into the magical world of adventure and imagination. Travel through the sea of monsters, protect the library from aliens and have a ton of spooky fun. Recommended for families.

Relax in Peace
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, October 28, Noon–3 p.m.
 Take a break from the Halloween hustle and bustle! Enjoy 'creepy' calming activities and 'spooky' stations for the entire family. Recommended for families.



EARLY LEARNING

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BABY

AGES 0-18 MONTHS

CATS, BATS & BABIES

Southeast Branch
Monday, October 2, 10:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, October 18, 10:30 a.m.
 Bring your baby to this Halloween storytime filled with not-so-spooky activities that introduce pre-literacy concepts. Baby costumes are encouraged.



Mother Goose on the Loose
Orlando Public Library
Mondays, October 2-30, 10:30 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursdays, October 5-26, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, October 24, 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.

Baby Bookworms
Southwest Branch
Monday, October 9, 11 a.m.
 Read! Learn! Play! Introduce your baby to important literacy practices that encourage learning and developmental growth.

Mama Gansa
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, October 11, 10:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, October 16, 11 a.m.
 A Spanish immersion Mother Goose on the Loose with interactive songs, rhymes and activities to grow your baby's early literacy and Spanish skills.

Spooktacular Babies
Southwest Branch
Monday, October 23, 11 a.m.
 Calling all little monsters for some spooktacular fun! We're brewing up Halloween rhymes, activities and BOOs for everyone! Costumes are encouraged.

TODDLER

AGES 18-36 MONTHS

Guitar Singalong
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, October 3, 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for a brief singalong to familiar songs with live guitar for you and your toddler.

Itsy-Bitsy Spiders
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, October 3, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, October 19, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, October 31, 10:30 a.m.
 Eek, a spider! Don't be scared. Join us for not-so-creepy, crawly crafts and stories about our eight-legged friends. Recommended for ages 2-5.

Bubble Playtime
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, October 4, 10:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, October 17, 11 a.m.
 Help your child with their motor development skills in this interactive bubble class.

Storytime Craft
North Orange Branch
Wednesdays,
October 4-25, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursdays,
October 12-26, 10 a.m.-Noon
 Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for ages 2-5.

Artsy Toddler
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesdays, October 10 & 24, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, October 18, 10:15 a.m.
 Learn new fine motor skills using paint, paste, glue and stamps to create! Enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences.

On The Farm With The Little Red Hen
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, October 10, 11 a.m.
 Explore the farm with stories, interactive stations and a craft. Recommended for ages 2-5.

Space Discovery
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, October 10, 11 a.m.
 Zip up your suits and pop on your helmets, we're off on an outer space adventure. Discover the wonders of space through stories and interactive activities.

Toddler Playground
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, October 25, 11 a.m.
 Toddlers use unstructured play to advance their physical and cognitive development and to have fun!



BATTY FOR HALLOWEEN

Southwest Branch
Wednesday, October 11, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, October 17, 11 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, October 31, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn about the secret life of bats and their behaviors through books, riddles and a craft.

PRESCHOOL

AGES 3-5



ORLANDO BALLET PRESENTS: THE NUTCRACKER STORYTIME

Chickasaw Branch
Friday, October 27, 11 a.m.
 Experience the tale of *The Nutcracker* with dancers from the Orlando Ballet. In celebration of the Orlando Ballet's 50th season dancers will be in costume for this unique storytime. Recommended for ages 5 and up.



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Pumpkin Party
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, October 3, 11 a.m.
 Celebrate the season with pumpkin-themed stories, songs and crafts.

Wild Wonderful Witches
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, October 3, 11 a.m.
 Let's get witchy! Celebrate Halloween with fun stories about spells and potions, black cats and broomsticks.

Discover America
Virtual
Wednesdays,
October 4-25, 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.

Ghosts, Monsters, Bats and Crows
Southeast Branch
Thursday, October 5, 4:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, October 31, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, October 3, 11 a.m.
 Calling all witches, zombies and monsters. Sing and dance during this spooky storytime.

Little Chef: PB&J Spiders
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, October 10, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, October 24, 11 a.m.
 It's peanut butter and jelly time! Come spread, cut and stack ingredients to make a friendly and delicious spider. Adult participation is required. Registration required.

Monsters Read Too!
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, October 17, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, October 26, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, October 30, 10:15 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, October 31, 11 a.m.
 Did you know that monsters love to read? Join us for not-so-scary stories and crafts featuring our favorite monsters.

Tales from the Pumpkin Patch
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, October 17, 11 a.m.
 Preschoolers are invited to listen to stories and participate in interactive songs and activities to celebrate Halloween.

Cuéntame un Cuento
South Creek Branch
Wednesday,
October 18, 10:30 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, October 23, 10:15 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, October 24, 11 a.m.
 Cuéntame un Cuento is an interactive bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish that are suitable for speakers of either language.

Wild Thing Rumpus
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday,
October 18, 10:30 a.m.
 Max and the Wild Things invite you to a Halloween rumpus. Show your claws, make some mischief and roar your heart out in this active storytime with craft activities.

Rough Tough Trucks
South Trail Branch
Thursday, October 19, 10:15 a.m.
 Beep beep! Vroom vroom! Let's zoom together to the world of rough and tough trucks with songs, stories and crafts!

Fun Yoga Flow for Kids
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, October 19, 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, October 20, 11 a.m.
 Get creative with arts and crafts! Explore art techniques, play with bubbles and learn letters, numbers and colors.

Little Chef:
Monster Mash Trail Mix
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, October 24, 11 a.m.
 Mix and mash along with the monsters for a Halloween-themed treat. Adult participation is required. Registration required.

Sesame Street Halloween
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, October 24, 11 a.m.
 Elmo says BOO! Celebrate Halloween with books, crafts and activities inspired by your *Sesame Street* friends.

Move and Play
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday,
October 25, 10:15 a.m.
 Get ready to move and groove to popular kid songs.

D is for Dinosaur
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, October 25, 4 p.m.
 Dino time is near, let's give a roaring cheer! We are off on a dinosaur adventure using stories and activities while experiencing a good time together!

Halloween Storytime
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, October 31, 11 a.m.
 Wear your costume and join us for not-so-scary Halloween stories.

Monster Mash-Up
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, October 31, 11 a.m.
 Monsters are magical and are filled with the free spirit of creativity. Therefore, they can look like anything, so let's create our very own monsters!

SPOOKY SKELE-BRATION

North Orange Branch
Saturday, October 28, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
It's time to get your spook on so put on your costume for some scary fun!



Read to Sydney
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, October 2, 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. All ages are welcome.

Romps Through Marshes and Swamps
West Oaks Branch
Monday, October 2, 4 p.m.
Learn about the plants and animals that inhabit the wetlands all around us and how we can live alongside and protect our native neighbors. Recommended for ages 4–8.

Beginner's Spanish for Kids
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, October 3–24, 4:30 p.m.
Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary through games and activities while having fun. Recommended for ages 6–12.

LEGO Block Party
Hiawassee Branch
Fridays, October 6 & 20, 4:30 p.m.
Is there anything you can't build with LEGO? Let's find out! Join us for lots of building fun. We provide the LEGO, you provide the creativity. LEGO bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you.

LEGO Club
South Creek Branch
Saturday, October 7, 11 a.m.
Expand your creativity and imagination with LEGO! Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you.

Dungeons, Dragons and Libraries: Kids
North Orange Branch
Saturday, October 7, 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.

LEGO One Scoop
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, October 7, 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.

Medusa & Other Monsters
Fairview Shores Branch
Monday, October 9, 4:30 p.m.
Monsters are everywhere in mythology. Celebrate these great Greek beasts with mythical crafts and activities.

Southwest LEGO Club
Southwest Branch
Wednesdays,
October 11–25, 4 p.m.
The LEGO Club at the Southwest Branch invites you to come use your imagination to build! Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you.

Spooky Science
Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, October 12, 4:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, October 24, 4:30 p.m.
Celebrate Halloween with a fright-filled hour of fun! Let out your mad scientist with experiments, games and crafts! Recommended for ages 6–8.

Weird Science
Southeast Branch
Thursday, October 12, 4:30 p.m.
Pop on your lab coats, because it's time to explore the weird and wonderful world of science with trivia, activities and challenges. Recommended for ages 9–12.

READING Paws
Windermere Branch
Saturday, October 14, 11:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, October 28, 11:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, October 28, 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.

Bugs!
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, October 18, 4 p.m.
Saturday, October 21, 3 p.m.
Head to the garden to check out what's crawling, buzzing and flying around for some creepy outdoor fun! Learn about the important role that bugs play in our ecosystem. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Dem Bones, Dem Bones
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, October 18, 4 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Monday, October 30, 3:30 p.m.
The arm bone is connected to the ... what bone? Make skeleton crafts, shake your bones and learn a little about what holds us all together.

Happy Habitats
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, October 18, 4 p.m.
Learn about habitats, plants and animals through books and crafts. This month we're learning about temperate forests. Registration required for each child. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club
End of Book Party
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Wednesday, October 18, 4 p.m.
Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club is celebrating the completion of their latest book, *Solimar: The Sword of the Monarchs* by Pam Muñoz Ryan! Recommended for ages 8–12.

Cuisine Corner Junior:
Cornucopia Cones
Southeast Branch
Thursday, October 19, 4:30 p.m.
Celebrate fall by creating your own delicious cornucopia out of an ice cream cone and filling it with sweet and salty treats. Space is limited. Registration required. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Snack Around the World: Indonesia
West Oak Branch
Friday, October 20, 4:30 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.

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs
South Creek Branch
Saturday, October 21, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Saturday, October 28, 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.

Crafternoons
South Trail Branch
Monday, October 23, 4 p.m.
Get ready for an hour of crafting fun with friends! Recommended for ages 11–17.

Juvenile Book Club
Fairview Shores Branch
Monday, October 23, 4:30 p.m.
We will be discussing *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio in this month's book club. Recommended for ages 9–15.

Pumpkin Dissection
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, October 24, 3:30 p.m.
Join us for a festive science project where we will dissect a pumpkin and identify its parts. Recommended for ages 6–10.

Cauldrons Bubble
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, October 24, 4:30 p.m.
Scale of dragon, tooth of wolf, witches' mummy, maw and gulf. Intriguing ingredients combine to make bewitching brews and potions.

Bilingual Fun Time Para Niños
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, October 25, 3:30 p.m.
Learn and practice Spanish with us de una manera divertida (in a fun way)! Children will be exposed to the Spanish language through music, stories, and crafts. Recommended for ages 6–9.

Give a Hoot
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, October 25, 3:30 p.m.
Fly into the world of owls and discover nature's nocturnal raptors. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Sensational Spiders
West Oak Branch
Wednesday, October 25, 4 p.m.
From their silky webs to their deadly venom, spiders intrigue us with their sensational skills. Learn about the eight-legged creatures and enjoy spider-themed games and crafts.

Pirates! All Aboard to Japan
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, October 26, 4:30 p.m.
All aboard to explore the world of Pokémon with a quirky pirate crew! We'll read tales, do a science experiment and play trivia with everyone's favorite parrot, Petey!

Trashy Storytime with Oscar the Grouch
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, October 31, 3 p.m.
Do you love *Sesame Street*? If you do, let's join Oscar on his daily routine at the library for arts, story time and more!



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.

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.

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.

ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME (ages 0–5)

Hiawassee Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch, Mondays, 10:30 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.



MODERN PARENTING

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CAREGIVER CONNECT: STAY AND PLAY

Orlando Public Library
Mondays, October 2–30, 11 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Mondays, October 2–30, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Mondays, October 2–23, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Fridays, October 6–27, 11:35 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Mondays, October 9–30, 11:30 a.m.
 Connect with other caregivers to meet and mingle while your little one explores imaginary play with new and old friends.

Car Seat Safety
Alafaya Branch
Friday, October 27, 10 a.m.–Noon
 Did you know that three out of four car seats are installed and used incorrectly? Certified Technicians from Safe Kids Orange County will be available to check your car seat on a first come, first served basis.

Caregiver Coffee and a Craft
Southeast Branch
Monday, October 30, 11 a.m.
 Connect with other caregivers while sipping a hot beverage and making a craft. Your child will explore play with friends.

TEENS

AGES 13–18
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High School Advisory Board Meeting
Virtual
Wednesday, October 4, 2:30 p.m.
 Earn community service by collaborating with your peers to test out new teen programs, brainstorm new teen services and more! Recommended for students in grades 9–12.

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

Speed-Date with a Book
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, October 4, 4 p.m.
 Do you love to read but just don't know what to read next? We will gather some hot titles and you can have a five-minute date with each. The perfect book is waiting for you.

Paint Party!
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturdays, October 7 & 21, 3–4:30 p.m.
 It's that time again for Paint Party! Create your very own artwork at three different art stations.

Moon Resin Charm
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, October 10, 4–5:15 p.m.
 Create a one-of-a-kind flower UV resin pendant. Recommended for ages 9 and up. Registration required.

Teen Volunteering
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, October 14, 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, October 14, 3:30 p.m.
 Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Recommended for ages 10 and up. Registration is required for each child.

Teen Takeover
Southeast Branch
Wednesday, October 18, 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.

South Trail Book Club
Virtual
Friday, October 20, 4 p.m.
 Join us to discuss *House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune. Recommended for ages 13–18.

Teen Board Game Meetup
West Oaks Branch
Friday, October 27, 4:30 p.m.
 Leave Monopoly at home! Come learn a new board game or revisit some unique favorites. Games and snacks will be provided.



Dungeons and Dragons at the Library: Teens
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturdays, October 7 & 21, 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. Recommended for ages 13 and up.



HOMESCHOOL MEETUP: PROJECT WILD – BAT BLITZ

Southwest Branch
Monday, October 23, 1 p.m.
 Children will learn about bats, examine their role in an ecosystem and predict impacts on an ecosystem if bats were no longer present. Recommended for ages 6–12.

HOMESCHOOL

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Homeschool: French
Windermere Branch
Tuesdays, October 3 & 17, 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: Spanish
Windermere Branch
Tuesdays, October 10 & 24, 2 p.m.
 Develop your Spanish skills with us! In this Spanish class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool Jr.
Windermere Branch
Wednesdays, October 11 & 25, 10:30 a.m.
 Kickstart your child's education! Listen to stories and engage in activities about basic concepts. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Homeschool: Art Expressions
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, October 12, 2 p.m.
 Come and be creative as you learn various art techniques. This month we'll paint pumpkins like Yayoi Kusama. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Homeschool Art: Art Upcycle
West Oaks Branch
Monday, October 16, 11 a.m.
 Reduce, reuse, upcycle! Get your creativity flowing as we learn about art restoration and add personal touches to some of our favorite paintings. Recommended for ages 6–15. Registration required.

Homeschool Meetup: Project WILD – What Bear Goes Where?
Southwest Branch
Monday, October 16, 1 p.m.
 Could this bear live over there? Children will identify different species of bears and discover why some habitats are suitable for some animals and not for others. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Homeschool Explorers
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, October 17, 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.

Homeschool Meetup
Southwest Branch
Monday, October 30, 1 p.m.
 Come and participate in math, science, history, art and literature-based learning to support your child's homeschool curriculum. Recommended for ages 6–12.

HALLOWEEN PERLER BEAD EARRINGS

Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, October 26, 4:30–6 p.m.
 Let's get spooky with Perler beads! Create your own pair of earrings with bats, pumpkins and ghosts. Recommended for ages 10–18.



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.

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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

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